

**CLOSE GRAEME STEWART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA OF JOSEPH BRENNEMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Graeme Stewart Elementary School (School ID 610187) ("Stewart"), located at 4525 North Kenmore Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning Stewart students to Joseph Brenneman Elementary School (School ID 610242) ("Brenneman"), located at 4251 North Clarendon Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and that the attendance area of Brenneman be adjusted to include the Stewart 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 11, 2013, at Amundsen High School, located at 5110 North Damen Avenue, 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 Stewart effective June 30, 2013, reassign Stewart's returning students to Brenneman, and assign Stewart's attendance area to Brenneman.

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Joseph Brenneman Elementary School
(School ID 610242)**

4251 North Clarendon Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Effective June 30, 2013, for grades Kindergarten through eighth;

Beginning at Racine Ave and Lawrence Ave
East to the lakefront
South to the line of West Sheridan Rd
West to Broadway
North and northwest to Irving Park Rd
West to Clark St
Northwest to Montrose Ave
East to Magnolia Ave
North to Wilson
East to Broadway
Northwest the starting point

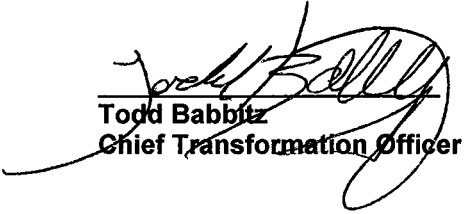
LSC IMPLICATIONS: Stewart's Local School Council will be dissolved effective June 30, 2013, upon the closing of Stewart.

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.

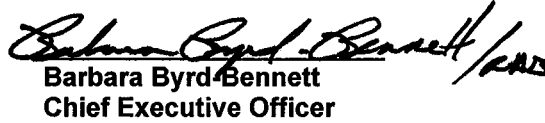
PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: The employment status of all faculty and staff members currently assigned to the schools affected by this authorization will be determined pursuant to Board policies and any collective bargaining agreements.

Approved for Consideration:

Respectfully Submitted:

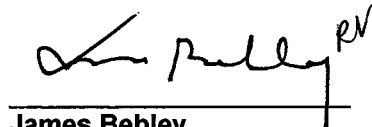


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