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February 24, 2010

**CLOSE WILLIAM H. PRESCOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS  
FOR LOUIS A. AGASSIZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND  
AUGUSTUS H. BURLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That effective June 30, 2010, the Chicago Board of Education close William H. Prescott Elementary School (Unit 5500, School ID 610136), ("Prescott School") located at 1632 West Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and that the students currently attending Prescott School attend either Louis A. Agassiz Elementary School (Unit 2030, School ID 609773), ("Agassiz School") located at 2851 North Seminary Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, or Augustus H. Burley Elementary School (Unit 2470, School ID 609820), ("Burley School") located at 1630 West Barry Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

**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.

Beginning January 19, 2010, the CEO's designee published a notice of a public hearing regarding his proposal to close Prescott School due to under-enrollment and reassign the school's attendance area to Agassiz School and Burley School. The public hearing was scheduled for February 3, 2010 at 8:00 pm. at 125 South Clark Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Board Chambers, Chicago, Illinois.

On January 27, 2010, members of the public were afforded an opportunity to provide public comment to the members of the Board at the Board's regular January 27, 2010 meeting, which was held pursuant to a published notice.

On February 3, 2010, the CEO, through his appointed Hearing Officer, Ed Santiago, Esq., convened the public hearing to receive public comment on his proposal. Oral and written comments were received from those members of the public who wished to comment. The record of the public hearing was left open until February 4, 2010, at 5:00 p.m., to receive any additional comments that members of the public wished to submit in writing to the hearing officer.

Hearing Officer Santiago issued a report and recommendation to the CEO in which he recommended that the CEO proceed with his proposal to close Prescott School and reassign Prescott School's attendance area to Agassiz School and Burley School.

On February 24, 2010, members of the public were afforded an opportunity to provide public comment to members of the Board at the Board's regular February 24, 2010 meeting, which was held pursuant to a published notice.

After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO has determined to recommend that the Board close Prescott School effective July 1, 2010 and reassign Prescott School's attendance area to Agassiz School and Burley School, as described below. In making that recommendation, the CEO considered the availability of space at Agassiz School and Burley School, which are in close proximity to Prescott School.

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundaries of Agassiz School**  
(Unit 2030, School ID 609773)

*Grades kindergarten through eighth:*

- Beginning at Damen Ave. and Diversey Parkway
- East to Lakewood Ave,

- North to Barry Ave.
- East to Racine Ave.
- North to Belmont Ave.
- East to Halsted St.
- South to Clark St.
- Southeast to Wellington Ave.
- West to Mildred Ave.
- South to Diversey Parkway
- West to Sheffield Ave.
- South to Wrightwood Ave.
- West to Wayne Ave.
- South to Altgeld St.
- West to Janssen Ave.
- South to Fullerton Ave.
- West to the north branch of the Chicago River
- Northwest to Damen Ave.
- North to the starting point

**Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of Burley School**  
(Unit 2470, School ID 609820)

*Grades kindergarten through eighth:*

- Beginning at Ravenswood Ave. and School St.
- East to Racine Ave.
- South to Barry Ave.
- West to Lakewood Ave.
- South to Diversey Parkway
- West to the CMSTP&P RR (at Ravenswood Ave.)
- North to Wellington Ave.
- East to Ravenswood Ave.
- North to Belmont Ave.
- West to Ravenswood Ave.
- North to the starting point

**FINANCIAL:** None.

**LSC IMPLICATIONS:** Pursuant to the School Closing Policy, Prescott School's appointed Local School Council will be dissolved effective June 30, 2010 upon the closing of Prescott School.

**PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:** All faculty and staff members currently assigned to Prescott School will be displaced at the end of the 2009–10 school year in accordance with Board policies and any applicable collective bargaining agreements.

Approved for Consideration:

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Within Appropriation:

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