CONSOLIDATE GEORGE SCHNEIDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INTO FRIEDRICH LUDWIG JAHN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS FOR BOTH SCHOOLS

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2011, the Board of Education approve the consolidation of George Schneider Elementary School ("Schneider School") (School ID 610164), located at 2957 North Hoyne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, into Friedrich Ludwig Jahn Elementary School ("Jahn School") (School ID 610010), located at 3149 North Wolcott Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and adjust the attendance areas of both schools.

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.

Prior to July 1, 2010, Schneider School had served grades kindergarten through eighth grade. Due to low space utilization, the CEO recommended an attendance area change for the Schneider School to gradually reduce its grade levels. Effective July 1, 2010, Schneider School stopped accepting incoming kindergarten students (Board Report 10-0224-EX12).

On or about March 23, 2011, the CEO sent notice to all interested parties of a public hearing regarding his proposal to consolidate Schneider School into Jahn School and to adjust the attendance areas of both schools. The public hearing was held on April 8, 2011 at 8:00 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 Schneider School and Jahn 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 Monday April 11, 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 Schneider School into Jahn School and reassign Schneider School's attendance are to Jahn School.

After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO determined to proceed in recommending that the Board consolidate Schneider School into Jahn School effective June 30, 2011 and reassign Schneider School's attendance area to Jahn School as described below.

Upon the consolidation of Schneider School into Jahn School, all returning Schneider School students will be assigned to Jahn School.

Adjust Attendance Area Boundaries for Jahn School

(School ID 610010)

Effective July 1, 2011, kindergarten through eighth grade:

Beginning at Western Ave. and Belmont Ave. East to Damen Ave. North to Henderson St. East to Ravenswood Ave. South to Belmont Ave. East to Ravenswood Ave.
South to Wellington Ave.
West to the CMSTP&P RR (at Ravenswood Ave.)
South to Diversey Pkwy.
West to Damen Ave.
South to the north branch of the Chicago River
Northwest to Western Ave.
North to the starting point.

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 Schneider School will be dissolved June 30, 2011 upon the consolidation of Schneider School into Jahn 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:

Approved:

Jose Alvarez

School Relations Officer

Terry Mazany Chief Executive officer

Within Appropriation:

Approved as to legal form:

Chief Financial Officer General Counsel