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COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION
APPLICATION FOR NEW PROGRAMS
FIRE SCIENCE
ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (A.A.S.) DEGREE
MALCOLM X COLLEGE
OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, new educational programs require approval of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 508, the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) and the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE);

WHEREAS, an application for approval for a new College to Careers program, comprising an Associate of Applied Science Degree Program for Fire Science at Malcolm X College, has been received and has been appropriately reviewed for submission; and

WHEREAS, the industry for Emergency Medical Services includes multiple career paths and employment opportunities, which includes, occupations such as Emergency Medicine Technicians, Paramedics, Fire Fighters and Hazardous Material Specialists. The Healthcare industry is experiencing growth in the number of technicians and assistants utilized in the delivery of patient care or support services. Additionally, as concerns about cost containment in healthcare expand, the role of technicians and assistants continues to expand as they offer alternatives to more expensive providers of care. This program is designed to provide students with the instructional training needed for entry-level positions in emergency response, fire safety and other healthcare facilities or agencies where emergency management service professionals are employed. Employment of firefighters is projected to grow 7 percent from 2012 to 2022, slower than the average for all occupations. Competition for jobs will likely be intense. Physically fit applicants with high test scores and paramedic training should have the best job prospects. Employment of fire inspectors and investigators is projected to grow 6 percent from 2012 to 2022, slower than the average for all occupations. Jobseekers should expect strong competition for the limited number of available positions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Community College District No 508, Cook County and State of Illinois, hereby approves the submission of this program for permanent approval by the Illinois Community College Board and Illinois Board of Higher Education.

December 11, 2014 – Office of Academic Affairs