

## **Resolution No 2002-03: 632**

### **7-12 Redesign Resolution**

#### ***By Member of the Board Bowers***

Whereas on February 13, 2003, the Board of Education approved the first phase of the School Redesign Plan for moving to K-6 schools, it is the desire of the Superintendent of Schools to improve school climate and student achievement at middle and secondary levels and thus provide the opportunity to address Rochester's middle grades academic achievement problems by:

- Advancing improved organizational features
- Replicating proven instructional practices, curriculum, and programs;
- Provide the necessary support for staff to deliver on new expectations; and
- Establish structures to connect parents and the community in meaningful ways; and
- Protecting those programs that are working well as measured by student achievement.

Whereas fewer school transitions and major school restructuring present a new opportunity to improve student achievement and school climate issues. Whereas it is Board policy to, over the 2003-2004 academic year, create greater choice within three *Parent Preference / Managed Choice* zones, the Superintendent of Schools is forwarding to the Board of Education a comprehensive, two-part but integrally connected, plan for redesigning Rochester City Schools.

Whereas, it is the desire of the Rochester Board of Education to consider this redesign proposal in two parts, the second of which is a 7-12 school configuration. Whereas the Superintendent and Board of Education desire to establish – to the extent feasible – a common grade configuration for current middle and high school students.

**Resolved** that the following middle and high schools will begin the transition to 7-12 buildings during the 2003-2004 school year:

Charlotte, Dr. Freddie Thomas, East, Franklin (7-8, 9-12), and Jefferson

And the following middle and high schools will begin the transition to 7-12 buildings during the 2004-2005 school year:

Madison, Monroe, and Wilson

And the following 7-12 school will remain under their current configurations:

Marshall

And the following middle and high schools will have alternative configurations under this redesign:

Douglass (7-9), Edison (10-12) – and pending BOE approval and discussion on the Edison Redesign proposal – Lofton (9-12), School Without Walls (9-12), and School of the Arts (6-12)

Therefore be it further resolved that the Superintendent of Schools will provide to the Board of Education an implementation plan, timeline and cost by the end of the budget process for 2003-04, as well as annual reports on the progress of the 7-12 redesign, annual updates of the progress of the 7-12 buildings in relation to the *Parent Preference / Managed Choice Policy*, and, after three years, a formal evaluation of the 7-12 configuration.

*Seconded by Member of the Board Brown*

**Roll Call Vote**

**Commissioner Bowers – Yes**

**Commissioner Brown – Yes**

**Commissioner Cook – Yes**

**Commissioner Giuffrida – Yes**

**Commissioner Porter – Yes**

**Commissioner Thompson – Yes**

**Commissioner Vargas - Yes**

**Adopted 7-0**