CLOSE GRANVILLE T. WOODS MATH & SCIENCE ACADEMY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS OF PERKINS BASS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ANNA R.
LANGFORD COMMUNITY ACADEMY, AND NICHOLSON TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Granville T. Woods Math & Science Academy Elementary School (School ID 610285) ("Woods"), located at 6206 South Racine Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning Woods students to Perkins Bass Elementary School (School ID 609791) ("Bass"), located at 1140 West 66th Street, Chicago, Illinois, and that the attendance areas of Bass, Anna R. Langford Community Academy (School ID 609869) ("Langford"), located at 6010 South Throop Street, Chicago, Illinois, and Nicholson Technology Academy (School ID 609793) ("Nicholson"), located at 6006 South Peoria Street, Chicago, Illinois, be adjusted to include the Woods 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 9, 2013, and April 13, 2013, at Harper High School, located at 6520 South Wood Street, 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 Woods effective June 30, 2013, reassign Woods' returning students to Bass, and assign Woods' attendance area to Bass, Langford, and Nicholson.

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 15, 2013, at Simeon High School, located at 8147 South Vincennes Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Perkins Bass Elementary School
(School ID 609791)
1140 West 66th Street, Chicago, Illinois
Effective June 30, 2013, for grades Kindergarten through eighth;

Beginning at Ashland Ave and 63rd St
East to Morgan St
South to 65th St
East to Sangamon St
South to Marquette Rd
West to Aberdeen St
South to 68th St
West to Loomis Blvd
North to Marquette Rd
West to Ashland Ave  
North to the starting point

Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Anna R. Langford Community Academy  
(School ID 609869)  
6010 South Throop Street, Chicago, Illinois  
Effective June 30, 2013, for grades Kindergarten through eighth;

Beginning at Wood St and 58th St  
East to Paulina St  
North to 56th St  
East to Justine St  
South to 58th St  
East to Loomis Blvd  
South to 59th ST  
East to Racine Ave  
South to 63rd St  
West to Ashland Ave  
North to 59th St  
West to Wood St  
North to the starting point

Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Nicholson Technology Academy  
(School ID 609793)  
6006 South Peoria Street, Chicago, Illinois  
Effective June 30, 2013, for grades Kindergarten through eighth;

Beginning at Justine St and 56th St  
East to Throop St  
North to Garfield Blvd  
East to Racine Ave  
South to 57th St  
East to Aberdeen St  
South to 58th St  
East to Wallace St  
South to 59th St  
East to the Dan Ryan Expy  
South to 61st Pl  
West to Stewart Ave  
South to 62nd St  
West to Normal Blvd  
South to 63rd St  
West to Union Ave  
North to Halsted Pkwy  
West to Halsted St  
South to 63rd St  
West to Racine Ave  
North to 59th St  
West to Loomis Blvd  
North to 58th St  
West to Justine St  
North to the starting point
LSC IMPLICATIONS: Woods' Local School Council will be dissolved effective June 30, 2013, upon the closing of Woods.

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: 

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Respectfully Submitted: 

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Approved as to Legal Form:

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