

**CLOSE SUDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS OF HERBERT
AND BROWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective at the end of the 2003-2004 school year, the Chicago Board of Education close Henry Suder elementary school (Unit 6090), located at 2022 West Washington Boulevard, and that the attendance areas of Victor Herbert school (Unit 3950), located at 2131 West Monroe Street, and the William H. Brown elementary school (Unit 2400), located at 54 North Hermitage Avenue be adjusted to include portions of the attendance area of Suder.

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 Suder School be closed due to demographic reasons. Pursuant to the Policy, a public hearing was convened on June 15, 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 Suder School at the end of the 2003-2004 school year and reassign Suder's attendance area to the Herbert and Brown elementary schools.

Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of Victor Herbert School (Unit 3950)

Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at Oakley Boulevard and Madison Street
East to Leavitt Street
North to Washington Boulevard
East to Hoyne Avenue
North to Kinzie Street
East to Wolcott Avenue
South to Washington Boulevard
West to Damen Avenue
South to the Eisenhower Expressway
West to Oakley Boulevard
North to the Starting Point.

Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of William H. Brown Elementary School (Unit 2400)

Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at Wolcott Avenue and Kinzie Street
East to the Kennedy Expressway
Southeast to Halsted Street
South to Lake Street
East to the South Branch of the Chicago River
South to the Eisenhower Expressway
West to Damen Avenue
North to Washington Boulevard
East to Wolcott Avenue
North to the Starting Point.

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

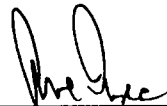
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: None

FINANCIAL: None

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: None

Approved for Consideration:

Approved:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:

Approved as to legal form:



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