CONSOLIDATE ABBOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INTO HENDRICKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA FOR HENDRICKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2009, the Chicago Board of Education consolidate Abbott Elementary School (unit 2010, school ID 609771) ("Abbott"), located at 3630 South Wells Street, into Hendricks Elementary School (unit 3930, school ID 609987) ("Hendricks"), located at 4316 South Princeton Avenue and adjust Hendricks' attendance area. Students currently attending Abbott and not expected to graduate at the end of the current school year will be transferred to Hendricks.

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to the Board of Education's Policy on the Consolidation of Schools, 05-1221-PO1 ("the Policy"), and following a public hearing, the Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Public Schools ("CEO") may recommend to the Board the consolidation of schools for any of the reasons for such action stated in the Policy.

Pursuant to the Policy, a public hearing was convened on January 31, 2009 following the issuance of proper notice to receive public comment on the CEO's proposal to consolidate Abbott into Hendricks and to adjust the attendance area of Hendricks due to the underutilization of Abbott. An independent hearing officer received comments and supporting documents at the hearing and kept the record open after the hearing to receive additional written comments or documentation. Transcripts of the public hearing have been provided to the Board. The hearing officer prepared a report including findings regarding the CEO's proposal in which the hearing officer recommended that the Board consolidate Abbott into Hendricks and reassign Abbott's attendance area to Hendricks. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO determined to proceed with the recommendation that the Board consolidate Abbott into Hendricks effective June 30, 2009 and reassign Abbott's attendance area to Hendricks as described below. In making that recommendation, the CEO has considered the availability of space at Hendricks, which is in close proximity to Abbott.

Adjust Attendance Area Boundaries of Hendricks Elementary School (Unit # 3930, School ID 609987)

Effective July 1, 2009, Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at Racine Av and Pershing Rd

East to Halsted St

South to Root St

East to the Penn RR (at Stewart Av)

North to 35th St

East to the CRI&P RR (at the Dan Ryan Expwy)

South to 43rd St

West to Wentworth Av

South to 43rd Pl

West to Shields Av

North to 43rd St

West to Canal St

South to 44th St

West to Union Av

North to 43rd PI

West to Halsted St

South to 45th St

West to Racine Av

North to the starting point

FINANCIAL: No additional cost to the Chicago Public Schools

LSC IMPLICATIONS: Pursuant to the School Consolidation Policy, Abbott's Local School Council will be dissolved June 30, 2009 upon the consolidation of Abbott and Hendricks.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: These schools will be staffed according to the ratios in the Agreement between the Board of Education of the City of Chicago and the Chicago Teachers Union.

Approved for Consideration:

Approved:

Barbara Eason-Watkins Chief Education Officer Ron Huberman
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Within Appropriation:

Approved as to legal form:

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