AMEND BOARD REPORT 05-0727-EX2 APPROVE THE NAMING AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SUDER MONTESSORI MAGNET SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the naming and establishment of Suder Montessori Magnet School located at 2022 W. Washington.

This amendment is necessary to designate Suder Montessori Magnet School ("Suder") as a Small Performance School.

DESCRIPTION: Effective September 2005, Suder Montessori Magnet School will be established as a magnet school with a Montessori program. The school will serve <u>up to 300 students in grades pre-K – 4 with preK-K grades established</u> for the 2005-06 school year and an additional grade will be added each year thereafter.

School Designation:

The Board hereby designates Suder as a Small School pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b and also as a Performance School in accordance with the Board's Policy to Establish Renaissance Schools.

Enrollment:

Suder Montessori Magnet School shall enroll students citywide by application. In the event that the number of eligible applicants exceeds the school's enrollment capacity, applicants shall be selected by random computerized lottery.

Attendance Boundaries:

No boundaries will be established for this magnet school.

Curriculum:

The new Suder Montessori Magnet School will offer a Montessori model of education beginning with the pre-primary level (pre-K-K). The classrooms in this model of education are multi-age classrooms. The Montessori curriculum presents an integrated approach that unifies the separate branches of the curriculum into studies of the physical universe, the natural world and the human experience. Literature, mathematics, the arts, writing, history, social science, civics, economics, environmental studies, cosmic education and sciences all complement one another in curriculum. Learning occurs in an inquiring, cooperative, nurturing atmosphere. Students increase their own knowledge through self- and teacher-initiated experiences. The criteria for teacher selection at Suder Montessori Magnet School shall reflect the content of the new curriculum.

Governance:

An Appointed Local School Council will be established by the Board in a timely manner in accordance with 105 ILCS 5-34-2.4b and the Board's Policy on Governance of Alternative and Small Schools (07-0124-PO2), as amended.

NAME: The facility located at 2022 W. Washington shall hereby be named Suder Montessori Magnet School.

LSC REVIEW: Not Applicable

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: The school referenced in this Board Report will be staffed in accordance with the Agreement between the Board of Education of the City of Chicago and the Chicago Teachers Union.

FINANCIAL: CPS has received a grant from the United States Department of Education in the amount of \$8,921,796.00, (0310-239-307-7783-5990) to support the establishment of five new magnet schools, including Suder Montessori Magnet School. Subject to guidelines for establishing magnet schools, beginning September 2006, the Bureau of Student Transportation will need to establish bus routes for the new magnet school.

Approved for Consideration:

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