

**CLOSE WRIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS OF RYERSON
AND L. WARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective at the end of the 2003-2004 school year, the Chicago Board of Education close Richard Wright (Unit 7500) elementary school, located at 627 North Harding Avenue, and that the attendance areas of Martin A. Ryerson (Unit 5680) elementary school, located at 646 North Lawndale Avenue and the Laura S. Ward (Unit 5470) elementary school, located at 410 North Monticello Avenue be adjusted to include portions of the attendance area of Wright.

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to the Board of Education's Policy on the Closing of Schools, 04-0225-PO2 ("the Policy"), 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.

The Chief Executive Office recommends that Wright School be closed due to poor building condition. Pursuant to the Policy, a public hearing was convened on June 11, 2004 following the issuance of 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 Wright School at the end of the 2003-2004 school year and reassign Wright's attendance area to the Ryerson and Ward elementary schools.

Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of Martin A. Ryerson Elementary School (Unit 5680)

Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at Chicago Avenue and the Belt RR (at Kenton Avenue).
East to Pulaski Road
North to Iowa Street
East to St. Louis Avenue
South to Chicago Avenue
West to Drake Avenue
South to Huron Street
West to Monticello Avenue
South to Ohio Street
West to Avers Avenue
North to Huron Street
West to Pulaski Road
South to Kinzie Street
West to the Belt RR
North to the Starting Point.

Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of Laura S. Ward School (Unit 5470)

Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at Pulaski Road and Huron Street
East to Avers Avenue
South to Ohio Street
East to Monticello Ave
North to Huron Street
East to Drake Avenue
South to Ohio Street
East to St. Louis Avenue
South to Franklin Boulevard
East to Homan Avenue
South to Governors Parkway
West to St. Louis Avenue
South to Carroll Avenue
West to Central Park Avenue
South to Lake Street
East to Homan Boulevard
South to Madison Street
West to Hamlin Boulevard
North to Lake Street
West to Pulaski Road
North to the Starting Point.

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

**AFFIRMATIVE
ACTION STATUS:** None

FINANCIAL: None

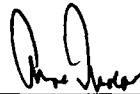
**PERSONNEL
IMPLICATIONS:** None

Approved for Consideration:

Approved:



**Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer**



**Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer**

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:

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