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## Legislative Day

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LEGISLATIVE DAY

SEPTEMBER 11, 1987

I. Welcome

A. Pleased to have you come

B. Appreciate time you took

II. <sup>Purposes of</sup> ~~Proposed~~ Meeting

A. Provide you with updated  
information on Academy and  
students  
faculty  
programs

B. Discuss context of Board's

1. Response to our  
appropriation and,

2. Why a new class was  
added

C. Review with you our efforts  
to secure dollars from the  
private sector

- D. To give you an opportunity to ask questions and clarify <sup>understandings</sup> ~~under funding~~
- E. To receive feedback on additional issues that we should address prior to the October Session
- F. Finally, to secure your endorsement and support for a supplemental appropriation so that we can remain open

### III. Status of Academy

- A. Review Academy design -  
1/2% of 1%  
  
Review Illinois State Board of Education conclusions
- B. Received 878 applications for this year's class - tremendous interest and need
- C. Opened August 31, 1987 with 380 student

1. Review student handout
2. Review geographical  
distribution
3. List of students

D. Students must be invited to  
return each year -  
only 1 charter class  
student invited to  
return did not do so

Not related to funding

E. Applicants

1. of 878 - 41 students  
from Chicago
2. of 41 - 20 were not  
complete
3. of remaining 21 - 8  
were eight graders
4. of remaining 13 - we  
took 3

F. Meeting with Drs. Byrd and  
Gardner

Most interested in minority  
recruitment

Need minority recruitment  
center for city

IV. Faculty

1. 34 full time
2. All Academy Teachers MA
3. 26% have Ph.D.s
4. National representation -  
although majority  
midwest

IRC Director

RESIDENTIAL

COUNSELORS

18	5 North Carolina	8 F	1 MS
	11 Illinois	10 M	17 BA or BS
	2 Wisconsin		

V. Status of Academy Program

A. With second year students added  
electives and upper level classes

Added Biology - Astro Physics -  
Organic Chemistry and Japanese

Handout a course offering list

VI. Board of Trustees Decision to Add  
Second Class

A. Statewide student selection  
progress began in October

1. Applications revised; printed
2. Mailed in December
3. Statewide visit ESC's
4. Applications due 4/1/87

5. Statewide testing SAT

6. Statewide selection

7. Decision made 6/1/87

B. National Faculty Search

1. Ads placed in January -  
February

2. Application screened -  
February - March - April

3. Hiring - April - May - June

C. Recruitment

1. Because our process is so  
selective - must begin  
student and faculty  
recruitment very early

2. Not very different from other  
top high schools - faculty  
are selected very early

D. Funding Level

1. When funding level was clear  
on July 1, 1987 - Until that  
time we were at 8.6

Board generated 3 options

- a. Do not add
  - b. Add 1/2
  - c. Add full class
2. Board met with parents, faculty, endorsement was clear
  3. Open with 2 classes and fulfill promise - they would be willing to take risk and because most responsible alternative to assume Academy's success
  4. Any other alternatives would have destroyed the Academy's creditibility
  5. Students and faculty would no longer apply
  6. Also read legislative signal of 2.1
  7. Legislature did not want to destroy Academy



8. This alternative would "buy" time
9. To secure additional corporate support to explore other revenue, i.e., Title II ESEA

To work toward supplemental appropriation

\* Academy is seen as Illinois' Pride

10.

a. There are only 2 other schools in nation; NCSSM (10 years); LSSMPA (5 years)

b. We are only one that is 3 years

c. Visited by numerous states (Maryland, Texas)

d. Several Countries

Puerto Rico, China, Korea, Japan, Israel

(next couple of weeks -  
Australia, Canada)

- e. Illinois becoming  
national symbol

Vice President Bush's  
Office  
Secretary of Education  
Office

- f. SSC for Illinois -

Of top contending  
states, North Carolina  
has NCSSM and Texas will  
open

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VII. Corporate Support - Case Statement

- A. Raised - \$795,000 to date
- B. \$300,000 - Furnas; 100,000 10/6
- C. Apple, Zenith, IBM,
- D. 2.75 million Proposals
- E. Contingency Commitments
- F. Additional REvenue Title II -  
\$300,000

Will reduce supplemental request  
to 3.2 million

Want your support

VIII. Questions

IX. Feedback on other issues and  
strategies

X. Support