

**CHANGE THE GRADE STRUCTURE FOR JOSHUA D. KERSHAW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY OF JOSHUA D. KERSHAW AND
WALTER REED ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

Change the grade structure of Joshua D. Kershaw Elementary School and adjust the attendance boundary for Joshua D. Kershaw Elementary School, located at 6450 S. Lowe Avenue and Walter Reed Elementary School, located at 6350 S. Stewart 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 Joshua D. Kershaw Elementary School and adjust the attendance boundary for Joshua D. Kershaw Elementary School, located at 6450 S. Lowe Avenue and Walter Reed Elementary School, located at 6350 S. Stewart Avenue.

These changes apply to 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 Kershaw School (Unit 4270):

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

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

Beginning at Morgan Street and 64th Street
East to Sangamon Street
North to 63rd Street
East to Halsted Street
North to Halsted Parkway
East and south to 63rd Street
East to the RR at Wallace Street
South to 66th Street
West to Sangamon Street
North to 65th Street
East to Morgan Street
North to the Starting Point.

Adjust the attendance boundary of Reed School (Unit 6870):

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

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

Beginning at Morgan Street and 64th Street
East to Sangamon Street
North to 63rd Street
East to Halsted Street
North to Halsted Parkway
East and south to 63rd Street

East to the RR at Wallace Street
South to 66th Street
West to Sangamon Street
North to 65th Street
East to Morgan Street
North to the Starting Point.

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

Beginning at the RR at Wallace Street and 59th Street
East to the Dan Ryan Expressway
South to 63rd Street
West to Wentworth Avenue
South to 64th Street
West to Normal Boulevard
South to 65th Street
West to the RR at Wallace Street
North to 63rd Street
West to Halsted Parkway
North and west to Halsted Street
North to 61st Street
East to the RR at Wallace Street
North to the Starting Point.

LSC REVIEW: Not applicable.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: No additional cost to the Chicago Public Schools

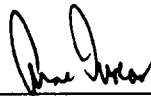
PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: These schools will be staffed according to the ratios in the Agreement between the Board of Education of the City of Chicago and the Chicago Teachers Union.

Approved for Consideration:

Approved:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer



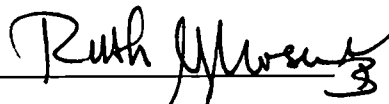
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:

Approved as to legal form: *MM*



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Chief Financial Officer



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General Counsel