

February 24, 2016

CONSOLIDATE AUSTIN POLYTECHNICAL ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL AND AUSTIN BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL INTO VOISE ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL AND REASSIGN THE FREDERICK A. DOUGLASS ATTENDANCE AREA BOUNDARY TO VOISE ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective July 1, 2016, the Chicago Board of Education consolidate Austin Business and Entrepreneurship Academy High School (School ID 400018) ("ABEA") and Austin Polytechnical Academy High School (School ID 610501) ("APA") into VOISE Academy High School (School ID 610518) ("VOISE") pursuant to a recommendation by the Austin Community Action Council ("Austin CAC"). The Austin CAC recognized that the schools' enrollments were declining, they were struggling to provide enrichment and advanced placement classes, and they were struggling to provide a fully resourced high school experience. As a result the Austin CAC voted to recommend that the Board consolidate the Austin campus schools as described. APA, ABEA, and VOISE are co-located in the same facility located at 231 North Pine Avenue.

The Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") also recommends, effective July 1, 2016, that the Board reestablish the attendance area boundary currently associated with Frederick A. Douglass High School (School ID 610245) ("Douglass"), located at 543 North Waller Avenue, to VOISE.

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to Illinois School Code Sections 34-200 through 34-230, the Chief Executive Officer's Guidelines for School Actions, 2015 – 2016 School Year, and the Board's Policy on the Review and Establishment of School Attendance Boundaries, 05-0622-PO1, the CEO of the Chicago Public Schools may recommend to the Board the consolidation of schools and the adjustment of school attendance boundaries.

Pursuant to legal requirements, two community meetings were held on January 13, 2016 and January 19, 2016 at the Austin High Schools Campus, located at 231 North Pine Avenue, and a public hearing was convened on January 25, 2016 at 42 West Madison Street 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 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 documentation received. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO has decided to recommend that the Board authorize the consolidation APA and ABEA into VOISE and reassignment of the Douglass attendance area boundary to VOISE.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The financial impact of this authorization will be addressed during the development of the fiscal 2017 budget. Because the Illinois School Code prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond fiscal year 2016 are considered contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

LSC IMPLICATIONS: The APA and ABEA LSCs will be dissolved at the end of the current school year, June 30, 2016. The LSC at VOISE will become a traditional LSC and the boundary will be defined by the school's attendance area boundary. The Douglass LSC boundary will remain unchanged. VOISE will participate in the April 2016 elections for traditional local school councils and the first traditional LSC for the school will take office July 1, 2016.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: The employment status of all faculty and staff at the schools affected by this authorization will be determined pursuant to Board policies and any collective bargaining agreements.

Establish Attendance Area Boundary for VOISE High School (School ID 610518)

Effective July 1, 2016 for Grades 9th through 12th

Beginning at Austin Boulevard and North Avenue

East to Central Avenue

South to Division Street

East to Pine Avenue

South to Augusta Boulevard

East to Long Avenue

South to Chicago Avenue

West to Pine Avenue

South to Lake Street

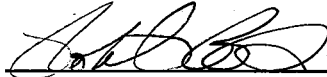
East to Laramie Avenue

South to Roosevelt Road

West to Austin Boulevard

North to the Starting Point

Approved for Consideration:



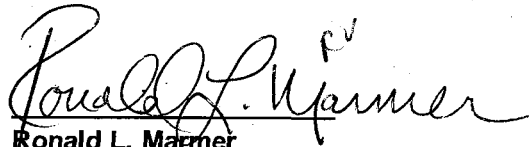
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