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Expanding Great Options

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Expanding Great Options Guiding Principles

- We are working to create a system of great schools.
- We are transforming or closing schools that don't work for our kids.
- We are creating new options that have strong chances of success, and expanding some programs that are already proving effective.
- We are reviewing our portfolio of buildings to maximize our ability to provide great school options in all areas of the city.

Expanding Great Options Progress

Year 1 SY08-09

- Opened 8 new schools with strong chances of success.
- Expanded 1 successful high school to include middle grades.
- Closed 7 failing schools (over two years), merging 2 with expanding, successful schools.
- Relocated 5 schools to better utilize facilities and allow for school expansion.
- Reorganized citywide special education programs, placing classes at 17 additional schools.
- Expanded pre-kindergarten citywide with approximately 800 new seats.

Year 2 SY09-10

- Open 6 new schools with strong chances of success.
- Expand 2 successful elementary schools and 1 successful high school to include middle grades.
- Transform 7 failing schools, pairing 5 with partner organizations.
- Close 5 failing schools, replacing 2 with new schools and merging 1 with an expanding, successful school.
- Relocate 3 schools to better utilize facilities and allow for school expansion.
- Expand citywide choice in middle grades by eliminating attendance boundaries for stand-alone middle schools.

Continue the work until all students in City Schools have the great school options they deserve.

Expansion of School Options

- Continuing the creation of new schools is important to provide a range of options within all areas of the city.
- The Board of School Commissioners has previously approved the following actions:
 - Open four new transformation schools (three in 2011 and one in 2012)
 - Convert one high school to a transformation school
 - Open one new charter K-8 school
 - Open one new charter high school

EGO Priorities for 2010-2011

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- Continue momentum of increased student achievement at all levels, but focus attention on relative weakness of advancing secondary achievement.
- Align strategies with national priority of transforming lowest-performing schools, not only closing them.
- Continue to diversify opportunities for students by expanding transformation and charter school options.
- Leverage ARRA funding to minimize burden on local funds.
- Use building space efficiently to minimize costs of underutilization.
- Expand district-wide choice to all stand-alone middle schools.

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