

CLOSE MIRIAM G. CANTER MIDDLE SCHOOL**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That effective June 30, 2014, the Chicago Board of Education close Miriam G. Canter Middle School (School ID 610018) ("Canter"), located at 4959 South Blackstone, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons.

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 12, 2013, at Kenwood High School, located at 5015 South Blackstone Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and a public hearing was convened on April 17, 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 Canter effective June 30, 2014.

Further, pursuant to the Board of Education's Policy on the Review and Establishment of School Attendance Boundaries, 05-0622-PO1, an additional community meeting was held to discuss the attendance area boundary change. The meeting was held on May 13, 2013, at Kenwood High School, located at 5015 South Blackstone, Chicago, Illinois.

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Bret Harte Elementary School
(School ID 609969)**

1556 East 56th Street, Chicago, Illinois

Effective June 30, 2014, for grades Kindergarten through eighth;

Beginning at Lake Park Ave and Hyde Park Blvd
East to Lake Michigan
South to 67th St
West to Stony Island Ave
North to 59th St
West to Harper Ave
North to 56th St
East to Lake Park Ave
North to the starting point

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of William H. Ray Elementary School
(School ID 610142)**

5631 South Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

Effective June 30, 2014, for grades Kindergarten through eighth;

Beginning at Cottage Grove Ave and 55th St
East to University Ave
North to 54th St

East to Woodlawn Ave
North to 53rd St
East to Lake Park Ave
South to 56th St
West to Harper Ave
South to 59th St
East to Stony Island Ave
South to 60th St
West to Cottage Grove Ave
North to the starting point

-AND-

Effective June 30, 2014, for seventh and eighth grade;

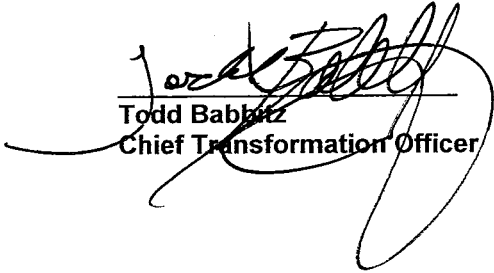
Beginning at Greenwood Ave and 47th St
East to 47th Dr
Northeast to Lake Michigan
Southeast to Hyde Park Blvd
West to Lake Park Ave
South to 53rd St
West to Woodlawn Ave
North to Hyde Park Blvd
West to Greenwood Ave
North to the starting point

LSC IMPLICATIONS: Canter's Local School Council will be dissolved effective June 30, 2014, upon the closing of Canter.

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:



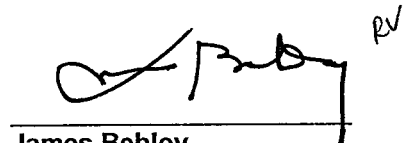
Todd Babletz
Chief Transformation Officer

Respectfully Submitted:



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Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to legal form:



James Bebley
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