AUTHORIZE THE RENAMING OF VOISE ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL TO AUSTIN COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Chicago Board of Education approve the renaming of Voise Academy High School to Austin College and Career Academy.

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to the Policy on the Naming or Renaming of Schools, Board Report 03-0326-PO04:

- I. With respect to the recommendation to rename VOISE Academy High School to Austin College and Career Academy please note the following:
 - a. The Austin Community Action Council (CAC) at VOISE Academy High School;
 - 1. Conducted two community meetings at Michele Clark High School on August 15, 2015 and September 16, 2015 with proper notice, and received input in favor of renaming the school from VOISE to Austin.
 - 2. Held a meeting on March 8, 2016 and the CAC and meeting attendants debated several different variants of "Austin High School." Austin College and Career Preparatory High School received 9 out of 13 votes.
 - 3. After the CAC meeting of March 8, the Chairperson of the Austin CAC and Principal of VOISE HS co-signed a letter to the Network 3 Chief of Schools recommending the renaming of VOISE HS to Austin College and Career Preparatory High School.
 - b. At the Local School Council meeting of October 5, 2016, the VOISE Local School Council unanimously approved (7-0) the school name change of VOISE Academy High School to Austin College and Career Academy to the Network 3 Chief of Schools.
 - c. After the Local School Council meeting of October 5, 2016, the Chairperson of the VOISE Local School Council signed a letter to the Network 3 Network Chief of Schools recommending the renaming of VOISE Academy High School to Austin College and Career Academy.
 - d. The Network 3 Chief of Schools recommended this name change to the Chief Executive Officer.
 - e. If approved, the Austin College and Career Preparatory High School will develop a curriculum that is consistent with the College and Career Preparatory designation.

FINANCIAL: Not applicable.

Approved for Consideration:

Elizabeth A. Kirby Chief School Strategy and Planning Officer

Respectfully Submitted:

Forrest Claypool Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:

General Counsel