

**CLOSE NEAR NORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL****THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Near North Elementary School (School ID 610085) ("Near North"), located at 739 North Ada Street, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons and reassign returning Near North students to Moses Montefiore Special Elementary School (School ID 610075) ("Montefiore"), located at 1310 South Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Pursuant to the Illinois School Code Sections 34-200 through 34-232 and the Chief Executive Officer's Guidelines for School Actions, the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of the Chicago Public Schools may recommend the closing of schools.

Pursuant to legal requirements, two community meetings were convened on April 10, 2013, and April 15, 2013, at Lincoln Park High School, located at 2901 North Orchard Street, Chicago, Illinois, and a public hearing was convened on April 23, 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 Near North effective June 30, 2013, and reassign Near North's returning students to Montefiore.

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

**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.

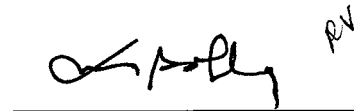
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