

**CLOSE ELIZABETH PEABODY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA OF JAMES OTIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Elizabeth Peabody Elementary School (School ID 610119) ("Peabody"), located at 1444 West Augusta Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning Peabody students to James Otis Elementary School (School ID 610107) ("Otis"), located at 525 North Armour Street, Chicago, Illinois, and that the attendance area of Otis be adjusted to include the Peabody 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 12, 2013, at Clemente High School, located at 1147 North Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and a public hearing was convened on April 18, 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 Peabody effective June 30, 2013, reassign Peabody's returning students to Otis, and assign Peabody's attendance area to Otis.

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of James Otis Elementary School
(School ID 609854)**

525 North Armour Street, Chicago, Illinois

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

Beginning at Paulina St and Cortez St
 East to Ashland Ave
 North to Milwaukee Ave
 Southeast to Division St
 East to the north branch of the Chicago River
 Southeast to Halsted St
 South to Chicago Ave
 West to the C&NW RR
 Northwest to Augusta Blvd
 West to Willard Ct
 South to Milwaukee Ave
 Northwest to the Kennedy Expy
 Southeast to Kinze
 West to Ashland Ave
 North to Augusta Blvd
 West to Paulina St
 North to the starting point

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

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.

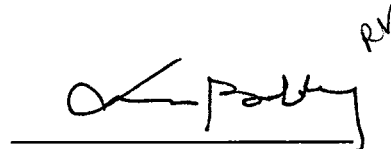
Approved for Consideration:

Respectfully Submitted:


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