

**CLOSE JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS OF
SMYTH AND GLADSTONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective at the end of the 2003-2004 school year, the Chicago Board of Education close Thomas Jefferson elementary school (Unit 4190), located at 1522 W. Fillmore Street, and that the attendance areas of John M. Smyth elementary school (Unit 5970), located at 1059 W. 13th Street and William E. Gladstone elementary school (Unit 3540), located at 1231 S. Damen Avenue be adjusted to include portions of the attendance area of the Thomas Jefferson school.

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 Jefferson School be closed due to demographic reasons. Pursuant to the Policy, a public hearing was convened on June 16, 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 Jefferson School at the end of the 2003-2004 school year and reassign Jefferson's attendance area to Smyth and Gladstone elementary schools.

Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of John M. Smyth School (Unit 5970)

Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at Eisenhower Expressway and Ashland Avenue
East to the South Branch of the Chicago River
South to 16th Street
West to Racine Avenue
North to Hastings Street
West to Throop Street
North to Roosevelt Road
West to Loomis Street
South to Washburne Avenue
West to Laffin Street
North to Harrison Street
West to Ashland Avenue
North to the Starting Point.

Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of William E. Gladstone School (Unit 3540)

Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at Western Avenue and Ogden Avenue
Northeast to Roosevelt Road
East to Wood Street
North to the Eisenhower Expressway
East to Ashland Avenue
South to Harrison Street
East to Laffin Street
South on Laffin Street (extended) to 13th Street (extended)
West to Ashland Avenue
South to 15th Street
East to Laffin Street
South to 16th Street
West to the CB&Q RR
Southwest to Western Avenue
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:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Approved:



Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Ruth Moscovitch
General Counsel