

**CLOSE BENJAMIN BANNEKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA OF BENJAMIN E. MAYS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
AND RELOCATE BENJAMIN E. MAYS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO
THE 6656 SOUTH NORMAL BOULEVARD FACILITY**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Benjamin Banneker Elementary School (School ID 610265) ("Banneker"), located at 6656 South Normal Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning Banneker students to Benjamin E. Mays Elementary School (School ID 610290) ("Mays"), located at 838 West Marquette Road, Chicago, Illinois, adjust the attendance area of Mays to include the Banneker attendance area, and relocate Mays to the site of the former Banneker 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 10, 2013, and April 15, 2013, at Harper High School, located at 6520 South Wood Street, Chicago, Illinois, and a public hearing was convened on April 19, 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 Banneker effective June 30, 2013, reassign Banneker's returning students to Mays, assign Banneker's attendance area to Mays, and relocate Mays to 6656 South Normal Boulevard.

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Benjamin E. Mays Elementary School
(School ID 610290)**

Current location: 838 West Marquette Road, Chicago, Illinois

New location: 6656 South Normal Boulevard

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

Beginning at 63rd St and Morgan St
East to Halsted St
North to Halsted Pkwy
East to Union Ave
South 63rd St
East to Normal Blvd
North to 62nd St
East to Stewart Ave
South to Normal Pkwy
West to Normal Blvd
South to 68th St
West to the C&WI RR (at Wallace Ave)
South to 69th St

West to Halsted St
North to Marquette Rd
West to Sangamon St
North to 65th St
West to Morgan St
North to the starting point

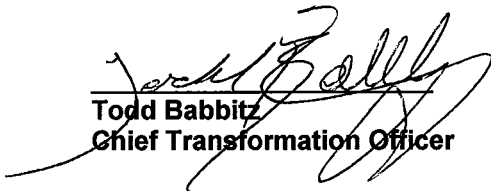
LSC IMPLICATIONS: Banneker's Local School Council will be dissolved effective June 30, 2013, upon the closing of Banneker.

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.

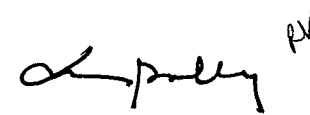
Approved for Consideration:

Respectfully Submitted:


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