

CLOSE JEAN BAPTISTE POINT DUSABLE HIGH SCHOOL**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Chicago Board of Education approve the closing of Jean Baptiste Point DuSable High School ("DuSable"), located at 4934 South Wabash Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60615, at the end of the 2005-2006 school year.

DESCRIPTION:

In 2003, the DuSable school community submitted a request to CPS to convert DuSable High School into small schools. In response to this request, CPS issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) in February 2004 for new school proposals for the DuSable High School campus and DuSable High School stopped enrolling 9th graders beginning in the 2003-2004 school year.

Through this RFP process and with local input from the DuSable Transitional Advisory Council, three school proposals were selected and public hearings on these proposals were held on October 27, 2004. The Board subsequently approved the opening of all three schools at their November 2004 Board meeting (Board Reports 04-1117-EX2, 04-1117-EX3, 04-1117-EX3) and the following schools opened on the DuSable campus in September 2005:

1. The Bronzeville Scholastic Institute;
2. The Daniel Hale Williams Prep School of Medicine; and
3. The DuSable Leadership Academy, a campus of the Betty Shabazz Charter School.

Currently, the three new DuSable campus schools are sharing the facility with DuSable High School and its remaining 12th graders for the 2005-2006 school year. DuSable is ready to complete the school's conversion and phase out by closing at the end of the 2005-2006 school year. Upon the closing of DuSable, the three new DuSable campus schools will continue to operate as planned.

A racial impact analysis was conducted and determined that the proposed closing of DuSable would have no significant impact on the racial composition and stability of the new DuSable campus high schools.

PUBLIC HEARING:

In accordance with the Board of Education's Policy on the Closing of Schools, 04-0225-PO02 ("Closing Policy"), a public hearing on the proposed closing of DuSable was convened on February 11, 2006, following proper notice to receive public comment. An independent hearing officer appointed by the Chief Executive Officer received comments and supporting documents at the hearing. 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.

RECOMMENDATION:

In accordance with the Closing Policy, the Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Public Schools ("CEO") may, following a public hearing, recommend to the Board the closing of schools for any of the reasons stated in the Closing Policy. After receiving the Hearing Officer's Report, the CEO has determined to recommend that the Board complete the phase out process and close DuSable in accordance with Section I.C of the Closing Policy (for alternative use of school facilities), at the end of the 2005-06 school year for non-academic reasons. Upon the closing of DuSable, the DuSable unit number 1280 may remain open for administrative purposes related to the operations of the three new small schools located on the DuSable campus.

LSC IMPLICATIONS:

Pursuant to the Closing Policy, the Local School Council of DuSable will be dissolved effective the end of the 2005-2006 school year as a result of the closing of DuSable.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:

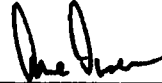
Tenured teachers assigned to DuSable shall become reassigned teachers pursuant to the Board's policy, "Reassignment and Layoff of Regularly Certified and Appointed Tenured Teachers," 04-0623-PO5. Other personnel shall be laid off in accordance with Board rules, policies and applicable collective bargaining agreements, if any.

Approved for Consideration:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Approved:



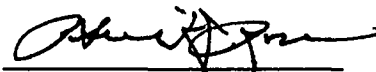
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel