

August 27, 2008

CLOSE ENGLEWOOD ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Chicago Board of Education approve the closing of Englewood Academy High School ("Englewood"), Unit 1680, located at 6201 South Stewart Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60621, effective August 27, 2008.

DESCRIPTION:

In February 2005, the Board of Education approved attendance area boundary changes for Englewood that resulted in no new freshman classes at the school as of September 2005 due to academic reasons. Prior to that, a public hearing was convened on February 10, 2005, following proper notice, to receive public comment on the proposed change in Englewood's attendance area boundaries. An independent hearing officer received comments and supporting documentation at the hearing and prepared a report for the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"). After receipt of the report, the CEO recommended the change in Englewood's attendance boundaries.

In Fall of 2007, the Urban Prep Academy for Young Men charter school was relocated to the Englewood campus. In the Fall of 2007, the Board of Education also opened TEAM Englewood Community Academy, a Renaissance 2010 performance school, at the Englewood Campus.

As a result of the changes in Englewood's attendance boundaries, approximately 149 students were enrolled in Englewood for the 2007-2008 school year, and, of these, 139 graduated in June. The remaining ten students were placed in summer school. If any of those ten students fail to graduate this summer, a plan is in place to reassign them as may be necessary. Englewood is ready to complete the phase out process by closing effective August 27, 2008.

Pursuant to the Board of Education's Policy on the Closing of Schools, 07-0523-PO2, ("Closings Policy") it was determined that the proposed closing of Englewood would have no significant impact on the racial composition and stability of the affected schools.

PUBLIC HEARING:

In accordance with the Closings Policy, a public hearing on the proposed closing of Englewood was convened on July 29, 2008, following proper notice, to receive public comment. An independent hearing officer received comments and supporting documentation at the hearing. The hearing officer has prepared a report including findings regarding the proposal to close Englewood.

RECOMMENDATION:

Pursuant to the Closings Policy, the CEO may, following a public hearing, recommend to the Board the closing of schools for any of the reasons stated in the Closings Policy. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO has decided to recommend that the Board complete the phase out process and close Englewood due to academic reasons in accordance with Section II of the Closings Policy effective August 27, 2008. Upon the closing of Englewood, unit 1680, the Englewood campus will remain open and continue to house Urban Prep Academy for Young Men and TEAM Englewood Community Academy.

LSC IMPLICATIONS:

There is currently no Local School Council for Englewood.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:

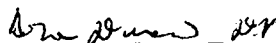
Tenured teachers at Englewood become reassigned teachers pursuant to the Board's policy, "Reassignment and Layoff of Regularly Certified and Appointed Tenured Teachers," 04-0623-PO5. Other personnel have been or will be reassigned or laid off in accordance with Board rules, policies and applicable collective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

Approved for Consideration:



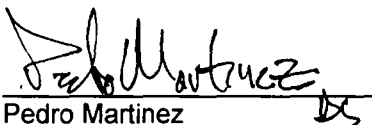
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