

November 15, 2006

**APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
MARINE MILITARY MATH AND SCIENCE ACADEMY**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board approve the establishment of the Marine Military Math and Science Academy (the "Academy" or "Marine Military Academy") as a Renaissance Performance School located at 145 South Campbell, Chicago, Illinois 60612.

DESCRIPTION:

School Designation: Marine Military Academy will open in the fall of 2007 as an Alternative School pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b and also as a Performance School in accordance with Board's Renaissance Schools Policy, 05-1026-PO2, as amended ("Renaissance Policy"). A formal school name shall be assigned by the Board prior to September 1, 2007 in accordance with the procedures identified for the naming of new schools identified in the Board's Policy on Naming and Re-Naming Schools (Board Report 03-0326-PO4).

Public Hearing: A public hearing on the opening on the opening of Marine Military Academy was held on November 8, 2006 at 620 North Sawyer, Chicago, Illinois 60624 in accordance with the Renaissance Policy. The hearing was recorded. A summary report of the hearing is available for review.

Request for Proposals: In May 2006, the Office of New Schools issued a Request for Proposals to solicit responses from parties interested in starting schools under the Renaissance 2010 Initiative. Proposals to operate either a charter, contract or performance school were submitted by interested parties on July 6, 2006, and supplemental application materials were submitted on September 5, 2006. Proposals were evaluated pursuant to the standards set forth in the Renaissance Policy. Proposals were reviewed by the Office of New Schools and a Comprehensive Evaluation Team and recommendations were submitted to the Chief Executive Officer based upon those reviews and evaluations.

School Design Team: The proposal for the establishment for the Marine Military Academy was submitted by the CPS Military Area Office and JROTC school design team. The CPS Military Area Office will assume responsibility for establishing the school.

School Profile: The Marine Military Academy will open in the fall of 2007 serving approximately 150 students in grade 9. In subsequent years the school will add a 10th, 11th and 12th grade and will serve up to 550 students. The Academy will select 30% of its students from the surrounding neighborhood, if sufficient demand exists, and 70% from the citywide CPS district. Prospective students will complete an application packet including teacher recommendations and an essay and will also participate in a candidate interview. The Academy will be the first Marine JROTC high school in the nation. The school will provide a college preparatory math and science curriculum. The theme in classes will be military in nature. Students will have opportunities to develop personal character, learn more about the responsibilities of citizenship and the importance of community service.

Governance: Initially, the Marine Military Academy shall establish a transition advisory body. Thereafter, a Military Academy Board of Governors shall be appointed by the Board in a timely manner in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b and the Board's guidelines on the establishment of appointed local school governing bodies.

Performance Plan: The operation and performance of the Marine Military Academy will be in accordance with a Performance Plan to be established pursuant to the Renaissance Policy within 120 days following the approval of this Board Report. The President and the Secretary of the Board shall be authorized to approve and execute the Performance Plan and all ancillary documents necessary to effectuate the Performance Plan. At a minimum, the Performance Plan will address student academic outcomes and financial and management practices of the school.

FINANCIAL: Using current year financial data, the General Fund cost of 150 students in 2007-08 will be approximately \$1,350,000. The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2007-2008 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY07 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

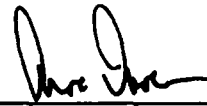
PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: As a Performance school, the Marine Military Math and Science Academy will employ CPS teachers and staff. Performance Schools are subject to the collective bargaining agreements between CPS and the Chicago Teachers Union and other labor organizations, including the waiver provisions of those agreements.

Approved:



Barbara J. Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Respectfully Submitted:



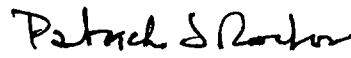
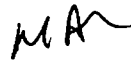
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to Legal Form



Patrick J. Rocks
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