

CLOSE GARFIELD PARK PREPARATORY ACADEMY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Garfield Park Preparatory Academy Elementary School (School ID 400095) ("Garfield Park"), located at 3250 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons and reassign returning Garfield Park students to Michael Faraday Elementary School (School ID 610055) ("Faraday"), located at 3250 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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 6, 2013, and April 11, 2013, at Young High School, located at 211 South Laffin Street, Chicago, Illinois, and a public hearing was convened on April 26, 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 Garfield Park effective June 30, 2013, and reassign Garfield Park's returning students to Faraday.

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

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.

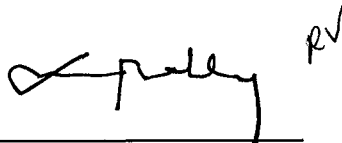
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