

MAY 27, 2003

**CLOSE DONOGHUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ASSIGN THE DONOGHUE CHILD-PARENT CENTER AS A BRANCH OF DOOLITTLE WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL, AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS OF DOOLITTLE WEST AND DOOLITTLE EAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Chicago Board of Education close George T. Donoghue Elementary School, located at 707 East 37<sup>th</sup> Street and make the Donoghue Child-Parent Center a branch of James R. Doolittle West Primary School, located at 521 East 35<sup>th</sup> Street, and that the attendance areas of Doolittle West and Doolittle East be adjusted to include the attendance area of Donoghue, 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 Donoghue Elementary School and Child-Parent Center be closed due to underutilization. Pursuant to the Policy, a public hearing was convened on May 9, 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 Donoghue Elementary School and make the Donoghue Child-Parent Center a branch of James R. Doolittle West Primary School, located at 521 East 35<sup>th</sup> Street, effective June 25, 2003.

Pursuant to the Policy, the Local School Council of Donoghue Elementary School will be dissolved effective June 25, 2003, as a result of the closing of Donoghue. Also pursuant to the Policy, the regularly certified and appointed teachers of Donoghue 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.

Effective June 25, 2003, the attendance boundaries of Doolittle West Primary and Doolittle East Elementary schools will be adjusted as follows:

**New Attendance Boundaries of James R. Doolittle West Primary School**

*Grades kindergarten through fourth:*

Beginning at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and 35<sup>th</sup> Street  
 East to Lake Michigan  
 South to Oakwood Boulevard  
 Southwest to Ellis Avenue  
 Northwest to Pershing Road  
 West to Cottage Grove Avenue  
 South to 41<sup>st</sup> Street  
 West to Vincennes Avenue  
 North to Oakwood Boulevard  
 West to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive  
 North to starting point.

**New Attendance Area Boundaries of James R. Doolittle East Elementary School**

*Grades fifth through eighth:*

Beginning at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and 35<sup>th</sup> Street  
East to Lake Michigan  
South to Oakwood Boulevard  
Southwest to Ellis Avenue  
Northwest to Pershing Road  
West to Cottage Grove Avenue  
South to 41<sup>st</sup> Street  
West to Vincennes Avenue  
North to Oakwood Boulevard  
West to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive  
North to starting point.

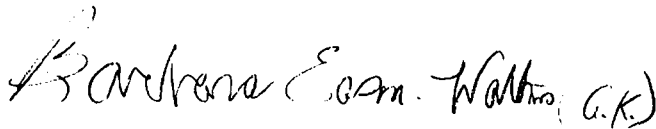
**LSC REVIEW:** LSC approval is not applicable to this report.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS:** None

**FINANCIAL:** None

**PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:** None

**Approved for Consideration:**



BARBARA J. EASON-WATKINS  
Chief Education Officer

**Approved:**



ARNE DUNCAN  
Chief Executive Officer

**Noted:**



PEGGY DAVIS  
Chief of Staff

**Approved as to Legal Form:**



RUTH MOSCOVITCH  
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