CLOSE MATTHEW A. HENSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS OF CHARLES EVANS HUGHES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, THEODORE HERZL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND DANIEL WEBSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Matthew A. Henson Elementary School (School ID 610240) ("Henson"), located at 1326 South Avers Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning Henson students to Charles Evans Hughes Elementary School (School ID 610005) ("Hughes, C."), located at 4247 West 15th Street, Chicago, Illinois, and that the attendance areas of Hughes, C., Theodore Herzl Elementary School (School ID 609991) ("Herzl"), located at 3711 West Douglas Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, and Daniel Webster Elementary School (School ID 610221) ("Webster"), located at 4055 West Arthington Street, Chicago, Illinois, be adjusted to include the Henson 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 8, 2013, and April 11, 2013, at Manley High School, located at 2935 West Polk Street, 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 Henson effective June 30, 2013, reassign Henson's returning students to Hughes, C., and assign Henson's attendance area to Hughes, C., Herzl, and Webster.

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.

Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Charles Evans Hughes Elementary School (School ID 610005)

4247 West 15th Street, Chicago, Illinois Effective June 30, 2013, for grades Kindergarten through eighth;

Beginning at the Belt RR/City Limits (at Kenton Ave) and Roosevelt Rd East to Pulaski Rd South to 15th St West to Keeler Ave South to 16th St West to Kildare Ave North to 15th St West to Kilbourn Ave South to 16th St

West to the Belt RR/City Limits (at Kenton Ave)
North to the starting point

Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Theodore Herzi Elementary School (School ID 609991)

3711 West Douglas Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois Effective June 30, 2013, for grades Kindergarten through eighth;

Beginning at the B&O CT RR and Pulaski Rd
East to Central Park Ave
South to 15th St
West to Milard Ave
South to 16th St
West to Ridgeway Ave
North to 15th St
West to Hamlin Ave
North to 14th St
West to Pulaski Rd
North to the starting point

Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Daniel Webster Elementary School (School ID 610221)

4055 West Arthington Street, Chicago, Illinois Effective June 30, 2013, for grades Kindergarten through eighth;

Beginning at Keeler Ave and Arthington St
East to Kedvale Ave
North to Fifth Ave
Northeast to Pulaski Rd
South to Flournoy St
East to Springfield Ave
South to Arthington St
West to Pulaski Rd
South to Roosevelt Rd
West to Keeler Ave
North to the starting point

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

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:

Barbara Byrd-Bennett

Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:

Chief Fransformation Office

James Bebley General Counsel