

**CONSOLIDATE IRVING PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL INTO MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL
AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA OF MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That, effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year, the Chicago Board of Education consolidate Irving Park Middle School (unit 4780, school ID 610069), located at 3815 North Kedvale Avenue, into Thurgood Marshall Middle School (unit 7520, school id 610321), located at 3900 North Lawndale Avenue, and that the attendance area of Marshall Middle be adjusted to include the attendance area of Irving Park Middle School. Students currently attending Irving Park Middle and not expected to graduate will be transferred to Marshall Middle.

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to the Board of Education's Policy on the Review and Establishment of School Attendance Boundaries, 05-0622-PO1, and Policy on the Consolidation of Schools, 05-1221-PO1, and following a public hearing, the Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Public Schools ("CEO") may recommend to the Board the consolidation of schools and/or the revision of school attendance boundaries for any of the reasons for such action stated in the Policies.

Pursuant to the Policy on the Review and Establishment of School Attendance Boundaries, a public hearing was convened on February 15, 2008, following the issuance of proper notice to receive public comment on the CEO's proposal to adjust the attendance area boundaries of Irving Park and Marshall Middle Schools over a period of two school years beginning in 2008-2009 due to reasons associated with space utilization. An independent hearing officer received oral and/or written comments and supporting documents at the hearing and kept the record open after the hearing to receive additional written comments or documentation. Transcripts of the public hearing have been provided to the Board. The hearing officer has prepared and submitted a report regarding the CEO's proposal in which the hearing officer recommends either the changing of the attendance boundaries or consolidation of Irving Park and Marshall Middle Schools. The procedures followed in regard to the proposal to adjust the attendance area boundaries of Irving Park and Marshall Middle Schools also satisfied the requirements of the Board's Policy on the Consolidation of Schools, 05-1221-PO1. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO has determined to recommend that the Board consolidate Irving Park Middle into Marshall Middle and reassign Irving Park Middle's attendance area to Marshall Middle at the end of the 2007-2008 school year. In making that recommendation, the CEO has considered the availability of space at Marshall Middle, which is in close proximity to Irving Park Middle, and also considered the physical condition of the Irving Park Middle School building and facilities and the potential for alternative use of the Irving Park Middle site.

Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of Marshall Middle School (#7520)

Grades 7-8 (Grades K-6 attend Falconer);
Beginning at Lockwood Avenue and Belmont Avenue
East to Laramie Avenue
North to Roscoe Street
East to Lavergne Avenue
North to Cornelia Avenue
East to Cicero Avenue
South to Roscoe Street
East to the C&NW Rail Road (at Kenton)
South to Diversey Avenue
West to Kilpatrick Avenue
North to George Street
West to Cicero Avenue

South to Wrightwood Avenue
West to Lavergne Avenue
North to Diversey Avenue
West to Laramie Avenue
North to Oakdale Avenue
West to Lockwood Avenue
North to Starting Point

--AND--

Grades 7-8 (Grades K-6 attend Barry);
Beginning at Cicero Ave and George St
East to Kilpatrick Ave
South to Diversey Ave
East to the C&NW RR (at Kenton Ave)
North to Belmont Ave
East to the CM&STP RR
Southeast to Wrightwood Ave
West to Kildare Ave
South to Fullerton Ave
West to Kenton Ave
North to Altgeld St
West to Cicero Ave
North to the starting point

--AND--

Grades 7-8 (Grades K-6 attend Henry);
Beginning at Ridgeway Ave and Berteau Ave
East to Lawndale Ave
North to Cullom Ave
East to Monticello Ave
North to Montrose Ave
East to Drake Ave
North to Sunnyside Ave
East to Spaulding Ave
North to Wilson Ave
East to Kedzie Ave
South to Montrose Ave
West to Sawyer Ave
South to Cullom Ave
West to Spaulding Ave
South to Irving Park Rd
West to Kimball Ave
North to Belle Plaine Ave
West to Ridgeway Ave
North to the starting point

--AND--

Grades 7-8 (Grades K-6 attend Murphy);
Beginning at Pulaski Rd and Irving Park Rd
East to Springfield Ave
North to Belle Plaine Ave
East to Hamlin Ave
North to Elston Ave
Southeast to Bell Plaine Ave
East to Kimball Ave
South to Elston Ave
Southeast to Addison St

West to Avondale Ave
Northwest to Pulaski Rd
North to the starting point

LSC REVIEW: LSC approval is not applicable to this report.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: None

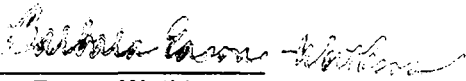
FINANCIAL: None

LSC IMPLICATIONS: Pursuant to the School Consolidation Policy, the Local School Council of Irving Park Middle School will be dissolved effective June 30, 2008, upon the consolidation of Irving Park and Marshall Middle Schools.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: The employment status of all faculty and staff members currently assigned to Irving Park Middle School will be determined pursuant to Board policies and any applicable collective bargaining agreements.

Approved for Consideration:

Approved:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer



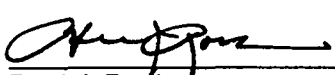
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:

Approved As to Legal Form: 



Pedro Martinez
Chief Financial Officer



Patrick Rocks
General Counsel