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RELOCATE GEORGE W. TILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CONSOLIDATE GUGLIELMO MARCONI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INTO GEORGE W. TILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA FOR THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2010, the Chicago Board of Education will (1) relocate George W. Tilton Elementary School (Unit 6210, School ID 610202) ("Tilton School"), located at 223 North Keeler Avenue, Chicago, Illinois to 230 North Kolmar Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; (2) consolidate Guglielmo Marconi Elementary School (Unit 6590, School ID 610241) ("Marconi School"), located at 230 North Kolmar Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, into Tilton School at 230 North Kolmar Avenue, Chicago, Illinois ("Kolmar Building"); and adjust the attendance area for the consolidated school. Students currently attending Marconi School and not expected to graduate at the end of the current school year will be transferred to Tilton School.

The Chief Executive Officer's proposal to establish the newly consolidated school as a magnet school effective July 1, 2010 will be presented to the Board in a separate Board Report.

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to the Board of Education's Policy on the Review and Establishment of School Attendance Boundaries, 05-0622-PO1, and the Board of Education's Policy on the Consolidation of Schools, 05-1221-PO1, the Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Public Schools ("CEO") may recommend to the Board of Education, following a public hearing, changes to attendance area boundaries and the consolidation of schools.

Beginning January 19, 2010, the CEO's designee provided notice of a public hearing regarding his proposal to (1) relocate Tilton School into the Kolmar Building; (2) consolidate Marconi School into Tilton School at the Kolmar Building due to under-enrollment; and (3), establish the newly consolidated school as a magnet school with an attendance area boundary that combines the attendance area boundaries formerly belonging to Tilton School and Marconi School. The public hearing was scheduled for February 3, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at 125 South Clark Street, 5th 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 a public hearing to receive public comment on his three-part proposal outlined above. 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 (1) relocate Tilton School into the Kolmar Building; (2) consolidate Marconi School into Tilton School at the Kolmar Building due to under-enrollment; and (3), establish the newly consolidated school as a magnet school with an attendance area boundary that combines the attendance area boundaries formerly belonging to Tilton School and Marconi 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 reviewing public comments and the hearing officer's report, the CEO determined to proceed in recommending that the Board (1) relocate Tilton School into the Kolmar Building; (2) consolidate Marconi School into Tilton School at the Kolmar Building due to under-enrollment; and establish the newly consolidated school's attendance area boundary that combines the attendance area boundaries formerly belonging to Tilton School and Marconi School as described below. In making these recommendations, the CEO considered the availability of space at the Kolmar building, which is in close proximity to the current Tilton School building. These changes are to be effective July 1, 2010.

Adjust Attendance Area Boundaries for Tilton School
(Unit 6210, School ID 610202)

Effective July 1, 2010, Kindergarten through Eighth Grade:

Beginning at Kilpatrick Avenue and Lake Street

- East to Belt RR (at Kenton Avenue)
- North to the Union Pacific RR
- East to Pulaski Road
- South to Lake Street
- Southeast to Hamlin Boulevard
- South to Madison Street
- West to Pulaski Road
- South to Monroe Street
- West to Keeler Avenue
- North to Madison Street
- West to Kildare Avenue
- North to Washington Boulevard
- West to Kilpatrick Avenue
- North to Starting Point

FINANCIAL: None.

LSC IMPLICATIONS: Pursuant to the School Consolidation Policy, the Local School Council at Marconi School will be dissolved July 1, 2010 upon the consolidation of Marconi School and Tilton School. Local School Council elections are being held in April 2010. Those eligible to run for election at Tilton and those eligible to run at Marconi may run in April 2010 for the Local School Council for the newly consolidated school.

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:

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Chief Education Officer

Within Appropriation:

Diana S. Ferguson
Chief Financial Officer

Approved:

Ron Huberman
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to legal form:

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