

**CO-LOCATE KWAME NKURMAH ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL WITH
WALTER Q. GRESHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education authorize the co-location of Kwame Nkrumah Academy Charter school (School ID 400045) ("Nkrumah"), located at 7033 South Honore Street, Chicago, Illinois, with Walter Q. Gresham Elementary School (School ID 609955) ("Gresham"), located at 8524 South Green Street, Chicago, Illinois.

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to the Illinois School Code Sections 34-200 through 34-232 and the Chief Executive Officer's Guidelines for School Actions, the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of the Chicago Public Schools may recommend to the Board the co-location of schools.

Pursuant to legal requirements, two community meetings were convened on April 6, 2013, and April 13, 2013, at Harlan High School, located at 9652 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and a public hearing was convened on April 20, 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 hearing 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 authorize the co-location of Nkrumah and Gresham.

LSC IMPLICATIONS: None

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:



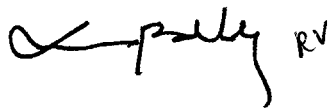
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