

**CLOSE PERSHING WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL,
ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA OF
JOHN J. PERSHING ELEMENTARY HUMANITIES MAGNET SCHOOL,
AND RELOCATE JOHN J. PERSHING ELEMENTARY HUMANITIES MAGNET SCHOOL TO
THE 3200 SOUTH CALUMET AVENUE FACILITY**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Pershing West Middle School (School ID 610395) ("Pershing West"), located at 3200 South Calumet Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning Pershing West students to John J. Pershing Elementary Humanities Magnet School (School ID 610126) ("Pershing"), located at 3113 South Rhodes Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, adjust the attendance area of Pershing to include the Pershing West attendance area, and relocate Pershing to the site of the former Pershing West 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 8, 2013, and April 12, 2013, at Dunbar High School, located at 3000 South King Drive, Chicago, Illinois, and a public hearing was convened on April 19, 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 Pershing West effective June 30, 2013, reassign Pershing West's returning students to Pershing, assign Pershing West's attendance area to Pershing, and relocate Pershing to 3200 South Calumet Avenue.

Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of John J. Pershing Elementary Humanities Magnet School

(School ID 610126)

Current location: 3113 South Rhodes Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

New location: 3200 South Calumet Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

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

Beginning at the Dan Ryan Expy and 31st St

East to the lakefront

South to 35th St

West to the Dan Ryan Expy

North to the starting point

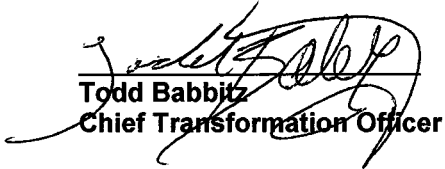
LSC IMPLICATIONS: Pershing West's Appointed Local School Council will be dissolved effective June 30, 2013, upon the closing of Pershing West.

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.

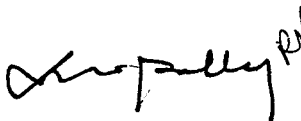
Approved for Consideration:

Respectfully Submitted:


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