

**CLOSE ANA WENDELL BONTEMPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA OF NICHOLSON TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Ana Wendell Bontemps Elementary School (School ID 610161) ("Bontemps"), located at 1241 West 58th Street, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning Bontemps students to Nicholson Technology Academy (School ID 609793) ("Nicholson"), located at 6006 South Peoria Street, Chicago, Illinois, and that the attendance area of Nicholson be adjusted to include the Bontemps 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 9, 2013, and April 13, 2013, at Harper High School, located at 6520 South Wood Street, Chicago, Illinois, and a public hearing was convened on April 18, 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 Bontemps effective June 30, 2013, reassign Bontemps' returning students to Nicholson, and assign Bontemps' attendance area to Nicholson.

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Nicholson Technology Academy
(School ID 609793)**

6006 South Peoria Street, Chicago, Illinois

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

Beginning at Justine St and 56th St
 East to Throop St
 North to Garfield Blvd
 East to Racine Ave
 South to 57th St
 East to Aberdeen St
 South to 58th St
 East to Wallace St
 South to 59th St
 East to the Dan Ryan Expy
 South to 61st St
 West to Stewart Ave
 South to 62nd St
 West to Normal Blvd
 South to 63rd St
 West to Union Ave

North to Halsted Pkwy
West to Halsted St
South to 63rd St
West to Racine Ave
North to 59th St
West to Loomis Blvd
North to 58th St
West to Justine St
North to the starting point

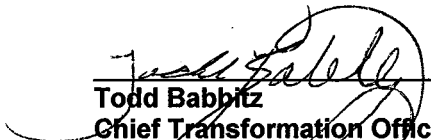
LSC IMPLICATIONS: Bontemps' Local School Council will be dissolved effective June 30, 2013, upon the closing of Bontemps.

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.

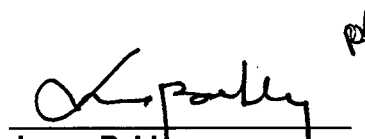
Approved for Consideration:

Respectfully Submitted:


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