CLOSE IGNANCE PADEREWSKI ELEMENTARY LEARNING ACADEMY
AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS OF LAZARO CARDENAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
ROSARIO CASTELLANOS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, WILLIAM PENN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND
CROWN COMMUNITY ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS CENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Ignance Paderewski Elementary Learning Academy (School ID 610273) ("Paderewski"), located at 2221 South Lawndale Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning Paderewski students to Lazaro Cardenas Elementary School (School ID 610024) ("Cardenas"), located at 2345 South Millard Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and Rosario Castellanos Elementary School (School ID 609826) ("Castellanos"), located at 2524 South Central Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and that the attendance areas of Cardenas, Castellanos, William Penn Elementary School (School ID 610123) ("Penn"), located at 1616 South Avers Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and Crown Community Academy of Fine Arts Center Elementary School (School ID 609873) ("Crown"), located at 2128 South Saint Louis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, be adjusted to include the Paderewski 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 ("Attendance Boundary Policy"), 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 9, 2013, and April 13, 2013, at Manley High School, located at 2935 West Polk Street, Chicago, Illinois, and a public hearing was convened on April 19, 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. The hearing officer also reported that the Attendance Boundary Policy was not followed. Since that time, pursuant to the Attendance Boundary Policy, an additional public hearing was held to discuss the attendance area boundary change. The hearing was held on May 14, 2013, at Manley High School, located at 2935 West Polk Street, Chicago, Illinois. The CEO also has provided a report consistent with the requirements of the Attendance Boundary Policy. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO has decided to recommend that the Board close Paderewski effective June 30, 2013, reassign Paderewski's returning students to Cardenas and Castellanos, and assign Paderewski's attendance area to Cardenas, Castellanos, Penn and Crown.

Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Lazaro Cardenas Elementary School (School ID 610024)

2345 South Millard Avenue, Chicago, Illinois Effective June 30, 2013, for grades Kindergarten through third;

Beginning at Cermak Rd and Pulaski Rd East to Christiana Ave South to 26th St West to Millard Ave North to 25th St West to Hamlin Ave North to 24th St West to Pulaski Rd North to the starting point

## Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Rosario Castellanos Elementary School (School ID 609826)

2524 South Central Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois Effective June 30, 2013, for grades fourth through eighth;

Beginning at Cermak Rd and Pulaski Rd
East to Christiana Ave
South to 26th St
West to Millard Ave
North to 25th St
West to Hamlin Ave
North to 24th St
West to Pulaski Rd

North to the starting point

## Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of William Penn Elementary School (School ID 610123)

1616 South Avers Avenue, Chicago, Illinois Effective June 30, 2013, for grades Kindergarten through eighth;

Beginning at Pulaski Rd and 14th St
East to Hamlin Ave
South to 15th St
East to Ridgeway Ave
South to 19th St
East to Lawndale Ave
South to Ogden Ave
South west to Cermak Rd
West to Pulaski Rd
North to 21st St
East to Harding Ave
North to 19th St
East to Springfield Ave
North to 18th St
West to Pulaski Rd

North to the starting point

# Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Crown Community Academy of Fine Arts Center Elementary School (School ID 609873)

2128 South Saint Louis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois Effective June 30, 2013, for grades Kindergarten through eighth;

Beginning at Cermak Rd and Ogden Ave Northeast to Drake Ave North to 18th St East to St Louis South to Ogden Ave Northeast to Spaulding Ave South to 21st St East to Kedzie Ave South to Cermak Rd West to the starting point

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

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:

Todd Babbii

Chief Transformation Officer

Barbara Byrd-Bennett **Chief Executive Officer** 

Approved as to Legal Form:

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**General Counsel**