CONSOLIDATE PHILO CARPENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INTO MANCEL TALCOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2011, the Board of Education approve the consolidation of Philo Carpenter Elementary School ("Carpenter School") (School ID 609838), located at 1250 West Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois, into Mancel Talcott Elementary School ("Talcott School") (School ID 610197), located at 1840 West Ohio Street.

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to 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.

On or about March 23, 2011, the CEO's designee sent notice of a public hearing to all interested parties regarding his proposal to consolidate Carpenter School into Talcott School. The public hearing was held on April 8, 2011 at 5:30 pm at 125 South Clark Street, 5th floor, Board Chambers, Chicago, Illinois

On April 8, 2011, the CEO, through his appointed Hearing Officer, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Esq., convened the public hearing to receive public comment on his proposal to consolidate Carpenter School and Talcott 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 April 11, 2011, until 5 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 she recommended that the CEO proceed with his proposal to consolidate Carpenter School into Talcott School.

After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO determined to proceed in recommending that the Board consolidate Carpenter School into Talcott School effective June 30, 2011.

Upon the consolidation of Carpenter School into Talcott School all returning non-cluster program special education Carpenter students will be assigned to the nearby Talcott School. All Carpenter cluster program special education students will be reassigned to schools with special education cluster programs that meet special program needs of these students. Students attending Carpenter School will be provided the option to transfer to Ogden School.

FINANCIAL: Will be addressed during the development of the 2011-2012 fiscal budget.

LSC IMPLICATIONS: Pursuant to the Board of Education's Policy on the Consolidation of Schools, the Local School Council at Carpenter School will be dissolved on June 30, 2011 upon the consolidation of Carpenter School into Talcott School.

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

Approved for Consideration:

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Jose Alvarez School Relations Officer

Within Appropriation:

Diana S. Ferguson Chief Financial Officer Approved:

Terry Mazany/ Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to legal form:

Patrick Rocks General Counsel