

July 23, 2008

**AMEND BOARD REPORT 08-0326-EX4**

**DESIGNATE JOSHUA D. KERSHAW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS A MAGNET SCHOOL, CHANGE THE SCHOOL'S EDUCATIONAL FOCUS TO AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME AND CHANGE THE SCHOOL'S NAME TO JOSHUA D. KERSHAW ELEMENTARY MAGNET SCHOOL**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Board approve the designation of Joshua D. Kershaw Elementary School (unit # 54270), located at 6450 S. Lowe Avenue as a magnet school, change the school's educational focus to an International Baccalaureate Programme and change the school's name to Joshua D. Kershaw Elementary Magnet School effective July 1, 2008.

This July 2008 amendment is necessary in order for the Bureau of Student Transportation to provide transportation in the form of Chicago Transit Authority fare cards or travel reimbursements for parents and guardians of students who qualify for transportation under the magnet school policy.

**DESCRIPTION:** Effective July 1, 2008, Joshua D. Kershaw Elementary School will be designated as a magnet school with an International Baccalaureate program as its educational focus. The school's name will

changed to Joshua D. Kershaw Elementary Magnet School (Kershaw Magnet). Kershaw Magnet will serve students in grades K-8 in the magnet program. Kershaw Magnet will also have a Pre-Kindergarten program.

**Enrollment:** The 246 students currently attending Kershaw Elementary will be enrolled at Kershaw Magnet and will remain enrolled at the school until they graduate from the school or otherwise transfer from the school. The attendance boundaries of Kershaw Elementary will be identical to the boundaries of the 2007-08 magnet school.

school year and filled through the Board's job posting procedures. Teaching personnel who are laid off as a result of the position closings will receive benefits established for them in collective bargaining agreements, Board Rules and Board policies.

**FINANCIAL:** CPS has received a grant from the United States Department of Education in the amount of \$10,107,216.00 to support the establishment of five new magnet schools including Kershaw. Subject to the

guidelines for establishing a magnet school, beginning in 2008, the Bureau of Student Transportation will need


Approved for Consideration:



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