

**APPROVE THE EXPANSION OF THE REGIONAL GIFTED CENTERS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS AT THE HORACE GREELEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, OROZCO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND THE PULASKI FINE ARTS ACADEMY**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve the expansion of the Regional Gifted Centers for English Language Learners at the Orozco Elementary School and the Pulaski Fine Arts Academy from first grade through eight grade to kindergarten through eight grade. Also, the expansion of the Regional Gifted Center for English Language Learners at Horace Greeley Elementary School from third through eight grade to kindergarten through eight grade.

**DESCRIPTION:** Effective September 2008, the Regional Gifted Centers for English Language Learners at Orozco Elementary and Pulaski Fine Arts Academy will be expanded to include kindergarten. Also, effective September 2008, the Regional Gifted Center for English Language Learners at Horace Greeley Elementary School will be expanded to include kindergarten, first grade, and second grade.

**ENROLLMENT:** The Regional Gifted Centers for English Language Learners at Orozco Elementary and Pulaski Fine Arts Academy shall enroll kindergarten students based on the identification and selection requirements for the Regional Gifted Centers for English Language Learners. Furthermore, the Regional Gifted Center for English Language Learners at Horace Greeley Elementary shall enroll kindergarten, first, and second grade students based on the identification and selection requirements for the Regional Gifted Centers for English Language Learners. Parents will complete an application for the Regional Gifted Centers for English Language Learners and kindergarten, first, and second grade students applying will be tested to determine eligibility for enrollment. Students must live more than 1.5 miles from these schools in order to receive citywide transportation service.

**CURRICULUM:** The Regional Gifted Centers for English Language Learners provide an accelerated instructional program in core content areas and include a world language or Latin, laboratory science, computer science and fine arts. An enriched curriculum allows for skill development appropriate for a student's abilities and interests.

**LSC REVIEW:** Not applicable.

**PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:** The schools referenced in this Board Report will be staffed in accordance with the Agreement between the Board of Education of the City of Chicago and the Chicago Teachers Union.

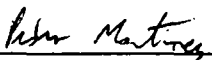
**FINANCIAL:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2008-2009 fiscal year budget.

**Approved for Consideration:**



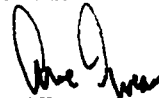
**Barbara Eason-Watkins**  
Chief Education Officer

**Within Appropriation:**



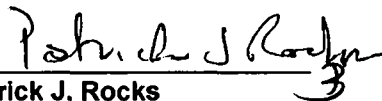
**Pedro Martinez**  
Chief Financial Officer

**Approved:**



**Arne Duncan**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Approved as to legal form:** 



**Patrick J. Rocks**  
General Counsel