

**ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS OF COLLINS HIGH SCHOOL, CRANE HIGH SCHOOL  
AND MANLEY CAREER ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Chicago Board of Education cease enrolling incoming ninth graders at George W. Collins High School (Unit 1880), located at 1313 South Sacramento Drive, for academic reasons and adjust the attendance areas of Crane High School (Unit 1270), located at 2245 West Jackson Boulevard, and Manley Career Academy High School (Unit 1460), located at 2935 West Polk Street, to include portions of the attendance area of Collins High School (applicable only to incoming ninth-graders) beginning with the 2006-2007 school year.

**DESCRIPTION:**

The Chief Executive Officer recommends that Collins High School cease to enroll incoming ninth-graders for academic reasons. Collins has been on probation for nine (9) years. Collins was one of the lowest-performing Chicago public high schools on the 2005 Prairie State Achievement Examination. Only 8.7% of its students who took the test met or exceeded state standards on the 2005 Prairie State Achievement Examination. A change in Collins' attendance boundaries will offer better educational alternatives to incoming ninth-graders currently residing in its attendance area. As a result of the change in its attendance area boundaries, Collins will close at the end of the 2008-2009 school year when the current freshman class graduates.

**Feasibility**

The proposed boundary changes for Collins, Crane and Manley High Schools were developed only after the Department of School Demographics and Planning conducted a feasibility analysis that considered the following:

- Identification of potential reassignment schools within a reasonable distance of the high schools that met the criteria for attendance boundary changes
- Historical, current and forecasted enrollment trends at the affected schools
- Each affected school's design capacity (that is, the number of seats, or pupil stations, available based on the current building design)
- The number of students residing within the attendance areas of the affected schools, and
- The average distances between student home addresses of record and the addresses of the affected schools.

Under this analysis, a boundary change was not considered feasible if it would cause the total enrollment at any of the affected schools to exceed its design capacity or if students would be required to attend a school that was not within a reasonable distance as a result of the change.

The determination was made that it was feasible to propose boundary changes for Collins, Crane and Manley High Schools.

**Racial Impact Analysis and Enrollment Projections**

In accordance with the Modified Desegregation Consent Decree, the Office of Demographics and Planning conducted a racial impact analysis including 3-year enrollment projections. The analysis determined that the proposed high school attendance area boundary changes would have no significant impact on the racial composition and stability of the subject schools. In terms of racial composition and stability, the option of maintaining the status quo offers neither an advantage nor disadvantage over the option of changing the attendance boundaries. While other possibilities were examined, no alternatives affected the resulting racial/ethnic distribution of students. A copy of this report is available for review.

**Public Hearing**

A public hearing was convened on February 9<sup>th</sup> 2006, pursuant to proper notice to receive public comment on the proposed attendance boundary changes. An independent hearing officer appointed by the Chief Executive Officer presided at the hearing and received comment and supporting documentation. The hearing officer has prepared and submitted a report of the proceedings to the Chief Executive Officer. A copy of the Hearing Officer's Report is available for review. After receiving the Hearing Officer's Report, the Chief Executive Officer has determined to recommend that the Board cease to enroll incoming ninth-graders at Collins High School at the end of the 2005-2006 school year and reassign Collins' attendance area to Crane and Manley High Schools. These changes are applicable only to incoming ninth-graders and will not affect students currently enrolled at these schools.

**Attendance Area Adjustments**

The CEO recommends adjusting the attendance areas of Collins, Crane and Manley High Schools as follows:

**Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of Collins High School (Unit 1880)**

*Tenth through twelfth grade students in the following area have the option of enrolling at the Collins High School:*

Beginning at St Louis Avenue (extended) and the Railroad  
East and South on RR to Roosevelt Road  
East on Roosevelt Road to Campbell Avenue  
Southeast on Campbell Avenue to Ogden Avenue  
Northeast on Ogden Avenue to Western Avenue  
South on Western Avenue to RR  
East on RR to California Avenue  
North to 19<sup>th</sup> Street  
West to Homan Avenue  
North to Ogden Avenue  
Southwest to St Louis Avenue  
North to starting point.

**Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of Crane Tech. Prep Community High School (Unit 1270)**

*Grade nine (from Collins):*

Beginning at St. Louis Avenue and 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
East to Kedzie Avenue  
North to Roosevelt Road  
East to the Railroad  
Southeast to Ogden Avenue  
Northeast to Western Avenue  
South to Railroad  
East on Railroad to California Avenue  
North to 19<sup>th</sup> Street  
North to Ogden Avenue  
Southwest to St Louis Avenue  
North to starting point.

*Grades ninth through twelfth:*

Beginning and California Avenue and Lake Street  
Southeast to Washtenaw  
East to Western Avenue  
North to Fulton Street  
East to Oakley Boulevard

North to Kinzie Street  
East to the South Branch of the Chicago River  
South to 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
West to the Railroad  
Southwest to Western Avenue  
North to Ogden Avenue  
Southwest to Campbell Avenue  
North to Roosevelt Road  
West to the Railroad  
North and West to California Avenue  
North to the starting point.

**Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of Manley Career Academy High School (Unit 1460)**

*Grade nine (from Collins):*

Beginning at St. Louis Avenue and the Railroad  
East to the Railroad  
South to Roosevelt Road  
West to Kedzie Avenue  
South to 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
West to St. Louis Avenue  
North to Starting Point.

*Grades ninth through eleventh (from Austin):*

Beginning at Austin Avenue and Washington Boulevard  
East to Laramie Avenue  
South to Roosevelt Road  
West to Austin Avenue  
North to starting point.

*Grades ninth to twelfth:*

Beginning at the Belt Railroad and Jackson Boulevard  
East to Pulaski Road  
South to Interstate 290 (Eisenhower)  
East to California Avenue  
South to the Railroad  
West along the Railroad to St. Louis Avenue  
South to Douglas Boulevard  
West to Ridgeway Avenue  
South to Douglas Boulevard  
West to Independence Avenue  
North to 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
West to Kilbourn Avenue  
South to 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
West on 15<sup>th</sup> Street (extended) to the Belt Railroad  
North on Belt Railroad to starting point

**LSC IMPLICATIONS:**

The change in Collins' attendance area boundaries will have no effect on the current Local School Council. Pursuant to the Board's School Closing Policy, the Local School Council of Collins will be dissolved at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.


**PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:**

A reduction in Collins school staff resulting from the change in its attendance boundaries, if any, will be conducted in accordance with Board rules, policies and any applicable collective bargaining agreements.

**Approved for Consideration:**

  
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Barbara Eason-Watkins  
Chief Education Officer


**Approved:**

  
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Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**

  
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John Maiorca  
Chief Financial Officer

**Approved as to Legal Form:**

  
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