

**CLOSE VICTOR HERBERT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,  
ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS OF ROBERT NATHANIEL DETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND  
WILLA CATHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,  
AND RELOCATE ROBERT NATHANIEL DETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO  
THE 2131 WEST MONROE STREET FACILITY**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Victor Herbert Elementary School (School ID 609989) ("Herbert"), located at 2131 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning Herbert students to Robert Nathaniel Dett Elementary School (School ID 610252) ("Dett"), located at 2306 West Maypole Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, adjust the attendance area of Dett to include the Herbert attendance area, adjust the attendance area of Willa Cather Elementary School (School ID 610251) ("Cather"), located at 2908 West Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, to include a portion of the Dett attendance area, and relocate Dett to the site of the former Herbert school.

**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 12, 2013, at Young High School, located at 211 South Laflin Street, Chicago, Illinois, and a public hearing was convened on April 30, 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 Herbert effective June 30, 2013, reassign Herbert's returning students to Dett, assign Herbert's attendance area to Dett, assign a portion of Dett's attendance area to Cather, and relocate Dett to 2131 West Monroe Street.

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 Robert Nathaniel Dett Elementary School  
(School ID 610252)**

Current location: 2306 West Maypole Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

New location: 2131 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois

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

Beginning at Western Ave and Fulton St

East to Oakley Blvd

North to Kinzie St

East to Wolcott Ave

South to Walnut St

West to Damen Ave

South to Lake St

East to Wolcott Ave

South to Washington Blvd  
West to Damen Ave  
South to the Eisenhower Expy  
West to Western Ave  
North to the starting point

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Willa Cather Elementary School  
(School ID 610251)**

2908 West Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois  
*Effective June 30, 2013, for grades Kindergarten through eighth;*

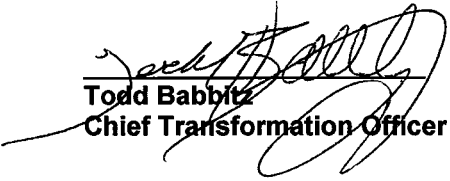
Beginning at Kedzie Ave and Lake St  
East to Sacramento Blvd  
North to the C&NW RR (at Kinzie Ave)  
East and south along RR to Lake St  
East to Western Ave  
South to the Eisenhower Expy  
West to Kedzie Ave  
North to Fifth Ave  
Northeast to Albany Ave  
North to Madison St  
West to Kedzie Ave  
North to the starting point

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

**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.

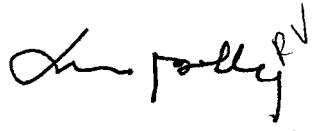
**Approved for Consideration:**

  
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Todd Babbitt  
Chief Transformation Officer

**Respectfully Submitted:**

  
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Barbara Byrd-Bennett  
Chief Executive Officer

**Approved as to Legal Form:**

  
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James Bebley  
General Counsel