

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Chicago Board of Education approve the closing of Robert Lindblom College Prep High School ("Lindblom College Prep") unit number 1450, located at 6130 South Wolcott Chicago, Illinois 60636, at the end of the 2005-2006 school year.

DESCRIPTION:

In 2003 Lindblom College Prep's building was in need of major physical repair and there was a decline in applications for the school. Therefore, it was determined that Lindblom College Prep would phase out, the Lindblom building would undergo renovations and then a new school established in the renovated building.

In July 2003, Lindblom College Prep stopped accepting new incoming freshmen and the students and staff were moved to a building at 707 East 37th Street which previously housed the former Donoghue School. For the 2003-04 school year classes took place in the former Donoghue facility for all previously enrolled Lindblom College Prep Sophomores, Junior and Seniors and for the 2004-05 school year for the remaining Junior and Seniors. During these two years, repairs to the Lindblom building took place and continued until they were completed in the summer of 2005.

In 2005, the Board approved the opening of the new Lindblom Math and Science Academy (Unit 7110), a citywide selective enrollment school offering a four year intensive curriculum focusing on math and science (Board Report 05-0323-EX11). Lindblom Math and Science Academy opened September 2005 at 6130 South Wolcott and enrolled its first 9th grade and the school will continue to enroll a 9th grade

LSC IMPLICATIONS:

Pursuant to the Closing Policy, the Local School Council of Lindblom College Prep will be dissolved effective the end of the 2005-2006 school year as a result of the closing of Lindblom College Prep.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:

Tenured teachers assigned to Lindblom College Prep shall become reassigned teachers pursuant to the Board's policy, "Reassignment and Layoff of Regularly Certified and Appointed Tenured Teachers," 04-0623-PO5. Other personnel shall be laid off in accordance with Board rules, policies and applicable collective bargaining agreements, if any.

Approved for Consideration:

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