

**CLOSE SOUTH CHICAGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL****THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That effective June 30, 2009, the Chicago Board of Education close South Chicago Elementary School (unit 7090, school ID 610286) ("South Chicago"), located at 8255 South Houston Avenue, and that the students currently attending South Chicago return to their attendance area schools.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Pursuant to the Board of Education's Policy on the Closing of Schools, 07-0523-PO2 ("the Policy"), and following a public hearing and community meeting, the Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Public Schools ("CEO") may recommend to the Board the closing of schools for any of the reasons for such action stated in the Policy.

Pursuant to the Policy, a public hearing was convened on January 29, 2009, and a community meeting was convened on February 11, 2009, following the issuance of proper notice to receive public comment on the CEO's proposal to close South Chicago due to reasons associated with space utilization. An independent hearing officer received comments and supporting documents at the hearing and meeting and kept the record open after the 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 regarding the CEO's proposal in which the hearing officer recommends the closing of South Chicago. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO has determined to recommend that the Board close South Chicago effective June 30, 2009.

**FINANCIAL:** No additional cost to the Chicago Public Schools

**LSC IMPLICATIONS:** Pursuant to the School Closing Policy, South Chicago's Local School Council will be dissolved effective June 30, 2009 upon the closing of South Chicago.

**PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:** All faculty and staff members currently assigned to South Chicago will be displaced at the end of the 2008-09 school year in accordance with Board policies and any applicable collective bargaining agreements.

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