

May 28, 2026

**AUTHORIZE THE RENAMING / DESIGNATION OF SCHOOLS**


**THE SUPERINTENDENT/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Chicago Board of Education approve the renaming of Air Force Academy to Tammera L. Holmes Aero Academy.


Pursuant to the Policy of Naming or Renaming of Schools, Policy Section 302.2, the Community of the Air Force Academy:

1. Held four required school-community meetings. The meetings were held on February 2, 2026, February 18, 2026, February 21, 2026, and February 26, 2026. The community meetings were properly noticed and received input on the proposed renaming of The Air Force Academy. Those in attendance were overwhelmingly in favor of renaming the school, and
2. Held a Airforce Leadership Academy Board of Governors (BOG) meeting on April 13, 2026, wherein the Air Force BOG voted unanimously to rename the Air Force Academy, in the following order of preference: 1) Tammera L Holmes Aero Academy; 2) Bessie Coleman Aviation High School or 3) Cornelius Coffey Aviation High School
3. After the Air force BOG meeting on April 13, 2026, the Principal and the Chairperson co-signed a letter to Chief Devon LaRosa, who oversees Network 16 Principals, ranking the following names in order as:
  - i. Tammera L Holmes Aero Academy
  - ii. Bessie Coleman Aviation High School
  - iii. Cornelius Coffey Aviation High School
4. Chief Devon LaRosa approved the recommendation to the Chief Education Officer and the Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer that the name of Air Force Academy be changed.

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**Karime Asaf, Ed.D**  
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**Acting Chief Equity Officer**

**Approved as to Legal Form:** 

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**General Counsel**