CLOSE MARCUS MOZIAH GARVEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA OF MOUNT VERNON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Marcus Moziah Garvey Elementary School (School ID 610128) ("Garvey"), located at 10309 South Morgan Street, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning Garvey students to Mount Vernon Elementary School (School ID 610086) ("Mount Vernon"), located at 10540 South Morgan Street, Chicago, Illinois, and that the attendance area of Mount Vernon be adjusted to include the Garvey 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 9, 2013, and April 13, 2013, at Harlan High School, located at 9652 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and a public hearing was convened on April 24, 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 Garvey effective June 30, 2013, reassign Garvey's returning students to Mount Vernon, and assign Garvey's attendance area to Mount Vernon.

Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Mount Vernon Elementary School
(School ID 610086)
10540 South Morgan Street, Chicago, Illinois
Effective June 30, 2013, for grades Kindergarten through eighth;

Beginning at Beverly Ave and 100th Pl
East to Vincennes Ave
Northeast to 99th St
East to Genoa Ave
Southeast to 99th St
Northeast and east to Halsted St
South to 111th St
West to the abandoned RR tracks (at Aberdeen St)
Northwest to 107th St
West to Vincennes Ave
Northeast to Beverly Ave
Northwest to the starting point

LSC IMPLICATIONS: Garvey's Local School Council will be dissolved effective June 30, 2013, upon the closing of Garvey.
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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Approved as to Legal Form:

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