CLOSE HOPE COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective July 1, 2020, the Chicago Board of Education close Hope College Preparatory High School (School ID 609768) ("HOPE HS"), located at 5515 S. Lowe Ave due to having zero students enrolled on November 1, 2019. Because HOPE HS has zero students enrolled there is no designated welcoming school. HOPE HS is an open enrollment school with no attendance area boundary.

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to the Illinois School Code Sections 34-200 through 34-230, the Chief Executive Officer's Guidelines for School Actions, 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 the legal requirements, two community meetings were convened on January 14, 2020 at Kershaw Elementary School, located at 6450 South Lowe Avenue, and on January 23, 2020 at Kershaw Elementary School, located at 6450 South Lowe Avenue, and a public hearing was convened on January 29, 2020 at 42 West Madison 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 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 HOPE HS effective July 1, 2020.

LSC IMPLICATIONS: The Local School Council for HOPE HS will be dissolved effective July 1, 2020, upon the closing of the school.

FINANCIAL: The financial impact of this authorization will be addressed during the development of the fiscal 2021 budget.

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:

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