

June 22, 2005

**ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES OF DRUMMOND, BURR, PULASKI AND BRENTANO  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS  
RESTRUCTURE AND RENAME THE DRUMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ESTABLISH  
LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL VOTING BOUNDARIES**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

Restructure and rename the Thomas Drummond Elementary School, located at 1845 W. Cortland Street, as the Thomas Drummond Montessori Magnet school, establish its Local School Council voting boundaries, and adjust the attendance boundaries of the Drummond School, the Jonathan Burr Elementary School, located at 1621 W. Wabansia Avenue, the Pulaski Fine Arts Academy, located at 2230 W. McLean Avenue and the Brentano Math & Science Academy, located at 2723 N. Fairfield Avenue.

A Public Hearing was held on April 22, 2005 at the Board Offices located at 125 S. Clark discussing the proposed boundary changes and proposed LSC voting boundaries.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Adjust the attendance boundaries of the Thomas Drummond Elementary School, located at 1845 W. Cortland Street, the Jonathan Burr Elementary School, located at 1621 W. Wabansia Avenue and the Pulaski Fine Arts Academy, located at 2230 W. McLean Avenue.

Adjust the attendance boundary of Brentano Math & Science Academy located at 2723 N. Fairfield Avenue. This adjustment will not affect any currently enrolled students but is necessary in order to more accurately describe the school boundary by following street center lines.

Effective July 1 2005, restructure and rename the Thomas Drummond Elementary School as the Thomas Drummond Montessori Magnet School and implement the Montessori program for grades pre-kindergarten through first grade only. Thereafter, expand the Montessori program by one grade each year until the year 2010 when all grades pre-kindergarten through sixth grade will utilize the Montessori program. Establish the Drummond Montessori Magnet School's Local School Council boundary.

While the Montessori program is implemented grade by grade over the next 5 years, current students in grades that do not yet offer the Montessori program will continue their enrollment at Drummond.

The new Thomas Drummond Montessori Magnet School shall enroll students for those grade levels offering the Montessori program citywide by application. In the event that the number of eligible applicants exceeds the school's enrollment capacity, applicants shall be selected by lottery.

The new Thomas Drummond Montessori Magnet School will offer a Montessori model of education beginning with the pre-primary level (preK) through the elementary 2 (4th-6th grades) level. The classrooms in this model of education are multi-age classrooms. The Montessori curriculum presents an integrated approach that unifies the separate branches of the curriculum into studies of the physical universe, the natural world and the human experience. Literature, mathematics, the arts, writing, history, social sciences, civics, economics, environmental studies, cosmic education and the sciences all complement one another in the curriculum. Learning occurs in an inquiring, cooperative, nurturing atmosphere. Students increase their own knowledge through self and teacher initiated experiences. The criteria for teacher selection at Thomas Drummond Montessori Magnet School shall reflect the content of the new curriculum.

**Adjust the Attendance Boundary for Burr Elementary School (Unit 2530):**

*Effective July 1, 2005 Burr Elementary School will serve grades kindergarten through eighth:*

Beginning at Damen Avenue and Cortland Street  
East to the Chicago River  
Southeast to North Avenue  
West to Ashland Avenue  
South to Pierce Avenue  
West to Wood Street  
South to Milwaukee Avenue  
Northwest to the Starting Point.

**Adjust the Attendance Boundary for Pulaski Fine Arts Academy (Unit 5520):**

*Effective July 1, 2005 Pulaski Fine Arts Academy will serve grades kindergarten through eighth:*

Beginning at Western Avenue and Logan Boulevard  
Northeast to Diversey Avenue  
East to the Chicago River  
Southeast to Cortland Street  
West to Damen Avenue  
South to Milwaukee Avenue  
Northwest to Wabansia Avenue  
West to Leavitt Street  
South to North Avenue  
West to Western Avenue  
North to starting point.

**Adjust the Attendance Boundary for Drummond Elementary School (Unit 3120):**

*Effective July 1, 2005 Drummond elementary will serve grades second through eighth, thereafter, effective July 1 of successive years, Drummond elementary will no longer serve the lowest grade. By July 1, 2010 Drummond elementary will no longer serve neighborhood students:*

Beginning at Hoyne Avenue and Homer Street  
East to Damen Avenue  
North to Webster Avenue  
East to the Chicago River  
Southeast to Cortland Street  
Southwest to Marshfield Avenue  
South to Bloomingdale Avenue  
West to Wood Street  
South to Wabansia Avenue  
West to Damen Avenue  
Northwest to Wabansia Avenue  
East to Hoyne Avenue  
North to starting point.

**Establish the Local School Council Voting Boundary for Drummond Montessori Magnet School:**

*Effective July 1, 2005 Drummond Montessori Magnet will serve grades pre-kindergarten through first, thereafter, effective July 1 of successive years, Drummond Montessori will increase its grade structure until July 1 2010 when Drummond Montessori Magnet will serve grades pre-kindergarten through sixth.*

Beginning at Hoyne Avenue and Homer Street  
East to Damen Avenue  
North to Webster Avenue  
East to the Chicago River  
Southeast to Cortland Street  
Southwest to Marshfield Avenue  
South to Bloomingdale Avenue  
West to Wood Street  
South to Wabansia Avenue  
West to Damen Avenue  
Northwest to Wabansia Avenue  
East to Hoyne Avenue  
North to starting point.

**Adjust the Attendance Boundary for Brentano Math & Science Academy (Unit 2370):**

*Effective July 1, 2005 Brentano Math & Science Academy will serve grades pre-kindergarten through eighth:*

Beginning Albany Avenue and Diversey Avenue  
East to Sacramento Avenue  
North to George Street  
East to Francisco Avenue  
North to Wellington Avenue  
East to the Chicago River  
Southeast to Diversey Avenue  
West to Logan Boulevard  
Southwest to Western Avenue  
South to Altgeld Street  
West to California Avenue  
South to Fullerton Avenue  
West to Milwaukee Avenue  
Northwest to Logan Boulevard/Logan SD  
East to Albany Avenue  
North to the Starting Point.

**LSC REVIEW:** Not applicable.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS:** Not applicable.

**FINANCIAL:** No additional cost to the Chicago Public Schools

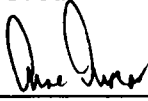
**PERSONNEL  
IMPLICATIONS:**

Teachers and staff for the standard program will be reduced consistent with the lay-off policies and procedures of the Board of Education and any applicable collective bargaining agreements. New teachers and staff shall be selected according to criteria established for the Montessori program.

Approved for Consideration:

  
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Chief Education Officer

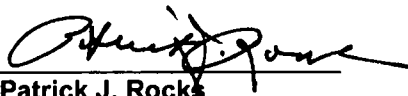
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