CLOSE ROBERT EMMET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS OF OSCAR DEPRIEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND EDWARD K. ELLINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Robert Emmet Elementary School (School ID 609906) ("Emmet"), located at 5500 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning Emmet students to Oscar DePriest Elementary School (School ID 610367) ("DePriest"), located at 139 South Parkside Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and Edward K. Ellington Elementary School (School ID 609904) ("Ellington"), located at 243 North Parkside Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and that the attendance areas of DePriest and Ellington be adjusted to include the Emmet 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 10, 2013, and April 15, 2013, at Austin High School, located at 231 North Pine Street, 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 Emmet effective June 30, 2013, reassign Emmet's returning students to DePriest and Ellington, and assign Emmet's attendance area to DePriest and Ellington.

Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Oscar DePriest Elementary School (School ID 610367)

139 South Parkside Avenue, Chicago, Illinois Effective June 30, 2013, for grades Kindergarten through eighth;

Beginning at Austin Blvd and Washington Blvd
East to Laramie Ave
South to Adams St
West to Lotus Ave
South to Jackson Blvd
West to Central Ave
South to the Eisenhower Expy
West to Austin Blvd
North to the starting point

Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Edward K. Ellington Elementary School (School ID 609904)

243 North Parkside Avenue, Chicago, Illinois Effective June 30, 2013, for grades Kindergarten through eighth;

Beginning at Austin Blvd and Huron St East to Pine Ave South to Lake St East to Latrobe Ave South to Washington Blvd West To Austin Blvd North to the starting point

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

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:

Transformation Office

- Bunct/ EAB Barbara Byrd-Bennett **Chief Executive Officer**

Approved as to Legal Form:

James Bebley General Counsel