

**APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW EARLY LEARNING CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS  
LINCOLN PARK EARLY LEARNING CENTER**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Board approves the establishment and opening of a new early childhood center to be known as Lincoln Park Early Learning Center.

A formal school name shall be assigned by the Board in accordance with the procedures identified for the naming of new schools in the Board's Policy on Naming and Re-Naming Schools (Board Report 03-0326-PO04).

A virtual community meeting was held on March 15, 2021.

**DESCRIPTION:** In the fall of 2021, Lincoln Park Early Learning Center will open at 1840 N. Clark Street and will provide a pre-k program serving approximately 200 four-year old students.

**ENROLLMENT:** The Lincoln Park Early Learning Center shall enroll its students citywide based on the established selection requirements for all CPS Early Learning Centers, as outlined by the Office of Early Childhood Education.

**GOVERNANCE:** Initially, Lincoln Park Early Learning Center will establish a transitional advisory. In following years, an ALSAC will be appointed.

**PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:** Lincoln Park Early Learning Center will be staffed in accordance with Board staffing formulas for all positions. New teachers will be hired through a merit-based competitive process, prioritizing qualifications and experience. Unique teacher training, professional development, skills, abilities, proficiencies, experience and qualifications will apply to all teacher positions and may be required for educational support personnel.

**FINANCIAL:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget.

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