

**CLOSE JOSEPH STOCKTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
ASSIGN THE ATTENDANCE AREA OF JOSEPH STOCKTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO
MARY E. COURTENAY ELEMENTARY LANGUAGE ARTS CENTER,
AND RELOCATE MARY E. COURTENAY ELEMENTARY LANGUAGE ARTS CENTER TO
THE 4420 NORTH BEACON STREET FACILITY AND THE 4425 NORTH MAGNOLIA AVENUE
FACILITY**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Joseph Stockton Elementary School (School ID 610189) ("Stockton"), located at 4420 North Beacon Street and 4425 North Magnolia Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning Stockton students to Mary E. Courtenay Elementary Language Arts Center (School ID 610355) ("Courtenay"), located at 1726 West Berteau Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, assign the attendance area of Stockton to Courtenay, and relocate Courtenay to the sites of the former Stockton 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 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 Stockton effective June 30, 2013, reassign Stockton's returning students to Courtenay, assign Stockton's attendance area to Courtenay, and relocate Courtenay to 4420 North Beacon Street and 4425 North Magnolia Avenue.

Assign Attendance Area Boundary to Mary E. Courtenay Elementary Language Arts Center (School ID 610355)

Current location: 1726 West Berteau Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

New location: 4420 North Beacon Street and 4425 North Magnolia Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

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

Beginning at Clark Street and Lawrence Ave

East to Racine Ave

South to Broadway

Southeast to Wilson Ave

West to Magnolia Ave

South to Montrose Ave

West to Clark St

North to the starting point

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

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.

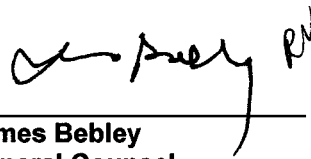
Approved for Consideration:

Respectfully Submitted:


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Chief Transformation Officer


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Approved as to Legal Form:


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