

CLOSE LOUIS ARMSTRONG MATH & SCIENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Louis Armstrong Math & Science Elementary School (School ID 610156) ("Armstrong, L."), located at 5345 West Congress Parkway, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, and reassign returning Armstrong, L. students to George Leland Elementary School (School ID 610305) ("Leland"), currently located at 5221 West Congress Parkway, Chicago, Illinois, and proposed to be located at 512 South Laverne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Leland's new attendance area boundary as established through a separate proposal is referenced below.

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 6, 2013, and April 11, 2013, at Austin High School Campus, located at 231 North Pine Street, Chicago, Illinois, and a public hearing was convened on April 25, 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 Armstrong, L. effective June 30, 2013, and reassign Armstrong, L.'s returning students to Leland.

Adjust Attendance Area Boundary and Grade Structure of George Leland Elementary School

(School ID 610305)

Current location: 5221 West Congress Parkway, Chicago, Illinois

New location: 512 South Laverne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

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

Beginning at Central Ave and Jackson Blvd

East to Lotus Ave

North to Adams St

East to Laramie Ave

South to Quincy St

East to Cicero Ave

North to Adams Street

East to Kenton Ave

South to Jackson Blvd

East to Kolmar Ave

South to Gladys Ave

East to Kilbourn Ave

South to Harrison St

Northeast to Kostner Ave

South to the Eisenhower Expy

West to the Belt RR (at Kenton Ave)

South to Roosevelt Rd

West to Central Ave

North to the starting point

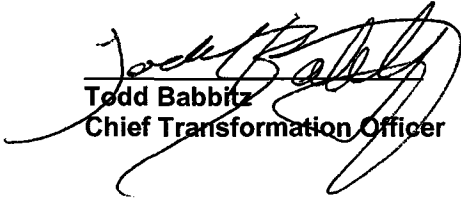
LSC IMPLICATIONS: Armstrong, L.'s Local School Council will be dissolved effective June 30, 2013, upon the closing of Armstrong, L.

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.

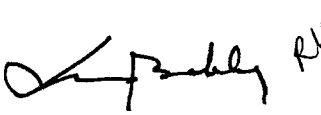
Approved for Consideration:

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