

**ESTABLISH THE NEW SHIELDS MIDDLE SCHOOL AND ITS ATTENDANCE AREA BOUNDARY  
AND ADJUST THE GRADE STRUCTURE FOR SHIELDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That effective July 1, 2012, the Board approve the establishment of a new middle school to be known as James Shields Middle School ("Shields Middle") (School ID 610317) and its attendance area boundary. Shields Middle will be located at 2611 W. 48th Street and serve grades 5 through 8. Pursuant to the Board of Education's policy on Naming or Renaming of Schools, 03-0326- PO04, without a sitting local school council, input on a school name was sought from parents and community members. The following school name was proposed: James Shields Middle School. The Chief of Schools approves of this proposal and thus it is being recommended to the Board for approval.

That effective July 1, 2012, the grade structure for James Shields Elementary School ("Shields") (School ID 610174), located at 4250 S. Rockwell Street, be adjusted.

A public hearing on these proposals was held on May 3, 2012 at Shields, located at 4250 S. Rockwell Street.

**Description:** Shields Middle will serve approximately 703 students in grades 5-8. All grades will be enrolled at the school beginning September 2012. Currently, Shields serves grades PK-8 and is severely overcrowded. The grade configuration at Shields will be adjusted to PK-4. Given the overcrowding at Shields, some students within the attendance area were transported outside of the attendance area. Such transportation is no longer necessary and will be cancelled at the end of the 2011-2012 school year. Students who were transported to relieve overcrowding at Shields are eligible to remain at their current schools or transfer to Shields, or Shields Middle, depending on their grade.

**Establish the Attendance Area Boundary for Shields Middle School (School ID # 610317)**

*Effective July 1, 2012, Grades Fifth through Eighth;*

Beginning at Sacramento Ave and Archer Ave  
 Northeast to 42nd St  
 East to California Ave  
 North to Archer Ave  
 Northeast to Montgomery Ave  
 Southeast and east to Rockwell St  
 South to 42nd St  
 East to Campbell Ave  
 North to 40th St  
 East to Western Ave  
 North to Pershing Rd  
 East to the Penn RR  
 Southeast and south to 47th St  
 West to Western Blvd  
 South to the CR&I RR (at 49th St)  
 West to California Ave  
 North to 44th St  
 West to Sacramento Ave  
 North to the starting point

**Adjust the Grade Structure for Shields (School ID # 610174)**

*Effective July 1, 2012, Grades Kindergarten through Fourth;*


Beginning at Sacramento Ave and Archer Ave  
Northeast to 42nd St  
East to California Ave  
North to Archer Ave  
Northeast to Montgomery Ave  
Southeast and east to Rockwell St  
South to 42nd St  
East to Campbell Ave  
North to 40th St  
East to Western Ave  
North to Pershing Rd  
East to the Penn RR  
Southeast and south to 47th St  
West to Western Blvd  
South to the CR&I RR (at 49th St)  
West to California Ave  
North to 44th St  
West to Sacramento Ave  
North to the starting point

**LSC IMPLICATIONS:** Initially, Shields Middle will establish a transitional advisory body. A Local School Council will be established in a timely manner in the next normal election cycle in 2014 pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.1c.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2012-2013 fiscal year budget.

**PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:** Shields Middle will be staffed in accordance with Board staffing formulas, Board policies, and any collective bargaining agreements for all positions. Unique teacher training, professional development, skills, abilities, proficiencies, experience and qualifications may apply to some teacher positions and may be required for educational support personnel.

**Approved for Consideration:**

  
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**Oliver Sicat**  
**Portfolio Officer**


**Approved:**

  
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**Jean-Claude Brizard**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**Within Appropriation:**

  
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**Dave Watkins**  
**Chief Financial Officer**

**Approved as to legal form:**

  
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**Patrick Rocks**  
**General Counsel** RV