

February 24, 2010

**CONSOLIDATE HELEN J. MCCORKLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INTO LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA FOR  
BEETHOVEN SCHOOL**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That effective June 30, 2010, the Chicago Board of Education consolidates Helen J. McCorkle Elementary School (Unit 6820, School ID 610260) ("McCorkle School"), located at 4421 S. State Street, Chicago, Illinois, into Ludwig Van Beethoven Elementary School (Unit 6540, School ID 610237) ("Beethoven School"), located at 25 West 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois, and adjust the Beethoven School attendance area. Students currently attending McCorkle School and not expected to graduate at the end of the current school year will be transferred to Beethoven School.

**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 published a notice of a public hearing regarding his proposal to consolidate McCorkle School and Beethoven School and to adjust the attendance area of Beethoven School due to the poor condition of the McCorkle School building. The public hearing was scheduled for January 29, 2010 at 5:30 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 January 29, 2010, the CEO, through his appointed Hearing Officer, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Esq., convened the public hearing to receive public comment on his proposal to consolidate McCorkle School and Beethoven School. 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 January 30, 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 Fitzpatrick issued a report including findings regarding the CEO's proposal in which Hearing Officer Fitzpatrick recommended that the CEO proceed with his proposal to consolidate McCorkle School and Beethoven School and reassign McCorkle School's attendance area to Beethoven 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 determined to proceed in recommending that the Board consolidate McCorkle School into Beethoven School effective June 30, 2009 and reassign McCorkle School's attendance area to Beethoven School as described below. In making that recommendation, the CEO considered the availability of space at Beethoven School, which is in close proximity to McCorkle School.

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundaries for Beethoven School**  
(Unit 6540, School ID 610237)

Effective July 1, 2010, kindergarten through eighth grade:

Beginning at the Dan Ryan Expressway and 43rd St.

- East to State St.
- North to 42nd St.
- East to Prairie Ave.
- South to 43rd St.
- West to Indiana Ave.
- South to 45th St.
- West to State St.
- South to 49th St.
- East to Wabash Ave.
- South to 51st St.
- East to Michigan Ave.
- South to Garfield Blvd.

West to the Dan Ryan Expressway

- North to the starting point

**FINANCIAL:** None.

**LSC IMPLICATIONS:** Pursuant to the School Consolidation Policy, the Local School Council at McCorkle School will be dissolved June 30, 2010 upon the consolidation of McCorkle School and Beethoven School. Local School Council elections are being held in April 2010. Those eligible to run for and vote in the election at McCorkle School and those eligible to run for and vote in the election at Beethoven School may run and vote in the April 2010 election 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.

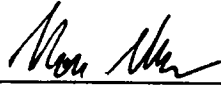
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**Barbara Eason-Watkins**  
Chief Education Officer

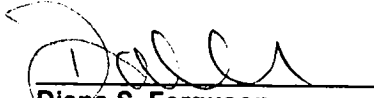
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**Ron Huberman**  
Chief Executive Officer

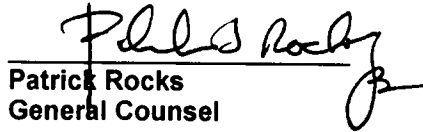
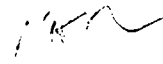
**Within Appropriation:**



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**Diana S. Ferguson**  
Chief Financial Officer

**Approved as to legal form:**



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**Patrick Rocks**  
General Counsel