

**CHANGE THE GRADE STRUCTURE FOR THE CHARLES G. HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY OF THE CHARLES G. HAMMOND AND
WILLIAM F. FINKL ACADEMY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

Change the grade structure of Charles G. Hammond Elementary School and adjust the attendance boundary for Charles G. Hammond Elementary School, located at 2819 W. 21st Place and William F. Finkl Academy Elementary School, located at 2332 S. Western Avenue.

A Public Hearing was held on January 13, 2005 at the Board Offices located at 125 S. Clark to receive public comment on the proposed grade and boundary changes.

DESCRIPTION:

Change the grade structure of Charles G. Hammond Elementary School and adjust the attendance boundary for Charles G. Hammond Elementary School, located at 2819 W. 21st Place and William F. Finkl Academy Elementary School, located at 2332 S. Western Avenue.

These changes affect newly enrolled students. Currently enrolled students will not be required to transfer.

The Modified Desegregation Consent Decree entered on March 1, 2004 by the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois in U.S. v. Chicago Board of Education, 80 C 5124 states: "CPS shall alleviate any racially and ethnically disproportionate overcrowding of school sites, to the extent practicable." Modified Consent Decree at Section I(G)(1), p. 9.

Change Grade Structure and adjust the boundary for Hammond Elementary School (Unit 3750):

Effective July 1, 2005 Hammond Elementary School will serve grades kindergarten through seventh:

Effective July 1, 2006 Hammond Elementary School will serve grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at the CB&Q RR at Albany Avenue and 21st Street
Northeast to the Penn RR
South to Cermak Road (22nd Street)
West to California Avenue
South to 23rd Street
West to Marshall Boulevard
North to Cermak Road (22nd Street)
West to Albany Avenue
North to the Starting Point.

Adjust the attendance boundary of Finkl Elementary School (Unit 3760):

Effective July 1, 2005 Finkl Elementary School will serve grade eight:

Effective July 1, 2006 Finkl Elementary School will no longer serve students in the following boundary:

Beginning at the CB&Q RR at Albany Avenue and 21st Place
Northeast to the Penn RR
South to Cermak Road (22nd Street)
West to California Avenue
South to 23rd Street
West to Marshall Boulevard
North to Cermak Road (22nd Street)
West to Albany Avenue
North to the Starting Point.

Effective July 1, 2005 Finkl Elementary School will serve grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at California Avenue and Cermak Road (22nd Street)
East to Western Avenue
South to the south branch of the Chicago River
Southwest to California Avenue
North to the Starting Point.

LSC REVIEW: Not applicable.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: No additional cost to the Chicago Public Schools

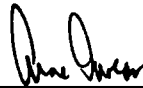
PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: These schools will be staffed according to the ratios in the Agreement between the Board of Education of the City of Chicago and the Chicago Teachers Union.

Approved for Consideration:

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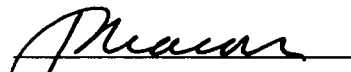
Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer



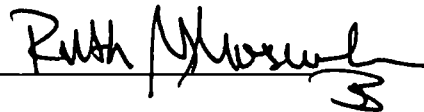
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:

Approved as to legal form: 



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer



Ruth Moscovitch
General Counsel