

**AMEND BOARD REPORT 09-0527-EX2**  
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**APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF**  
**SKINNER NORTH CLASSICAL SCHOOL**

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

Approve the establishment of Skinner North Classical School ("Skinner North") at 640 West Scott Street and the Child Parent Center building located at 1443 North Ogden Avenue.

A public hearing was held on December 4, 2008, at Mark T. Skinner Elementary School ("Skinner"), located at 1443 N. Ogden Avenue, to discuss the proposed establishment of a new Classical School at this site.

Parents from Skinner North Classical School were invited to tour 640 West Scott Street on May 16, 2009.

Parents from Skinner North Classical School were also invited to meet with CPS Officials regarding the relocation of Skinner North Classical School to 640 West Scott Street on May 20, 2009.

This amendment is necessary to change the address of Skinner North Classical to 640 West Scott Street.

This August 2012 amendment is necessary to clarify that the facility located at 1443 North Ogden Avenue and the Child Parent Center located at 1409 N. Ogden Avenue, are not part of Skinner North Classical School. A public hearing was held on August 8, 2012, at By the Hand Club for Kids Cabrini located at 1000 N. Sedgwick to discuss this amendment.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Effective July 1, 2012, Skinner North will open at 640 West Scott Street, and the Child Parent Center building located at 1443 N. Ogden Avenue.

Skinner North will be a replication of the original Skinner school. Skinner North eventually will serve approximately 524 students in grades K-8. For the 2009-2010 school year, the Board authorizes the creation of at least two sections of kindergarten, two sections of first grade and one section each for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades. The Board further authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to carefully evaluate student demand for seats in the fourth through eighth grades and to open classrooms for as many of those grades as can be justified by student interest and expense. Skinner North will serve grades K-8 as soon as is practicable thereafter.

**ENROLLMENT:** Skinner North shall enroll students based on the identification and selection requirements for all Classical Schools, as outlined in the Board's Policy on Magnet Schools and Programs (08-0227-PO2).

For the 2009-2010 school year only, students currently enrolled in Skinner will be given the choice of transferring to the new Skinner or remaining at Skinner. These students would not be required to participate in the application and testing process.

Per Board Report 08-1119-EX3, the Office of Academic Enhancement and the administration of Skinner conducted an informal parent survey of the parents and guardians of students currently enrolled in Skinner to determine the level of interest in attending the new Skinner North and to recommend to the Board a proposed grade structure for the new school.

For students applying for enrollment in the 2009-2010 school year, the Office of Academic Enhancement will amend its Gifted and Enriched Academic Programs (GEAP) application to include Skinner North as a choice. Parents applying for grades K-8 will be sent the amended application, providing them the opportunity to re-rank their order of preference. The amended application will be mailed to all parents who met December 19<sup>th</sup> deadline for GEAP programs from the Office of Academic Enhancement and have a deadline of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. The Office of Academic Enhancement is committed to selecting students

for Skinner North in accordance with the Board's Policy on Magnet Schools and Programs (08-0227-PO2).

Parents of Skinner and prospective parents of Skinner North who selected Skinner North on the survey form or the amended application were notified of the location change in March, 2009. Parents were allowed the opportunity to change their GEAP program selection choices due to the relocation.

All selections for Skinner North will comply with provisions of the Second Amended Consent Decree in United States v. Board of Education.

**CURRICULUM:** The Classical School curriculum at Skinner will be replicated at Skinner North. A curriculum plan currently used at Skinner will be shared with Skinner North faculty and administration. Skinner North will provide the same acceleration of one year above grade level in reading and math, and a foreign language component of Spanish and Mandarin. The curriculum will be designed to provide a challenging liberal arts course of instruction for students with high academic potential.

The current principal of Skinner, Mrs. Deborah Clark, has committed to participating in the selection process for the new principal of Skinner North, as well as serving as a mentor for the Skinner North principal and providing ongoing oversight and support in the areas of curriculum and instruction, facilities Management and building infrastructure, professional development, staffing, budget, and school/community partnerships.

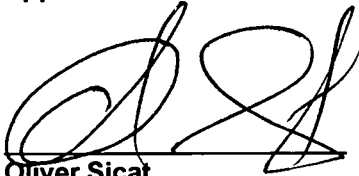
**TRANSPORATION:** School bus transportation will be provided to students who live more than 1.5 miles from the school and who reside within the transportation range established for Skinner North Classical School by the Bureau of Students Transportation. Transportation options are subject to change as a result of amendment of the Board's Policy on Magnet Schools and Programs (08-0227-PO2).

**LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL:** A Local School Council will be established in a timely matter.

**PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:** Skinner North will employ CPS teachers and staff and is subjected to the collective bargaining agreements between CPS and the Chicago Teachers Union and other labor organizations, including the wavier provisions of those agreements.

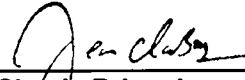
**FINANCIAL:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2009-2010 fiscal year budget.

**Approved for Consideration:**



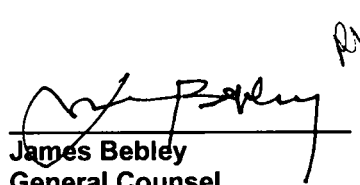
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