

**APPROVE THE SMALL SCHOOLS CONVERSION PLAN TO CONVERT
REZIN ORR COMMUNITY ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL INTO FOUR SMALL SCHOOLS**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Chicago Board of Education (the "Board") approve the small schools conversion plan to convert

Rezin Orr Community Academy High School ("Orr") into the following four small high schools located on the Orr campus:

1. Phoenix Military Academy opened in September 2002,

II. General Educational Goals and Evaluation Plan for the New Small Schools

Each of the new small schools established on the Orr campus will significantly improve student performance in the following areas: (1) attendance (2) academic performance (3) graduation rates, and (4) the percentage of students who go on to enroll and succeed in college or other post-secondary institutions. Over the next five years, students enrolled in the four small schools will meet or exceed average Chicago Public Schools student performance in each of the four areas identified above.

Specific areas for performance measurement will include: (1) attendance, (2) dropout and graduation

rates, (3) CRG and school administered tests, and (4) college enrollment rates. Annual improvements in

1. **Phoenix Military Academy**

a. Educational Focus and Goals

Phoenix Military Academy ("the Academy") is a CPS military academy with a strong Junior Officer Training Corp ("JROTC") leadership component. The Academy seeks to develop young people so that they may become citizens with leadership, character and a

vision for our nation. The Academy's theme is service learning, integrating JROTC and a

b. AASTA will accomplish its educational goals by integrating technology across

with a cross-curriculum project-based learning approach.

4. *Excel/ Future Teachers Academy*

a. Educational Focus and Goals

Excel is a future teacher/future leader small school. The educational mission of Excel/Future Teachers Academy ("Excel") is to motivate, teach, support and encourage a new generation of learners to pursue high academic and career goals. Excel will focus on

by the interim principal are subject to approval by the Area Instructional Officer. The TAC will

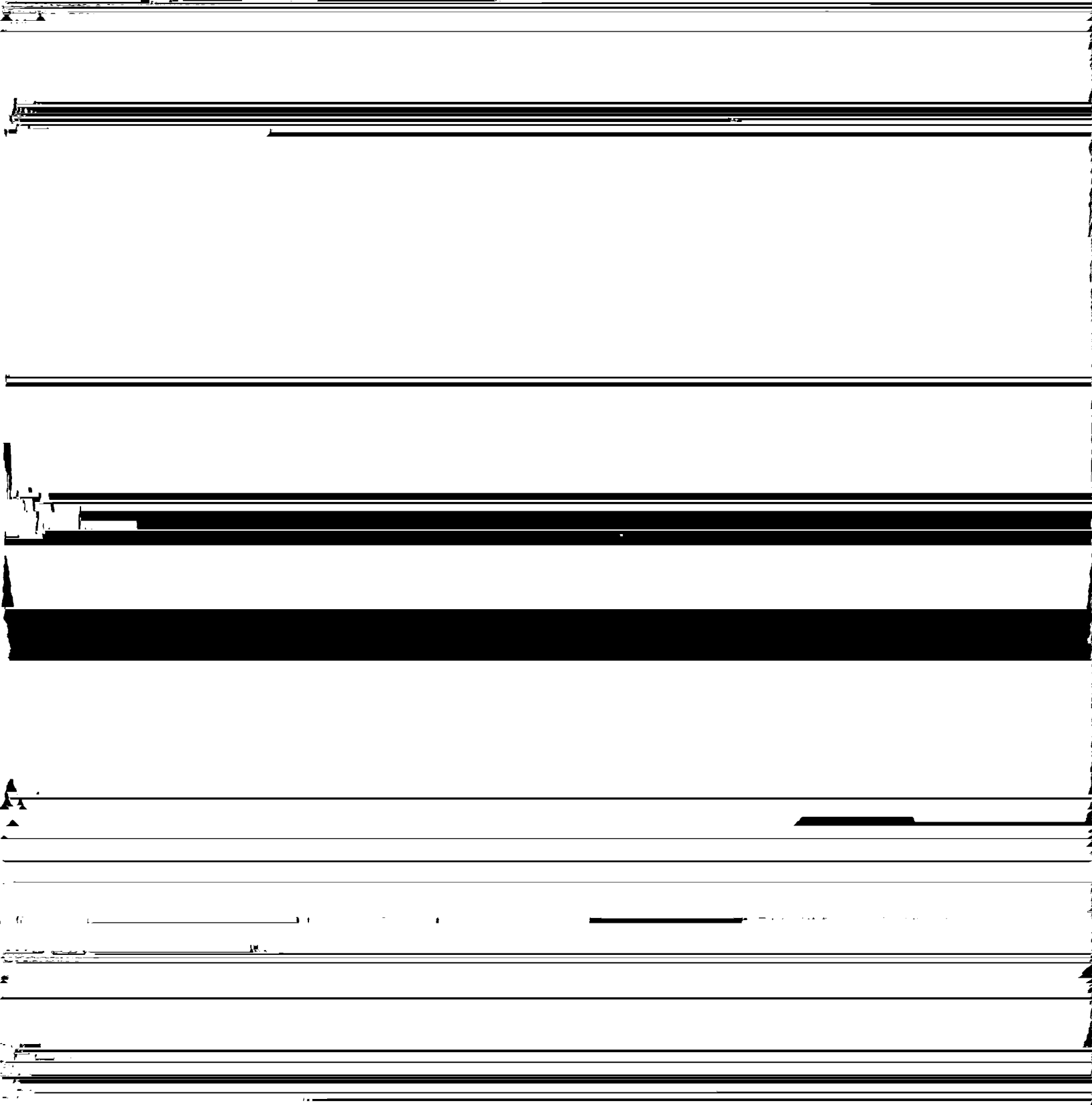
make recommendations to the interim principal regarding school matters such as textbook selection, school improvement plan, budget, staffing, shared campus facilities, school uniforms/dress code.

? *Small Schools Governance*

Following the second year of school operation, each new small school established under the Orr Conversion Plan will be governed by the Board, pursuant to Illinois School Code 105 ILCS 5/34-

G. Staffing

To the extent possible, current Orr staff whose qualifications, expertise and educational philosophy meets



L. Community Involvement

Figures have been held with a variety of community groups from and around the Orr neighborhood as