

WITHDRAWN DRAFT

08-0227-EX11

February 27, 2008

CONSOLIDATE ABBOTT ELEMENTARY INTO GRAHAM ELEMENTARY AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA FOR GRAHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year the Chicago Board of Education consolidate the Robert S. Abbott Elementary School (unit 3600, school ID 609947), located at 3630 South Wells Street, into Alexander Graham Elementary School (unit 3600, school ID 609947), located at 4436 South Union Avenue, and that the attendance area of Graham be adjusted to include the attendance area of Abbott. Students currently attending Abbott Elementary and not expected to graduate will be transferred to Graham.

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to the Board of Education's Policy on the Consolidation of Schools, 05-1221-PO1 ("the Policy"), and following a public hearing, the Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Public Schools ("CEO") may recommend to the Board the consolidation of schools for any of the reasons for such action stated in the Policy.

The Chief Executive Officer recommends that Abbott be consolidated due to reasons associated with space utilization. Pursuant to the Policy, a public hearing was convened on February 6, 2008 following the issuance of proper notice to receive public comment on the CEO's proposal. An independent hearing officer received comments and supporting documents at the hearing and meeting. The hearing officer has prepared a report including findings regarding the CEO's proposal. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO has determined to recommend that the Board consolidate Abbott into Graham at the end of the 2007-2008 school year and reassign Abbott's attendance area to Graham.

Adjust Attendance Area Boundary for Alexander Graham Elementary School (Unit #3600, School ID #609947)

Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at Racine Ave and 45th St
East to Halsted St
North to 43rd Pl
East to Union Ave
South to 44th St
East to Canal St
North to 43rd St
East to Shields Ave
South to 43rd Pl
East to Wentworth Ave
North to 43rd St
East to the Dan Ryan Expressway
South and southwest to 47th St
West to Wallace St
South to 49th St
West to Halsted St
North to 47th St
West to Racine Ave
North to the starting point

--AND--

Grades kindergarten through eighth:
Beginning at the Penn RR and 35th St
East to the CRI&P RR
South to the CJ RR
West to the Penn RR
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

Approved as to Legal Form:

Within Appropriation:

Patrick Rocks
General Counsel

Pedro Martinez
Chief Financial Officer