

**CLOSE ENRICO FERMI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA OF JAMES WADSWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Enrico Fermi Elementary School (School ID 609916) ("Fermi"), located at 1415 East 70<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning Fermi students to South Shore Fine Arts Academy (School ID 610530) ("South Shore"), located at 1415 East 70<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois, and that the attendance area of James Wadsworth Elementary School (School ID 610213) ("Wadsworth"), currently located at 6420 South University Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and proposed to be located at 6650 South Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, be adjusted to include the Fermi 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 Kenwood High School, located at 5015 South Blackstone Avenue, 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 Fermi effective June 30, 2013, reassign Fermi's returning students to South Shore, and assign Fermi's attendance area to Wadsworth.

South Shore, which currently offers grades Kindergarten through fifth grade and a Prekindergarten program, will offer Kindergarten through eighth grade and a Prekindergarten program effective June 30, 2013.

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 13, 2013, at Kenwood High School, located at 5015 South Blackstone Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of James Wadsworth Elementary School  
(School ID 610213)**

Current Location: 6420 South University Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

New Location: 6650 South Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

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

Beginning at Cottage Grove Ave and Marquette Rd  
East to Drexel Ave  
North to 65th St  
East to Drexel Ave  
North to 63rd St  
East to Stony Island Ave  
South to 71st St

West to Dorchester Ave  
North to the IR RR  
Northwest and northeast to 67th St  
West to Cottage Grove Ave  
North to the starting point

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

**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.

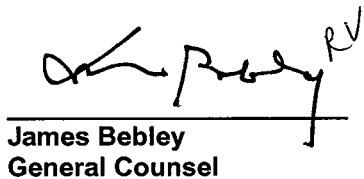
**Approved for Consideration:**

**Respectfully Submitted:**

  
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Todd Babbitz  
Chief Transformation Officer

  
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Barbara Byrd-Bennett  
Chief Executive Officer

**Approved as to Legal Form:**

  
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