

CLOSE GEORGE WESTINGHOUSE CAREER ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Chicago Board of Education approve the closing of George Westinghouse Career Academy High School ("Westinghouse"), Unit 1160, located at 3301 West Franklin Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60624, effective August 28, 2007.

DESCRIPTION:

In 2004, the Westinghouse facility was in need of major physical repair. Therefore, it was determined that Westinghouse would phase out beginning in September 2004, when the school stopped accepting incoming freshmen classes. It was also determined that the Westinghouse building would be torn down, and a new building would be constructed on an adjacent site.

Pursuant to the Board of Education's *Policy on the Closing of Schools*, 04-0225-PO2 ("Closing Policy"), it was determined that that the proposed closing of Westinghouse would have no significant impact on the racial composition and stability of the affected schools.

PUBLIC HEARING:

In accordance with the Closing Policy, a public hearing on the proposed closing of Westinghouse was convened on July 6, 2007, following proper notice, to receive public comment. An independent hearing officer received comments and/or supporting documents at the hearing. The hearing officer has prepared a report including findings regarding the proposal to close Westinghouse.

RECOMMENDATION:

In accordance with the School Closing Policy, the Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Public Schools ("CEO") may, following a public hearing, recommend to the Board the closing of schools for any of the reasons stated in the Closing Policy. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO has determined to recommend that the Board complete the phase out process and close Westinghouse in accordance with Section I.B of the School Closing Policy (due to the physical condition of the building) effective August 28, 2007.

LSC IMPLICATIONS:

Pursuant to the Closing Policy, the Local School Council of Westinghouse will be dissolved effective August 28, 2007, as a result of the closing of Westinghouse.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:

Tenured teachers assigned to Westinghouse shall become reassigned teachers pursuant to the Board's policy, "Reassignment and Layoff of Regularly Certified and Appointed Tenured Teachers," 04-0623-PO5. Other personnel shall be laid off in accordance with Board rules, policies and applicable collective bargaining agreements, if any.

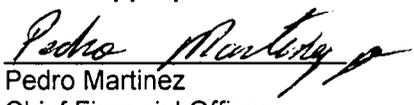
Approved for Consideration:

Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

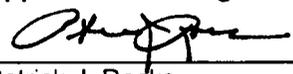
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Within Appropriation:


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