

**ESTABLISH THE NEW EDISON PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ITS ATTENDANCE AREA
BOUNDARY AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA BOUNDARIES FOR
EVERETT MCKINLEY DIRKSEN, CHRISTIAN EBINGER, AND
ORIOLE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board approve the establishment, opening and attendance boundary of a new elementary school, effective July 1, 2008, to be known as Edison Park Elementary School located at 6220 North Olcott Avenue and adjust the attendance area boundaries for Everett McKinley Dirksen Elementary School located at 8601 West Foster Avenue; the Christian Ebinger Elementary School located at 7350 West Pratt Avenue; and the Oriole Park Elementary School located at 5424 North Oketo Avenue.

DESCRIPTION: Effective July 1, 2008, Edison Park Elementary School (Edison Park) will open at 6220 N. Olcott Avenue as a neighborhood school. Edison Park will serve approximately 400 students in grades pre-K- 8 beginning in the 2008-2009 school year.

Enrollment: Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, Edison Park shall enroll pre-kindergarten, kindergarten students, and students new to CPS who reside in the attendance area. First grade through eighth grade students that currently attend Ebinger or Oriole Park who reside within the new attendance boundary for Edison Park will be given the option to transfer to the new Edison Park Elementary School.

Curriculum: Edison Park will collaborate with students, families and other community members to create an environment in which students succeed at mastering core competencies in reading, math, science, and responsible citizenship. The school will place specific emphasis on regular attendance and a curriculum that motivates teachers and students to excel. The curriculum will be driven by the needs of the individual child, supported by the standards-based language arts, math, science and social studies curricula approved by the Chicago Reading, Math, and Science Initiatives. A full range of extracurricular and co-curricular programs will be offered.

Academic Calendar: At inception, Edison Park will follow Chicago Public Schools' standard 10-month academic calendar from August to June with a summer school program in July and August.

School Day: At inception, Edison Park will employ an open campus model with a minimum teacher school day of 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. school day. Teachers will commit to after-school training and activities with students, staff and community. Students' standard school day will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. After-school programming will be established to provide tutoring, instructional activities, enrichment activities and/or social center activities to students.

GOVERNANCE: Initially, Edison Park will establish a transitional advisory body. A Local School Council will be established in a timely manner.

ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES: An attendance boundary for Edison Park shall be established as described herein. Also attendance boundaries for neighboring schools will be adjusted to alleviate the overcrowding at these schools while providing a safer walk to and from schools.

Pursuant to the Board's Policy on the Review and Establishment of School Attendance Boundaries, 05-0622-PO1 a public hearing on the proposed boundaries was convened on March 7, 2008 following the issuance of proper notice to receive public comment on the CEO's proposal. An independent hearing officer received comments on the proposal and supporting documents at the hearing. The hearing officer has prepared a report including findings regarding the proposed boundaries. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO has determined to recommend that the Board establish the new attendance area boundary for Edison Park and adjust the attendance area boundaries for Dirksen, Ebinger, and Oriole Park Elementary Schools beginning July 1, 2008.

Establish Attendance Area Boundary for Edison Park Elementary School

Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at Devon Avenue and Canfield Avenue
East to Harlem Avenue
South to the Kennedy Expressway
West along the Kennedy Expressway to Canfield Avenue
North to the Starting Point.

Adjust Attendance Area Boundary for Dirksen Elementary School

Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at the Des Plaines River and Higgins Road
Southeast to Cumberland Avenue
South to Bryn Mawr Avenue
East and North to the City Limits
East and South along the City Limits to Canfield Avenue
South to the City Limits at Foster Avenue
West, South, and East along the city limits to East River Road
South to Lawrence Avenue
East to Cumberland Avenue
South to Montrose Avenue
West and North along Montrose Avenue to Lawrence Avenue
West to the Des Plaines River
North to the Starting Point.

Adjust Attendance Area Boundary for Ebinger Elementary School

Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at Howard Street and the western city limits
East to Harlem Avenue
South to Devon Avenue
West to Ozanam Avenue
North along the city limits to the starting point

Adjust Attendance Area Boundary for Oriole Park Elementary School

Grades kindergarten through eighth:

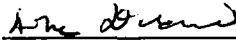
Beginning at Cumberland Avenue and Higgins Road
Southeast to Canfield Avenue
South to Kennedy Expressway
East to Harlem Avenue
South to Gregory Street
East to Montclare Avenue
South to Foster Avenue
West, South, and North along the city limits to Canfield Avenue
North to Seminole Street
West to the City Limits
South, West, and North along the city limits to Bryn Mawr Avenue
South and West to Cumberland Avenue
North to the Starting Point.

FINANCIAL: Using current year financial data, the General Fund cost of 267 students in 2008-2009 will be approximately \$1,500,000. The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2008-2009 fiscal year budget with adherence to budget formulas and resource allocation processes. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY08 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: Edison Park will be staffed in accordance Board staffing formulas for all positions.

Approved for Consideration:

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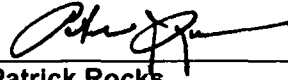
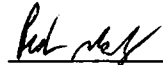


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