

**APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENROLLMENT CAP AT
SOUTHSIDE OCCUPATIONAL ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

The establishment of an enrollment cap at Southside Occupational Academy High School located at 7342 S. Hoyne Avenue effective July 1, 2008.

DESCRIPTION: These changes are necessary due to the increase in enrollment over time at Southside Occupational Academy High School, a school which provides specialized programmatic services within a facility containing non-standard spaces. Given these factors, the Office of High School Programs and the Department of School Demographics and Planning recommend that the enrollment of students with disabilities should not exceed 150. Currently Southside Occupational serves students with disabilities starting at their third year of high school. They have a current enrollment of 218 students. No additional students will be placed by the Office of Specialized Services (OSS), the Area Office or the School Principal until the enrollment is below 150 students. When the student enrollment falls below 150 students, placement will occur pursuant to a student's IEP and subject to approval by the OSS.

LSC REVIEW: Not applicable.

**AFFIRMATIVE
ACTION STATUS:** Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: No additional cost to the Chicago Public Schools

**PERSONNEL
IMPLICATIONS:** Staff may be reduced over time as enrollment decreases. Staff reductions, if any, will be made in accordance with applicable Board policies and collective bargaining agreements.

Approved for Consideration:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Approved:



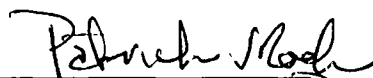
Arne Duncan
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Within Appropriation:



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Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



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