

**CLOSE EDWARD C. DELANO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS OF GENEVIEVE MELODY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND
HELEN M. HEFFERAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
AND RELOCATE GENEVIEVE MELODY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO
THE 3937 WEST WILCOX STREET FACILITY**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Edward C. Delano Elementary School (School ID 609881) ("Delano"), located at 3937 West Wilcox Street, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning Delano students to Genevieve Melody Elementary School (School ID 610293) ("Melody"), located at 412 South Keeler Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, adjust the attendance area of Melody to include the Delano attendance area, adjust the attendance area of Helen M. Hefferan Elementary School (School ID 609985) ("Hefferan"), located at 4409 West Wilcox Street, Chicago, Illinois, to include a portion of the Melody attendance area, and relocate Melody to the site of the former Delano school.

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to the Illinois School Code Sections 34-200 through 34-232, the Chief Executive Officer's Guidelines for School Actions ("Guidelines"), 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 10, 2013, and April 15, 2013, at Raby High School, located at 3545 West Fulton Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, and a public hearing was convened on April 29, 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 summarized comments and written documentation received, but did not report whether the CEO's proposal met the requirements of the law. The hearing officer's report notes that the draft transition plan did not adequately address the academic performance of Delano and Melody. The law requires that the CEO include a draft transition plan identifying supports for affected students with the notice of a proposal for a school action, which the CEO has done. The law states that the CEO prepares and implements a transition plan after the Board approves a school action. The CEO has considered the hearing officer's report and the feedback received throughout the public engagement process and has updated the draft transition plan accordingly.

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.

After receiving the hearing officer's report and holding the boundary change hearing, the CEO has decided to recommend that the Board close Delano effective June 30, 2013, reassign Delano's returning students to Melody, assign Delano's attendance area to Melody, assign a portion of Melody's attendance area to Hefferan, and relocate Melody to 3937 West Wilcox Street.

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Genevieve Melody Elementary School
(School ID 610293)**

Current location: 412 South Keeler Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

New location: 3937 West Wilcox Street, Chicago Illinois

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

Beginning at Karlov Ave and Monroe St
East to Pulaski Rd
North to Madison St
East to Hamlin Blvd
South to the Eisenhower Expy
West to Kildare Ave
North to Gladys Ave
East to Pulaski Rd
North to Adams St
West to Karlove Ave
North to the starting point

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Helen M. Hefferan Elementary School
(School ID 609985)**

4409 West Wilcox Street, Chicago, Illinois

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

Beginning at Kilpatrick Ave and Washington Blvd
East to Kildare Ave
South to Madison St
East to Keeler Ave
South to Monroe St
East to Karlov Ave
South to Adams St
East to Pulaski Rd
South to Gladys Ave
West to Kildare Ave
South to the Eisenhower Expy
West to Kostner Ave
North to Harrison St
Southwest to Kilbourn Ave
North to Gladys Ave
West to Kolmar Ave
North to Jackson Blvd
West to Kenton Ave
North to Adams St
West to Kilpatrick Ave
North to the starting point

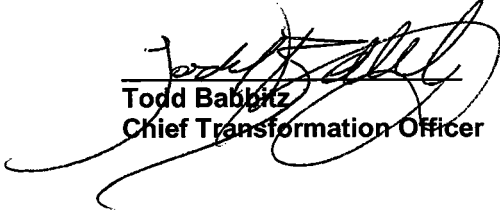
LSC IMPLICATIONS: Delano's Local School Council will be dissolved effective June 30, 2013, upon the closing of Delano.

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:

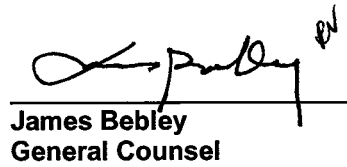


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