

June 23, 2004

CLOSE DOUGLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS OF DRAKE AND MAYO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That effective at the end of the 2003-2004 school year, the Chicago Board of Education close Stephen A. Douglas Community Academy School (Unit 3090), located at 3200 South Calumet Avenue, and that the attendance areas of John B. Drake School, located at 2722 South Dr. Martin Luther King Drive, and of William J. and Charles H. Mayo School, located at 29 East 37th Street be adjusted to include portions of the attendance area of Douglas.

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 Douglas School be closed due to demographic reasons. Pursuant to the Policy, a public hearing was convened on June 17, 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 Douglas School at the end of the 2003-2004 school year and reassign Douglas's attendance area to the Drake and Mayo elementary schools.

Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of John B. Drake School (Unit 3100)

Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at the Dan Ryan Expressway and the Stevenson Expressway
East to Michigan Avenue
North to Cermak Road
East to Lake Michigan
South to 35th Street (extended)
West to Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
North to 33rd Boulevard
West to Michigan Avenue
South to 35th Street
West to the Dan Ryan Expressway
North to the Starting Point.

Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of William J. and Charles H. Mayo School (Unit 4700)

Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at State Street and Carver Plaza
East to Michigan Avenue
North to 36th Street
East to Indiana Avenue
North to 35th Street
West to Michigan Avenue
North to 33rd Boulevard

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East to Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
South to 41st Street
West to the alley between Prairie Avenue and Indiana Avenue
North to 40th Street
West to State Street
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

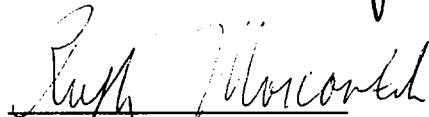


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