

ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS OF LATHROP, LAWDALE AND JOHNSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND CHANGE THE GRADE STRUCTURE OF LATHROP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective July 1, 2009, the attendance areas of Julia C. Lathrop Elementary School (unit 6750, school ID 610253) ("Lathrop"), located at 1440 South Christiana Avenue, Lawndale Community Academy (unit 4430, school ID 610034) ("Lawndale"), located at 3500 West Douglas Boulevard, and James Weldon Johnson Elementary School (unit 6940, school ID 610274) ("Johnson"), located at 1420 South Albany Avenue, be adjusted and changed and that the grade structure of Lathrop be changed as described below.

DESCRIPTION:

Currently, Lathrop serves kindergarten through eighth grade in addition to offering pre-kindergarten programs. Effective July 1, 2009, Lathrop will decrease its grade structure to serve grades first through eighth and, thereafter, Lathrop will decrease its grade offering by one grade per year (second through eighth). Students not yet enrolled in kindergarten who reside within the current Lathrop attendance area will be assigned to Lawndale or Johnson as of the 2009-2010 school year.

Pursuant to the Board of Education's Policy on the Review and Establishment of School Attendance Boundaries, 05-0622-PO1, 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 adjust the attendance area boundaries of Lathrop, Lawndale and Johnson and to adjust the grade structure of Lathrop due to reasons associated with space utilization. An independent hearing officer received comments and supporting documents at the hearing and kept the record open after the meeting 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 the adjustment of the attendance area boundaries of Lathrop, Lawndale, and Johnson elementary schools and the adjustment of the grade structure of Lathrop. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO has determined to recommend that the Board approve the attendance area and grade structure adjustments effective July 1, 2009 and reassign Lathrop's attendance area to the Lawndale and Johnson one grade per year from the 2009-2010 to the 2016-2017 school years.

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundaries of Julia C Lathrop Elementary School
(Unit #6750, School ID 610253)**

Effective July 1, 2009, Grades first through eighth:

July 1, 2010, Grades second through eighth:

July 1, 2011, Grades third through eighth:

July 1, 2012, Grades fourth through eighth:

July 1, 2013, Grades fifth through eighth:

July 1, 2014, Grades sixth through eighth:

July 1, 2015, Grades seventh through eighth:

July 1, 2016, Grade eight

Beginning at St. Louis Av and Douglas Blvd
East to Christiana Av
North to Roosevelt Rd
East to Kedzie Av
South to 15th Street
West to Trumbull Av
South to 16th Street
West to St. Louis Av
North to the starting point

**Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of Lawndale Community Academy
(Unit #4430, School ID 610034)**

Grades kindergarten through eighth (pre-existing):

Beginning at Central Park Ave and the Belt RR
East to Homan Av
South to Fillmore St
East to Kedzie Av
South to Roosevelt Rd
West to Christiana Av
South to Douglas Blvd
West to Central Park Av
North to the starting point

Effective July 1, 2009, Grade kindergarten:
July 1, 2010, Grades kindergarten through first:
July 1, 2011, Grades kindergarten through second:
July 1, 2012, Grades kindergarten through third:
July 1, 2013, Grades kindergarten through fourth:
July 1, 2014, Grades kindergarten through fifth:
July 1, 2015, Grades kindergarten through sixth:
July 1, 2016, Grades kindergarten through seventh:
July 1, 2017, Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at Christiana Av and Roosevelt Rd
East to Kedzie Av
South to Douglas Blvd
West to Christiana
North to Starting Point

**Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of James Weldon Johnson Elementary School
(Unit#6940, School ID 610274)**

Grades kindergarten through eighth (pre-existing):

Beginning at Trumbull Av and 15th Street
East to Kedzie Av
North to Fillmore Av
East to Whipple Av
South to Roosevelt Rd
West to Albany Av
South to 16th Street
West to Trumbull Av
North to the starting point

Effective July 1, 2009, Grade kindergarten:
July 1, 2010, Grades kindergarten through first:
July 1, 2011, Grades kindergarten through second:
July 1, 2012, Grades kindergarten through third:
July 1, 2013, Grades kindergarten through fourth:
July 1, 2014, Grades kindergarten through fifth:
July 1, 2015, Grades kindergarten through sixth:
July 1, 2016, Grades kindergarten through seventh:
July 1, 2017, Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Starting at St. Louis Av and Douglas Blvd
East to Kedzie Av
South to 15th Street
West to Trumbull Av
South to 16th Street
West to St. Louis Av
North to starting point

FINANCIAL: No additional cost to the Chicago Public Schools

LSC IMPLICATIONS: None

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: The employment status of all faculty and staff members currently assigned to Lathrop will be determined pursuant to the CPS staffing formulas, Board Policies and any applicable collective bargaining agreements.

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:



Patrick Rocks
General Counsel

