

MAY 27, 2003

**CONSOLIDATE MUÑOZ MARIN PRIMARY SCHOOL INTO LOWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND  
ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA OF LOWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Chicago Board of Education consolidate Muñoz Marin Primary School, located at 3320 West Evergreen Avenue, into James Russell Lowell Elementary School, located at 3320 West Hirsch, and that its attendance area be assigned to Lowell Elementary School, effective June 25, 2003.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Pursuant to the Board of Education's Policy on the Closing and Consolidation of Schools, 02-0424-PO2 ("the Policy"), by the date of the annual May Board meeting 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.

On April 25, 2003, the CEO proposed that Muñoz Marin Primary School be consolidated into James Russell Lowell Elementary School due to overcrowding at Muñoz Marin and the underutilization of Lowell. Pursuant to the Policy, a public hearing was convened on May 5, 2003, pursuant to proper notice to receive public comment on the CEO's proposal. An independent hearing officer received comments and supporting documents at the hearing. The hearing officer has prepared a report including findings regarding the CEO's proposal. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO has determined to recommend that the Board consolidate Muñoz Marin Primary School into Lowell Elementary School consistent with the Policy, effective June 25, 2003.

As a result of the consolidation, Muñoz Marin will be absorbed into Lowell and will cease to exist effective June 25, 2003. Therefore, pursuant to the Policy, the Local School Council of Muñoz Marin will be dissolved effective June 25, 2003. The regularly certified and appointed teachers of Muñoz Marin Primary School will be transferred to Lowell Elementary School effective June 25, 2003. Pursuant to Section V of the Board-approved Uniform Principal's Performance Contract form, the contract of the Principal of Muñoz Marin Primary School will terminate effective June 25, 2003.

Effective June 25, 2003, the attendance boundaries of James Russell Lowell Elementary School will be adjusted as follows:

*Grades kindergarten through eight:*

Beginning at North Avenue and the CM&ST RR (Lawndale Avenue)  
 East to Kedzie Avenue  
 South to Grand Avenue  
 Northeast to Christiana Avenue  
 North to Division Street  
 East to Spaulding Avenue  
 North to Evergreen Avenue  
 West to Homan Avenue (including both sides of Evergreen)  
 North to Hirsch Street  
 West to Saint Louis Street  
 North to Lemoyne Street  
 West to the CM&ST RR (Lawndale Avenue)  
 North to starting point.

**LSC REVIEW:** LSC approval is not applicable to this report.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS:** None

**FINANCIAL:** None

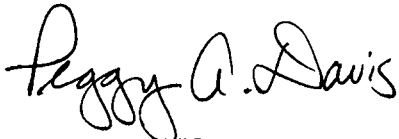
**PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:** None

**Approved for Consideration:**




BARBARA J. EASON-WATKINS  
Chief Education Officer

**Noted:**



PEGGY DAVIS  
Chief of Staff

**Approved:**



ARNE DUNCAN  
Chief Executive Officer

**Approved as to Legal Form:**



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