

**CONSOLIDATE MEDILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INTO SMYTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND
ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA FOR SMYTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2009, the Chicago Board of Education consolidate Medill Elementary School (unit 4810, school ID 610071) ("Medill"), located at 1301 West 14th Street, into Smyth Elementary School (unit 5970, school ID 610180) ("Smyth"), located at 1059 West 13th Street and adjust the Smyth attendance area. Students currently attending Medill and not expected to graduate at the end of the current school year will be transferred to Smyth.

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.

Pursuant to the Policy, a public hearing was convened on February 2, 2009 following the issuance of proper notice to receive public comment on the CEO's proposal to consolidate Medill into Smyth and to adjust the attendance area of Smyth due to the underutilization of Medill. An independent hearing officer received 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 prepared a report including findings regarding the CEO's proposal in which the hearing officer recommended that the Board consolidate Medill into Smyth and reassign Medill's attendance area to Smyth. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO determined to proceed in recommending that the Board consolidate Medill into Smyth effective June 30, 2009 and reassign Medill's attendance area to Smyth as described below. In making that recommendation, the CEO considered the availability of space at Smyth, which is in close proximity to Medill.

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundaries for Smyth Elementary School
(Unit 5970, School ID 610180)**

Effective July 1, 2009, Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at Damen Ave and Roosevelt Rd
East to Wood St
North to Congress PKWY
East to Paulina St
North to Eisenhower EXPY
East to South Branch Chicago River
South to 18th St
West to Stewart St
North to 16th St
West to Wolcott Av
North to CBNQRR
Southwest to Damen Av
North to the starting point

FINANCIAL: No additional cost to the Chicago Public Schools

LSC IMPLICATIONS: Pursuant to the School Consolidation Policy, Medill's Local School Council will be dissolved June 30, 2009 upon the consolidation of Medill and Smyth.

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:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Approved:



Ron Huberman
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



Pedro Martinez
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: *mm*



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