

**CLOSE GUGLIELMO MARCONI ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY ACADEMY
AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA OF GEORGE W. TILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Guglielmo Marconi Elementary Community Academy (School ID 610241) ("Marconi"), located at 230 North Kolmar Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning Marconi students to George W. Tilton Elementary School (School ID 610202) ("Tilton"), located at 223 North Keeler Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and that the attendance area of Tilton be adjusted to include the Marconi 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 Raby High School, located at 3545 West Fulton Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, and a public hearing was convened on April 16, 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 Marconi effective June 30, 2013, reassign Marconi's returning students to Tilton, and assign Marconi's attendance area to Tilton.

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of George W. Tilton Elementary School
(School ID 610202)**

223 North Keeler Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

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

Beginning at Kilpatrick Ave and Lake St
 East to the Belt RR (at Kenton Ave)
 North to the Union Pacific RR (at Kinzie St)
 East to Pulaski Rd
 South to Lake St
 East to Hamlin Blvd
 South to Madison St
 West to Pulaski Rd
 South to Monroe St
 West to Keeler Ave
 North to Madison St
 West to Kildare Ave
 North to Washington Blvd
 West to Kilpatrick Ave
 North to the starting point

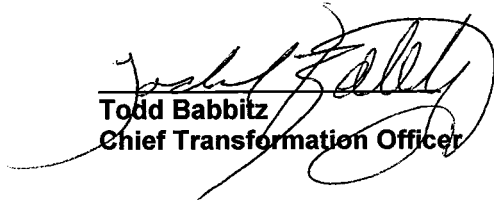
LSC IMPLICATIONS: Marconi's Local School Council will be dissolved effective June 30, 2013, upon the closing of Marconi.

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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