CLOSE JEAN D. LAFAYETTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA OF FREDERIC CHOPIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Jean D. Lafayette Elementary School (School ID 610031) ("Lafayette"), located at 2714 West Augusta Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning Lafayette students to Frederic Chopin Elementary School (School ID 609854) ("Chopin"), located at 2450 West Rice Street, Chicago, Illinois, and that the attendance area of Chopin be adjusted to include the Lafayette attendance area.

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to the Illinois School Code Sections 34-200 through 34-232, 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 the closing of schools and the adjustment of school attendance boundaries.

Pursuant to legal requirements, two community meetings were convened on April 8, 2013, and April 12, 2013, at Clemente High School, located at 1147 North Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and a public hearing was convened on April 18, 2013, at 125 South Clark Street, 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 community meetings have been provided to the Board. The hearing officer reported that the CEO's proposal met the requirements of the law and summarized comments and written documentation received. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO has decided to recommend that the Board close Lafayette effective June 30, 2013, reassign Lafayette's returning students to Chopin, and assign Lafayette's attendance area to Chopin.

Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Frederic Chopin Elementary School (School ID 609854)

2450 West Rice Street, Chicago, Illinois Effective June 30, 2013, for grades Kindergarten through eighth;

Beginning at Humboldt Dr and Division St
East to Campbell Ave
South to Thomas St
East to Oakley Blvd
South to Iowa St
East to Leavitt St
South to Chicago Ave
West to Western Ave
South to the C&NW RR (at Kinzie St)
West to Sacramento Blvd
North to Grand Ave
Nortwest to Kedzie Ave
North to Augusta Blvd
East to Humboldt Dr
North to the starting point

LSC IMPLICATIONS: Lafayette's Local School Council will be dissolved effective June 30, 2013, upon the closing of Lafayette.

FINANCIAL: The financial implications associated with this school action will be addressed during the development of the fiscal year 2014 budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY13 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: The employment status of all faculty and staff members currently assigned to the schools affected by this authorization will be determined pursuant to Board policies and any collective bargaining agreements.

Approved for Consideration:

Respectfully Submitted:

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Approved as to Legal Form:

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