CLOSE WALTER REED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS OF NICHOLSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BENJAMIN BANNEKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND FRANCIS W. PARKER COMMUNITY ACADEMY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2012, the Chicago Board of Education close Walter Reed Elementary School (School ID 610264) ("Reed"), located at 6350 South Stewart Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for reasons associated with the Board's prior school phase-out authorization (09-0225-EX33), reassign returning Reed students to Nicholson Elementary School (School ID 609793) ("Nicholson"), located at 6006 South Peoria Street, Chicago, IL, and that the attendance areas of Nicholson, Benjamin Banneker Elementary School (School ID 610265) ("Banneker"), located at 6656 South Normal Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, and Francis W. Parker Community Academy Elementary School (School ID 610112) ("Parker"), located at 6800 South Stewart Avenue, be adjusted to include portions of the attendance area of Reed.

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to Public Act 097-0474 ("Public Act"), the Chief Executive Officer's Guidelines for School Actions, and the Board of Education's Policy on the Review and Establishment of School Attendance Boundaries, 05-0622-PO1, the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of the Chicago Public Schools may recommend to the Board the closing of schools and the adjustment of school attendance boundaries.

Pursuant to the Public Act's requirements, two community meetings were convened on January 6, 2012 and January 20, 2012 at Antioch Baptist Church, located at 6248 South Stewart Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and a public hearing was convened on January 23, 2012 at 125 South Clark Street, 5th floor, Chicago, Illinois, following the issuance of proper notice. An independent hearing officer received oral and written comments and supporting documents at the hearing and kept the record open after the meeting to receive additional written comments or documentation. A transcript of the hearing and summaries of the meetings have been provided to the Board. The hearing officer reported that the CEO's proposal met the requirements of the Public Act and summarized comments and written documentation received.

After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO has decided to recommend that the Board close Reed effective June 30, 2012, reassign Reed's returning students to Nicholson, and assign portions of Reed's attendance area to Nicholson, Banneker, and Parker.

Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Nicholson Elementary School (School ID# 609793)

6006 South Peoria Street
Effective June 30, 2012, for grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at Racine Avenue and 58th Street
East to C&WI RR at Wallace Street
South to 59th Street
East to the Dan Ryan Expressway
South to 61st Place
West to Stewart Avenue
South 62nd Street
West to Normal Boulevard
South to 63rd Street
West to Union Avenue
North to 63rd Parkway
West to Halsted Street
South to 63rd Street

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West to Morgan Street North to 62nd Street West to Carpenter Street North to 59th Street West to Racine Avenue North to the starting point

Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Benjamin Banneker School (School ID# 610265)

6656 South Normal Boulevard

Effective June 30, 2012, for grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at Halsted Street and 66th Street
North and East to 63rd Street
East to Normal Boulevard
North to 62nd Street
East to Stewart Avenue
South to Normal Parkway
West to Normal Boulevard
South to 68th Street
West to the C&WI RR (at Wallace Street)
South to 69th Street
West to Halsted Street
North to the starting point

Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Francis W Parker Community Academy (School ID# 610112)

6800 South Stewart Avenue Effective June 30, 2012, for grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at the C&WI RR (at Wallace Street) and 68th Street
East to Normal Boulevard
North to Normal Parkway
East to Stewart Avenue
North to 61st Place
East to the Dan Ryan Expressway
South to 63rd Street
West to Yale Avenue
South to Wells Street
Southeast to Wentworth Avenue
North to the Dan Ryan Expressway
Southeast to Perry Avenue
South to 69th Street
West to the CRI&P RR
Southwest to 70th Street
West to the C&WI RR (at Wallace Street)

North to the starting point

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LSC IMPLICATIONS: Reed's Local School Council will be dissolved effective June 30, 2012 upon the closing of Reed.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: All faculty and staff members currently assigned to Reed will be displaced at the end of the 2011-2012 school year in accordance with Board policies and any collective bargaining agreements.

Approved for Consideration:

Oliver Sicat

Chief Portfolio Officer

Approved:

Jean-Claude Brizard
Chief-Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:

Approved as to legal form:

David Watkins

Chief Financial Officer

Patrick Rocks General Counsel