

**APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
SOUTHSHORE FINE ARTS ACADEMY**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

That the Board approve the establishment of the South Shore Fine Arts Academy ("SSFAA")

Renaissance Performance School contingent upon Board approval of a site to be identified at a later date.

DESCRIPTION:

School Designation: SSFAA is scheduled to open in the fall of 2009 as a Performance School in accordance with Board's Renaissance Schools Policy, 07-0627-PO4, as amended ("Renaissance Policy").

Public Hearing: A public hearing on the opening of the SSFAA was held on October 8, 2008 at Sweet Holy Spirit Church, 8621 S. South Chicago, Chicago, IL 60617 and in the Board Chambers on October 15, 2008, respectively, in accordance with the Renaissance Policy. The October 15 hearing was recorded and a summary report of both of the hearings is available for review.

Request for Proposals: In April 2008, the Office of New Schools issued a Request for Proposals to solicit

professional development beyond traditional Chicago Public Schools. Once a site is identified, the process for enrollment or establishing any attendance boundaries will be presented to the Board for approval.

Advisory Body: Initially, the SSFAA will establish a transitional advisory body. Thereafter, a Local School Council will be established in a timely manner.

Performance Plan: The creation and performance of SSFAA will be subject to the following:

Plan to be established pursuant to the Resignation Policy and approved by the Board. At a minimum, the

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: As a Performance School, SSFAA 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:



Barbara J. Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Respectfully submitted:



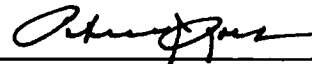
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Within Appropriation:



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