

November 19, 2008

APPROVE THE RELOCATION OF MARK T. SKINNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CHANGE MARK T. SKINNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FROM A CLASSICAL SCHOOL INTO AN ATTENDANCE AREA SCHOOL WITH A MAGNET CLUSTER PROGRAM AND A CLASSICAL PROGRAM, ESTABLISH AN ATTENDANCE AREA BOUNDARY FOR MARK T. SKINNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA BOUNDARIES FOR WILLIAM H. BROWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND PHILO CARPENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the relocation of Mark T. Skinner Elementary School ("Skinner School") unit number 5940 from its temporary location to a new building located at 1260 West Adams Street. Change the Skinner School from a Classical School into an attendance area school with a Magnet Cluster program and a Classical Program. Establish an attendance area for the school.

A public hearing was held on September 17, 2008 at the Chicago Police Academy located at 1300 West Jackson Boulevard discussing the proposed relocation and attendance area boundary for the neighborhood school.

DESCRIPTION: Effective September 2009, the Skinner School will move to 1260 W. Adams St. The school will be changed from a Classical School to an attendance area school and offer an integrated fine arts and technology magnet cluster program and a Classical Program serving grades kindergarten through eighth grade.

CURRICULUM: The magnet cluster program at Skinner School will provide an emphasis on fine arts and technology. The program will be designed to encourage students' creative and artistic expression, as well as develop students' advanced technology skills.

The Classical Program will provide a challenging liberal arts course of instruction for academically advanced students, with an accelerated curriculum focusing on literature, mathematics, language arts, world language and the humanities.

ENROLLMENT:

Current Students

All students who currently are enrolled in Skinner School will remain enrolled in the Classical Program at the new facility. For the 2009-2010 school year only, students currently enrolled in Skinner School will be given the choice of transferring to a new Elementary Classical School to be opened in the facility located at 1443 North Ogden Avenue. The Office of Academic Enhancement and the administration of Skinner School are directed to immediately conduct an informal parent survey of the parents and guardians of students currently enrolled in Skinner School to determine the level of interest in attending a new Elementary Classical School to operate at the facility located at 1443 North Ogden Avenue and to recommend to the Board a proposed grade structure for the new school.

Magnet Cluster Students

The magnet cluster program at Skinner School will serve all students enrolled in the school as a result of their residence within the established attendance area boundary. The magnet cluster program will begin at the kindergarten level in the 2009-2010 school year and add one grade each year until grades K-8 are served. Students who live outside the school's attendance boundary may apply to the school's the magnet cluster program only through the Open Enrollment Process. To the extent seats are available and more applicants from outside the attendance area than can be enrolled, out of attendance area students will be randomly selected for available spaces through a computerized lottery. Students residing within the attendance area must participate in the Gifted and Enriched Academic Programs (GEAP) application and testing process in order to be considered for enrollment in the Classical Program.

Classical Program Students

Students who apply to the Classical Program will participate in the GEAP application and testing process. All students of appropriate age applying for grades K-4 will be tested. Students applying for grades 5-8 must qualify to take the admissions exam; eligibility is based on the scores from the student's previous year's ISAT or other standardized, nationally normed test. In order to be eligible for testing, students must score at or above the 80th percentile in both reading and math. Selection of students is based on their test score, available spaces, parent choice and the terms of the Second Amended Consent Decree in *United States v. Board of Education of the City of Chicago*.

TRANSPORTATION:

School bus transportation will be provided to students enrolled in the Classical Program who live more than 1.5 miles from the school and who reside within the transportation range established for Skinner School by the Bureau of Student Transportation. Transportation will not be provided to students who are enrolled in Magnet Cluster Program. Transportation options are subject to change as a result of amendment to the Magnet and Selective Enrollment Policy.

**Establish Attendance Area Boundary for
Skinner School
(School ID #610177)**

*Effective July 1, 2009 Skinner will serve only kindergarten.
Effective July 1, 2010 Skinner will serve grades kindergarten through first:
Effective July 1, 2011 Skinner will serve grades kindergarten through second:
Effective July 1, 2012 Skinner will serve grades kindergarten through third:
Effective July 1, 2013 Skinner will serve grades kindergarten through fourth:
Effective July 1, 2014 Skinner will serve grades kindergarten through fifth:
Effective July 1, 2015 Skinner will serve grades kindergarten through sixth:
Effective July 1, 2016 Skinner will serve grades kindergarten through seventh:
Effective July 1, 2017 Skinner will serve grades kindergarten through eighth:*

Beginning at Ashland Avenue and Kinzie Avenue
East to Desplaines Street
South to Lake Street
East to the Chicago River
South to the Eisenhower Expressway
West to Ashland Avenue
North to the starting point.

**Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries for Brown Elementary School
(School ID #609812):**

Effective July 1, 2009 Brown Elementary School will serve grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at Damen Ave and Walnut Street
East to Wolcott Avenue
North to Kinzie Street
East to Ashland Avenue
South to Congress Parkway/Eisenhower Expressway
West to Damen Avenue
North to Washington Boulevard
East to Wolcott Avenue
North to Lake Street
West to Damen Avenue
North to the starting point

**Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries for Carpenter Elementary School
(School ID #609838):**

Effective July 1, 2009 Carpenter Elementary School will serve grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at Noble St and Augusta Blvd
East to Milwaukee Avenue
Southeast to Willard Ct
North to Augusta Blvd
East to the C&NW RR
Southeast to the Chicago Avenue
East to Halsted Street
North to the north branch of the Chicago River
East and south to the south branch of the Chicago River
South to Lake Street
West to Desplaines Street
North to Kinzie Street
West to Elizabeth Street
North to Grand Avenue
West to Elizabeth Street
North to Erie Street
West to Noble Street
North to the starting point

LSC REVIEW: Not applicable.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: No additional cost to the Chicago Public Schools

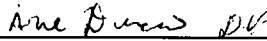
PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: These schools will be staffed according to the ratios in the Agreement between the Board of Education of the City of Chicago and the Chicago Teachers Union.

Approved for Consideration:



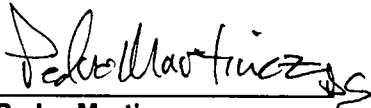
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