# CLOSE ALFRED DAVID KOHN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS OF MILDRED I. LAVIZZO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LANGSTON HUGHES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND COUNTEE CULLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Alfred David Kohn Elementary School (School ID 610028) ("Kohn"), located at 10414 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning Kohn students to Mildred I. Lavizzo Elementary School (School ID 610208) ("Lavizzo"), located at 138 West 109<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois, Langston Hughes Elementary School (School ID 610368) ("Hughes, L."), located at 240 West 104<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois, and Countee Cullen Elementary School (School ID 610004) ("Cullen"), located at 10650 South Eberhart Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and that the attendance areas of Lavizzo, Hughes, L., and Cullen be adjusted to include the Kohn 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 Kohn effective June 30, 2013, reassign Kohn's returning students to Lavizzo, Hughes, L., and Cullen, and assign Kohn's attendance area to Lavizzo, Hughes, L., and Cullen.

## Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Mildred I. Lavizzo Elementary School (School ID 610208)

138 West 109th Street, Chicago, Illinois
Effective June 30, 2013, for grades Kindergarten through eighth;

Beginning at the C&WI RR (at Stewart Ave) and 106th St
East to Wentworth Ave
North to 105th St
East to Indiana Ave
South to 108th St
East to Prairie Ave
South to 109th St
West to Indiana Ave
South to 111th St
West to the C&WI RR (at Stewart Ave)
North to the starting point

#### Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Langston Hughes Elementary School (School ID 610368)

240 West 104th Street, Chicago, Illinois Effective June 30, 2013, for grades Kindergarten through eighth;

Beginning at the C&WI RR (at Eggleston Ave) and the Dan Ryan Expy
East to State St
South to 102nd St
East to Michigan Ave
South to 103rd St
East to Indiana Ave
South to 105th St
West to Wentworth Ave
South to 106th St
West to the C&WI RR (at Eggleston Ave)
North to the starting point

### Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Countee Cullen Elementary School (School ID 610004)

10650 South Eberhart Avenue, Chicago, Illinois Effective June 30, 2013, for grades Kindergarten through eighth;

Beginning at Indiana Ave and 109th St
East to Prairie Ave
North to 108th St
West to Indiana Ave
North to 105th St
East to Eberhart Ave
North to 104th St
East to the IC RR (at Cottage Grove Ave)
Southwest to 111th St
West to Indiana Ave
North to the starting point

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

**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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Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:

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