

**CLOSE MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS OF JOHN MILTON GREGORY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
AND JENSEN ELEMENTARY SCHOLASTIC ACADEMY**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School (School ID 610365) ("Bethune"), located at 3030 West Arthington Street, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning Bethune students to John Milton Gregory Elementary School (School ID 609954) ("Gregory"), located at 3715 West Polk Street, Chicago, Illinois, and that the attendance areas of Gregory and Jensen Elementary Scholastic Academy (School ID 610271) ("Jensen"), located at 3030 West Harrison Street, Chicago, Illinois, be adjusted to include the Bethune attendance area.

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to the Illinois School Code Sections 34-200 through 34-232, the Chief Executive Officer's Guidelines for School Actions, and the 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 the closing of schools and the adjustment of school attendance boundaries.

Pursuant to legal requirements, two community meetings were convened on April 8, 2013, and April 11, 2013, at Manley High School, located at 2935 West Polk Street, Chicago, Illinois, and a public hearing was convened on April 25, 2013, at 125 South Clark Street, 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 community meetings have been provided to the Board. The hearing officer reported that the CEO's proposal met the requirements of the law and summarized comments and written documentation received. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO has decided to recommend that the Board close Bethune effective June 30, 2013, reassign Bethune's returning students to Gregory, and assign Bethune's attendance area to Gregory and Jensen.

Further, pursuant to the Board of Education's Policy on the Review and Establishment of School Attendance Boundaries, 05-0622-PO1, an additional public hearing was held to discuss the attendance area boundary change. The meeting was held on May 14, 2013, at Manley High School, located at 2935 West Polk Street, Chicago, Illinois.

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of John Milton Gregory Elementary School
(School ID 609954)**

3715 West Polk Street, Chicago, Illinois

Effective June 30, 2013, for grades Kindergarten through eighth;

Beginning at Pulaski Rd and Arthington St

East to Springfield Ave

North to Harrison St

East to Hamlin Blvd

North to the Eisenhower Expwy

East to Kedzie Ave

South to Fillmore St

West to Homan Ave

North to the B&Q CT RR

West to Pulaski Rd

North to the starting point

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Jensen Elementary Scholastic Academy
(School ID 610271)**

3030 West Harrison Street, Chicago, Illinois
Effective June 30, 2013, for grades Kindergarten through eighth;

Beginning at the Eisenhower Expy and Kedzie Ave
East to Western Ave
South to Roosevelt Rd
West to Washenaw Ave
North to Taylor St
West to Francisco Ave
South to Roosevelt Rd
West to Whipple St
North to Filmore St
West to Kedzie Ave
North to the starting point

LSC IMPLICATIONS: Bethune's Local School Council will be dissolved effective June 30, 2013, upon the closing of Bethune.

FINANCIAL: The financial implications associated with this school action will be addressed during the development of the fiscal year 2014 budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY13 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

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 Board policies and any collective bargaining agreements.

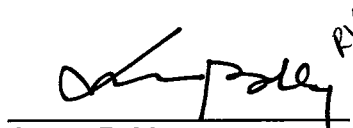
Approved for Consideration:

Respectfully Submitted:


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