

**CLOSE WEST PULLMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS OF ALEX HALEY ELEMENTARY ACADEMY AND  
RALPH H. METCALFE ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY ACADEMY**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close West Pullman Elementary School (School ID 610224) ("West Pullman"), located at 11941 South Parnell Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning West Pullman students to Alex Haley Elementary Academy (School ID 609808) ("Haley"), located at 11411 South Eggleston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and that the attendance areas of Haley and Ralph H. Metcalfe Elementary Community Academy (School ID 609902) ("Metcalfe"), located at 12339 South Normal Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, be adjusted to include the West Pullman 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 Harlan High School, located at 9652 South Michigan 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 West Pullman effective June 30, 2013, reassign West Pullman's returning students to Haley, and assign West Pullman's attendance area to Haley and Metcalfe.

Further, pursuant to the Board of Education's Policy on the Review and Establishment of School Attendance Boundaries, 05-0622-PO1, an additional public hearing was held to discuss the attendance area boundary change. The meeting was held on May 14, 2013, at Metcalfe Elementary School, located at 12339 South Normal Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Alex Haley Elementary Academy  
(School ID 609808)**

11411 South Eggleston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

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

Beginning at the vacated RR (at 1030 W) and 111th St  
East to Wentworth Ave  
South to 115th St  
West to Princeton Ave  
South to 119th St  
West to the vacated RR (at Halsted St)  
Northwest along vacatated RR to the starting point

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Ralph H. Metcalfe Elementary Community Academy  
(School ID 609902)**

12339 South Normal Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

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

Beginning at Halsted and 119<sup>th</sup> St  
East to Princeton Ave  
South to 120th St  
East to Wentworth Ave  
South to the NIRC RR (at 121st St)  
West to Princeton Ave  
South to 124th St  
West to Eggleston Ave  
South to 125th St  
East to Stewart Ave  
South to 126th St  
East to Harvard Ave  
South to 127th St  
West to Parnell Ave  
Northwest to 125th St  
West to Halsted St  
North to the starting point

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

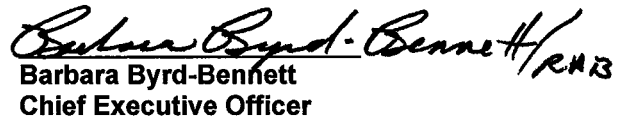
**FINANCIAL:** The financial implications associated with this school action will be addressed during the development of the fiscal year 2014 budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY13 are 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.

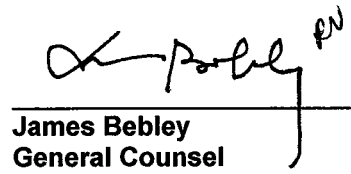
**Approved for Consideration:**

  
Todd Babbitz  
Chief Transformation Officer

**Respectfully Submitted:**

  
Barbara Byrd-Bennett  
Chief Executive Officer

**Approved as to Legal Form:**

  
James Bebley  
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