APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
VIRTUAL OPPORTUNITIES INSIDE A SCHOOL
ENVIRONMENT (VOISE) ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

That the Board approve the establishment of the Virtual Opportunities Inside a School Environment ("VOISE") Academy High School as a Renaissance Performance High School located at 231 North Pine Avenue, Chicago, IL 60623.

DESCRIPTION:

School Designation: VOISE Academy High School is scheduled to open in the fall of 2008 as a Small School pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b and also as a Performance High School in accordance with Board's Renaissance Schools Policy, 07-0627-PO4, as amended ("Renaissance Policy").

Public Hearing: A public hearing on the opening on the opening of VOISE Academy High School was held on October 11, 2007 at Austin High School, 231 N. Pine in accordance with the Renaissance Policy. The hearing was recorded. A summary report of the hearing is available for review.

Request for Proposals: In April 2007, the Office of New Schools issued a Request for Proposals to solicit responses from parties interested in starting schools under the Renaissance 2010 Initiative. Design Frameworks to operate either a charter, contract or performance school were submitted by interested parties on June 4, 2007. Supplemental proposal materials for approved design frameworks were submitted on August 6, 2007. Proposals were evaluated pursuant to the standards set forth in the Renaissance Policy. Proposals were reviewed by the Office of New Schools and a Comprehensive Evaluation Team and recommendations were submitted to the Chief Executive Officer based upon these

<u>Performance Plan:</u> The operation and performance of VOISE Academy High School will be in accordance

At a minimum, the Performance Plan will address student academic outcomes and financial and

FINANCIAL: Using current year financial data, the General Fund cost of 150 students in 2007-08 will be approximately $942,600.00. The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the