

CLOSE KIPP CHICAGO YOUTH VILLAGE ACADEMY**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Chicago Board of Education approve the closing of KIPP Chicago Youth Village Academy ("KIPP Youth Village") unit number 7710, located at 2710 South Dearborn Chicago, Illinois 60616 in the Williams Multiplex, at the end of the 2005-2006 school year.

DESCRIPTION:

In September 2003, KIPP Youth Village was one of four new schools that opened in the Williams Multiplex and served grades 4 and 5. KIPP Foundation partnered with CPS for the operation of KIPP Youth Village and provided the school's unique curricular and educational model. At this time the KIPP Foundation believes that this school model is best suited to the charter school environment and has proposed to end this school partnership. Therefore, KIPP Youth Village is proposed to close at the end of the 2005-06 school year.

A racial impact analysis was conducted and determined that the proposed closing of KIPP Youth Village would have no significant impact on the racial composition and stability of the affected 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 KIPP Youth Village was convened on February 8, 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 close KIPP Youth Village in accordance with Section I.C of the Closing Policy 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.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:

Tenured teachers assigned to KIPP Youth Village 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:



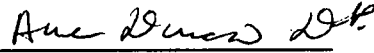
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