

**CLOSE JULIA C. LATHROP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS OF LAWNSDALE COMMUNITY ACADEMY AND
JAMES WELDON JOHNSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2012, the Chicago Board of Education close Julia C. Lathrop Elementary School (School ID 610253) ("Lathrop"), located at 1440 South Christian Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for reasons associated with the Board's prior school phase-out authorization (09-0225-EX32), reassign returning Lathrop students to James Weldon Johnson Elementary School (School ID 610274) ("Johnson"), located at 1420 South Albany Avenue, and that the attendance areas of Lawndale Community Academy (School ID 610034) ("Lawndale"), located at 3500 West Douglas Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, and Johnson be adjusted to include portions of Lathrop's attendance area.

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to Public Act 097-0474 ("Public Act"), the Chief Executive Officer's Guidelines for School Actions, and Board of Education's Policy on the Review and Establishment of School Attendance Boundaries, 05-0622-PO1, the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of the Chicago Public Schools may recommend to the Board the closing of schools and the adjustment of school attendance boundaries.

Pursuant to the Public Act's requirements, two community meetings were convened on January 6, 2012 and January 20, 2012 at Collins High School, located at 1313 South Sacramento Drive, Chicago, Illinois, and a public hearing was convened on January 27, 2012 at 125 South Clark Street, 5th floor, Chicago, Illinois, following the issuance of proper notice. An independent hearing officer received oral and written comments and supporting documents at the hearing and kept the record open after the meeting to receive additional written comments or documentation. A transcript of the hearing and summaries of the meetings have been provided to the Board. The hearing officer reported that the CEO's proposal met the requirements of the Public Act and summarized comments and written documentation received. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO has decided to recommend that the Board close Lathrop effective June 30, 2012, reassign Lathrop's returning students to Johnson, and assign portions of Lathrop's attendance area to Lawndale and Johnson.

**Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of Lawndale Community Academy School
(School ID# 610034)**

3500 West Douglas Boulevard

Effective June 30, 2012, for grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at Central Park Ave and the Belt Railroad
East to Homan Avenue
South to Fillmore Avenue
East to Kedzie Avenue
South to Douglas Boulevard
West to Central Park Avenue
North to the starting point

**Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of James Weldon Johnson School
(School ID# 610274)**

1420 South Albany Avenue

Effective June 30, 2012, for grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at St. Louis Ave and Douglas Boulevard

East to Kedzie Avenue

North to Fillmore Street

East to Whipple Street

South to Roosevelt Road

West to Albany Avenue

South to 16th Street

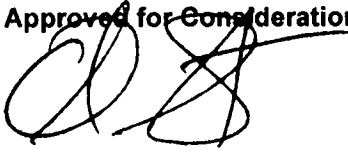
West to St. Louis Avenue

North to the starting point

LSC IMPLICATIONS: Lathrop's Local School Council will be dissolved effective June 30, 2012 upon the closing of Lathrop.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: All faculty and staff members currently assigned to Lathrop will be displaced at the end of the 2011-2012 school year in accordance with Board policies and any collective bargaining agreements.

Approved for Consideration:



Oliver Sicat
Chief Portfolio Officer

Approved:



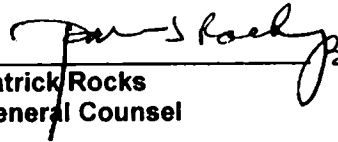
Jean-Claude Brizard
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



David Watkins
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Patrick Rocks
General Counsel