

APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DISNEY II ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

That the Board approve the establishment of the Disney II Elementary School as a Renaissance Performance School contingent upon Board approval of a site to be identified at a later date.

DESCRIPTION:

School Designation: Disney II Elementary School is scheduled to open in the fall of 2008 as a Magnet School and a Renaissance School in accordance with Board's Renaissance Schools Policy 07-007.

PO4, as amended ("Renaissance Policy").

Public Hearing: A public hearing on the opening of the Disney II Elementary School was held on October 15, 2007 at Disney Elementary, 4140 North Marine Drive, Chicago, IL 60613 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

CONTINGENT APPROVAL: The establishment of this school by the Board and the entering into an evaluation performance plan is contingent upon the school design team meeting the benchmarks detailed by the Office of New Schools, including but not limited to accepting and preparing to open in the CPS facility that is offered to the Disney II design team. These benchmarks will be communicated to the school design team with all deadlines to be met by May 30, 2008. The Office of New Schools will oversee the enforcement of these deadlines; failure to meet these deadlines may, at the option of the Board, result in the rescission of the authority granted herein and the denial of the performance school application. The Chief Executive Officer or his designee will file a report, approved by the General Counsel as to legal form, indicating the CEO's final approval or denial of the performance school application and the satisfactory resolution of all material issues related to the formation of the school. The report will be filed with the Secretary of the Board on or before June 30, 2008. This final review will be conducted to determine compliance with the terms indicated above.

FINANCIAL: Using current year financial data, the General Fund cost of 190 students in 2008-09 will be approximately \$766,050.00. The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2008-2009 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY08 are deemed to be contingent liability only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: As a Performance School, Disney II Elementary School will employ CPS teachers and staff. Performance Schools are subject to the collective bargaining agreements between CPS and the Chicago Teachers Union and other labor organizations, including the waiver provisions of those agreements.

Approved:

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