

June 28, 2023

**AUTHORIZE THE RENAMING OF SCHOOLS****THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Chicago Board of Education approve the renaming of 5 schools: Northwest Early Childhood Center to Catalpa Early Childhood Center; Caldwell Elementary School to Daisy Bates Academy of Social Justice; Tonti Elementary School to Monarcas Academy; McClellan Elementary School to Minnie Miñoso Academy; and Lincoln Park Early Learning Center to Dr. Fisher Early Learning Center.

1. Pursuant to the Policy of Naming or Renaming of Schools, Board Report 03-0326-PO04, the Community at Northwest Early Childhood Center:
  - a. Conducted four school-community meetings on January 20th at 3:15 pm, January 27th at 9 am, February 17th at 10:00 am, and March 3rd at 9 am, with proper notice, and received input on the proposed renaming of Northwest Early Childhood Center which was overwhelmingly in favor of the renaming; and
  - b. Held a meeting on 3/2/2023 voting 14-9, in favor of renaming Northwest Early Childhood Center, the order decided upon by the council was 1) Catalpa Early Childhood Center; 2) Calliope Early Childhood Center; 3) Rainbow Early Childhood Center.
  - c. After the Community meeting of 3/2/2023, the Principal and a Community Member of Northwest Early Childhood Center co-signed a letter to Chief McGlade who oversees Network 1 Principals ranked the following names in order as:
    - i. Catalpa Early Childhood Center
    - ii. Calliope Early Childhood Center
    - iii. Rainbow Early Childhood Center
  - d. Chief Sanders, who oversees Network Chief Julie McGlade recommended this name change to the Chief Education Officer and the Chief Executive Officer.
  
2. Pursuant to the Policy of Naming or Renaming of Schools, Board Report 03-0326-PO04, the Local School Council at Caldwell Elementary School:
  - a. Conducted school-community meetings on September 17th at 4:00 pm, December 21st at 9:00 am, December 21st at 12:00 pm, with proper notice, and received input on the proposed renaming of Caldwell Elementary School which was overwhelmingly in favor of the renaming; and
  - b. Held a meeting on March 23, 2023 voting 104/207, in favor of renaming Caldwell Elementary School, the order decided upon by the council was 1) Daisy Bates Academy of Social Justice; 2) Katherine Johnson Math & Science Academy; 3) Nina Simone School of Social Justice and Empowerment. Subsequently, the council added Daisy Bates Academy of Social Justice to the ranking of the names of their ordered choices.
  - c. After the Local School Council meeting of March 23, 2023, voting 7/0, the Principal and the Chairperson of Caldwell Elementary School co-signed a letter to Chief Dorsey-Turner who oversees Independent School Principals ranked the following names in order as:
    - i. Daisy Bates Academy of Social Justice
    - ii. Katherine Johnson Math & Science Academy
    - iii. Nina Simone School of Social Justice and Empowerment
  - d. Chief Sanders, who oversees the Independent Schools Network Chief Dorsey-Turner recommended this name change to the Chief Education Officer and the Chief Executive Officer.

3. Pursuant to the Policy of Naming or Renaming of Schools, Board Report 03-0326-PO04, the Local School Council at Tonti Elementary School:
  - a. Conducted four school-community meetings on October 17th, January 23rd, March 13th, and April 17th, with proper notice, and received input on the proposed renaming of Tonti Elementary School which was overwhelmingly in favor of the renaming; and
  - b. Held a meeting on April 18th voting 6 to 2, in favor of renaming Tonti Elementary School, the order decided upon by the council was 1) Monarcas Academy; 2) Alejandra Guzman Community Academy; 3) Ella French School of Excellence. Subsequently, the council added Monarcas Academy to the ranking of the names of their ordered choices.
  - c. After the Local School Council meeting of April 18, 2023, the Principal and the Chairperson of Tonti Elementary School co-signed a letter to Chief Davila who oversees Network 8 ranked the following names in order as:
    - i. Monarcas Academy
    - ii. Alejandra Guzman Community Academy
    - iii. Ella French School of Excellence
  - d. Chief Sanders, who oversees Network Chief Daviila recommended this name change to the Chief Education Officer and the Chief Executive Officer.
  
4. Pursuant to the Policy of Naming or Renaming of Schools, Board Report 03-0326-PO04, the Local School Council at McClellan Elementary School:
  - a. Conducted four school-community meetings on January 18th, February 15th, March 9th, and March 16, with proper notice, and received input on the proposed renaming of McClellan Elementary School which was overwhelmingly in favor of the renaming; and
  - b. Held a meeting on April 19th voting 165/276, in favor of renaming McClellan Elementary School, the order decided upon by the council was 1) Minnie Miñoso Academy; 2) The John Lewis Academy; 3) The Fred Hampton Academy.
  - c. After the Local School Council meeting of April 19th with a unanimous vote: 12/12, the Principal and the Chairperson of McClellan Elementary School co-signed a letter to Chief Milberg, who oversees Network 6 Principals ranked the following names in order as:
    - i. Minnie Miñoso Academy
    - ii. The John Lewis Academy
    - iii. The Fred Hampton Academy
  - d. Chief Sanders, who oversees Network Chief Milberg recommended this name change to the Chief Education Officer and the Chief Executive Officer.
  
5. Pursuant to the Policy of Naming or Renaming of Schools, Board Report 03-0326-PO04, the parent/community members of Lincoln Park Early Learning Center:
  - a. Conducted four school-community meetings on June 21st, June 28th, May 22nd, June 22nd at 6 pm, with proper notice, and received input on the proposed renaming of Lincoln Park Early Learning Center which was overwhelmingly in favor of the renaming; and
  - b. Held a meeting on Jan 11, 2023 voting 18/26, in favor of renaming Lincoln Park Early Learning Center, the order decided upon by the council was 1) Dr. Fisher Early Learning Center; 2) Kitihawa Early Learning Center; 3) Julia Porter. Subsequently, the council added Dr. Fisher Early Learning Center to the ranking of the names of third ordered choices.
  - c. After the Parent/Community meeting of Lincoln Park Early Learning Center, the Principal and the Chairperson of the parent/community members of Lincoln Park Early Learning Center co-signed a letter to Chief Dr. Karime Asad who oversees Independent School Principals ranked the following names in order as:
    - i. Dr. Fisher Early Learning Center
    - ii. Kitihawa Early Learning Center

- iii. Julia Porter Early Learning Center
- d. Chief Sanders, who oversees Network Chief Dr. Asaf recommended this name change to the Chief Education Officer and the Chief Executive Officer.

**FINANCIAL:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.

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