

**CLOSE GLADSTONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS OF  
SMYTH AND PLAMONDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That, effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year, the Chicago Board of Education close the William E. Gladstone Elementary School (unit 3540, school ID 609940), located at 1231 South Damen Avenue, and that the attendance areas of John M. Smyth Elementary School (unit 5970, school ID 610180), located at 1059 West 13th Street, and the Ambrose Plamondon Elementary School (unit 5450, school ID 610131), located at 2642 West 15th Place, be adjusted to include portions of the attendance area of Gladstone.

**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 Closing of Schools, 07-0523-PO2, and following a public hearing and community meeting, the Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Public Schools ("CEO") may recommend to the Board a school closing and revision of school attendance boundaries for any of the reasons for such action stated in the Policies.

Pursuant to the Policies, a public hearing was convened on Thursday, February 14, 2008, and a community meeting was convened on Saturday, February 17, 2008, following the issuance of proper notice to receive public comment on the CEO's proposal to close Gladstone and to adjust the attendance areas of Smyth and Plamondon due to the underutilization of those schools. An independent hearing officer received oral and/or written comments and supporting documents at the hearing and meeting and kept the record open after the hearing and meeting to receive additional written comments or documentation. Transcripts of the public hearing and community meeting have been provided to the Board. The hearing officer has prepared and submitted a report to the CEO regarding the CEO's proposal in which the hearing officer recommends the closing of Gladstone and the adjustment of the attendance areas of Smyth and Plamondon Elementary Schools. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO has determined to recommend that the Board close Gladstone at the end of the 2007-2008 school year and reassign Gladstone's attendance area to the Smyth and Plamondon elementary schools.

**Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of John M Smyth Elementary School (Unit # 5970)**

*Grades kindergarten through eighth:*

Beginning at Damen Ave and Roosevelt Rd  
East to Wood St  
North to the Eisenhower Expy  
East to Paulina St  
North to the Eisenhower Expy  
East to the south branch of the Chicago River  
South to 18th St  
West to Stewart Ave  
North to 16th St  
West to Racine Ave  
North to Hastings St  
West to Throop St  
North to 13th St  
West to Throop St  
North to Roosevelt Rd  
West to Loomis St  
South to Washbourne Ave

West to Laffin St  
North to Ashland Ave  
South to 15th St  
East to Laffin Ave  
South to 16th St  
West to Wolcott Ave  
North to the CB&Q RR  
Southwest to Damen Ave  
North to the starting point

**Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of Ambrose Plamondon Elementary School  
(Unit #5450)**

*Grades kindergarten through eighth:*

Beginning at Albany Ave and Roosevelt Rd  
East to California Blvd  
South to Ogden Ave  
Northeast to Oakley Ave and Roosevelt Rd  
East to Damen Ave  
South to the CB&Q RR  
Southwest to California Blvd  
North to 19th St  
West to Albany Ave  
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 Closing Policy, the Local School Council of Gladstone will be dissolved effective June 30, 2008, upon the closing of Gladstone

**PERSONNEL  
IMPLICATIONS:** All faculty and staff members currently assigned to Gladstone will be displaced at the end of the 2007-2008 school year in accordance with Board policies and any applicable collective bargaining agreements

**Approved for Consideration:**

**Approved:**



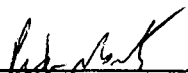
**Barbara Eason-Watkins  
Chief Education Officer**



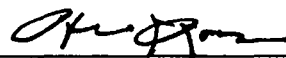
**Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer**

**Within Appropriation:**

**Approved as to Legal Form:** 



**Pedro Martinez  
Chief Financial Officer**



**Patrick Rocks  
General Counsel**