

June 27, 2024

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

That the Chicago Board of Education approve the renaming of 3 schools & 3 school designations : Melville Fuller Elementary to James Farmer Jr. Elementary School, Christopher Columbus Elementary School to Ruth Bader Ginsburg Elementary School, & James Monroe Elementary School to Logan Square Elementary School. The 3 school designations under the North Lawndale STEAM Partnership: Collins Academy becomes Collins STEAM High School, Thomas Chalmers becomes Thomas Chalmers STEAM Elementary School and James Weldon Johnson becomes James Weldon Johnson STEAM Elementary School.

1. Pursuant to the Policy of Naming or Renaming of Schools, Board Report 23-0628-PO2, the Community at Melville Fuller:
 - a. Conducted four school-community meetings on February 8th, February 21st , April 22nd, and April 29th at 9 am, with proper notice, and received input on the proposed renaming of Melville Fuller which was overwhelmingly in favor of the renaming; and
 - b. Held a meeting on 4/16 voting 14-9, in favor of renaming Fuller Elementary, the order decided upon by the council was 1) James Farmer Jr.; 2) Margaret Burroughs Elementary School ; 3) Ella Fitzgerald Elementary..
 - c. After the Community meeting of 3/2/2023, the Principal and the Chairperson of Fuller LSC co-signed a letter to Chief Mason who oversees Network 9 Principals ranked the following names in order as:
 - i. James Farmer Jr Elementary School
 - ii. Margaret Burroughs Elementary School
 - iii. Ella Fitzgerald Elementary School
 - d. Chief Sanders, who oversees Network Chief Alene Mason 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 23-0628-PO2, the Local School Council at Christopher Columbus:
 - a. Conducted school-community meetings February 15, 2024, April 3rd and April 8th 1st at 5:00 pm, with proper notice, and received input on the proposed renaming of Columbus Elementary School which was overwhelmingly in favor of the renaming; and
 - b. Held a meeting on April 16, 2022 voting 07/10 , in favor of renaming Columbus Elementary School, the order decided upon by the council was 1) Ruth Bader Ginsburg Elementary School ;2) Anne Frank Elementary School ; 3) Ukrainian Village Elementary School.
 - c. After the Local School Council meeting of April 16, 2024, voting 11/0, the Principal and the Chairperson of Columbus Elementary School co-signed a letter to Chief Klosa who oversees Independent School Principals ranked the following names in order as:
 - i. Ruth Bader Ginsburg Elementary School
 - ii. Anne Frank Elementary School
 - iii. Ukrainian Village Elementary School
 - d. Chief Sanders, who oversees the Independent Schools Network Chief Klosa 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 23-0628-PO2, the Local School Council at James Monroe Elementary School
 - a. Conducted four school-community meetings on October 17th, January 23rd, March 13th, and April 17th at 3:30 pm, 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 Monroe Elementary School, the order decided upon by the council was 1) Logan Square Elementary ; 2) Volar Elementary; 3) Unity Park Elementary. Subsequently, the council added Logan Square 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 Monroe Elementary School co-signed a letter to Chief Tavlos who oversees Network 4 ranked the following names in order as:
 - i. Logan Square Elementary
 - ii. Volar Elementary
 - iii. Unity Park Elementary
 - d. Chief Sanders, who oversees Network Chief Tavlos 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 23-0628-PO2, the authorization of the Academic Designation for the North Lawndale STEAM Partnership
 - a. The North Lawndale Community Council conducted close to 40 bi weekly meetings community meetings beginning in June 2022 with proper notice, and received input on the proposed STEAM Partnership Center which was overwhelmingly in favor of the designation of STEAM to be added to Collins Academy and Chalmers and Johnson Elementary;
 - b. The academic RFP has been approved by the STEM department for the North Lawndale STEAM partnership.
 - i.. Thomas Chalmers STEAM Elementary School
 - ii. James Weldon Johnson STEAM Elementary
 - iii. Collins STEAM Academy
 - c. Chief Sanders, who oversees Network Chief(s) Higginbottom and Boraz recommended this designation change to the Chief Education Officer and the Chief Executive Officer.

FINANCIAL: The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2024-2025 fiscal year budget.

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