

MAY 27, 2003

**CLOSE ZENOS COLMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA FOR LUDWIG VON BEETHOVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Chicago Board of Education close Zenos Colman Elementary School, located at 4655 South Dearborn Street and that its attendance area be assigned to Beethoven 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 closing of schools for any of the reasons for such action stated in the Policy.

On April 25, 2003, the CEO proposed that Zenos Colman Elementary School be closed due to underutilization. Pursuant to the Policy, a public hearing was convened on May 13, 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 close Colman Elementary School, effective June 25, 2003.

Pursuant to the Policy, the Local School Council of Zenos Colman Elementary School will be dissolved effective June 25, 2003, as a result of the closing of Colman. Also pursuant to the Policy, the regularly certified and appointed teachers of Colman will become reassigned teachers pursuant to the Policy on the "Reassignment and Layoff of Regularly Certified and Appointed Teachers Due to Changes in Staffing Needs," 97-0723-PO2, effective June 25, 2003. Pursuant to Section V of the Board-approved Uniform Principal's Performance Contract form, the contract of the Principal of Colman Elementary School will terminate effective June 25, 2003.

Effective June 25, 2003, the attendance boundaries of Ludwig Von Beethoven Elementary School will be adjusted as follows:

*Grades kindergarten through eight:*

Beginning at the Dan Ryan Expressway and 44<sup>th</sup> Street  
East to State Street  
South to 50<sup>th</sup> Street  
West to the CRI&P RR  
North to 47<sup>th</sup> Street  
West to the Dan Ryan Expressway  
North to starting point.

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

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS:** None

**FINANCIAL:** None

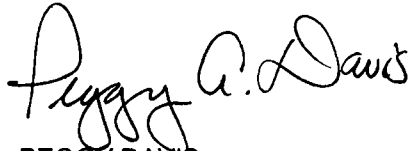
**PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:** None

**Approved for Consideration:**



BARBARA J. EASON-WATKINS  
Chief Education Officer

**Noted:**



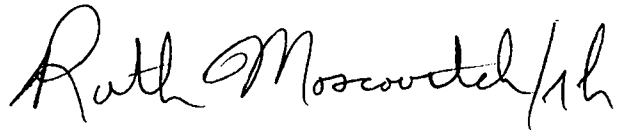
PEGGY DAVIS  
Chief of Staff

**Approved:**

  
ARNE DUNCAN

Chief Executive Officer

**Approved as to Legal Form:** 



RUTH MOSCOVITCH  
General Counsel