

June 27, 2001

CLOSE THE JACOB A. RIIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS OF THOMAS JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND WILLIAM H. BROWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

Effective September 1, 2001, close Jacob A. Riis elementary school located at 1018 South Lytle Street. Adjust the attendance areas boundaries of Thomas Jefferson elementary school located at 1522 West Fillmore Street, and of William H. Brown elementary school located at 54 North Hermitage Avenue in order to accommodate students currently residing in the Riis attendance area.

DESCRIPTION: The recommendation to close Jacob A. Riis elementary school is made pursuant to the *Policy on the Closing and Consolidation of Schools* (Board Report 01-0425-PO3), adopted on April 25, 2001.

Over the past several years, enrollments in all the schools serving the ABLA community, including the Riis elementary school, have been steadily declining. Riis has an enrollment of 302 and a capacity of 670. Of the 302 students enrolled at Riis, 135 reside within the attendance area. The remaining 167 students reside in other attendance areas.

Pursuant to the *Policy on the Closing and Consolidation of Schools*, a demographic analysis of the Riis attendance area was completed and a public hearing on the proposal to close Riis was conducted. The public hearing on the proposal to close Riis was conducted by the Office of the Chief Executive Officer on June 12, 2001, at Riis Elementary School for the purpose of taking public comments. A transcript of the hearing is available for inspection in the Board Office. The demographic study of the Riis attendance area, including a three-year enrollment projection, is available for inspection in the Office of Capital Planning.

Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of Thomas Jefferson Elementary School

Grades kindergarten through eight:

Beginning at Wood Street and the Eisenhower Expressway
 East to the South Branch of the Chicago River
 South to Roosevelt Road
 West to Loomis Street
 South to Washburne Avenue
 West to Laffin Street
 South to 13th Street
 West to Ashland Avenue
 North to Roosevelt Road
 West to Wood Street
 North to starting point.

Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of William H. Brown Elementary School

Grades kindergarten through eight:

Beginning at Damen Avenue and Washington Boulevard
 East to Wood Street

North to C & NW RR (at Kinzie Street)
 East to Halsted Street
 South to Lake Street
 East to the South Branch of the Chicago River
 South to the Eisenhower Expressway
 West to Wolcott Avenue (extended)
 North (extended) to Monroe Street
 East to Honore Street (extended)
 North to Warren Boulevard
 West to Damen Avenue
 North to the starting point.

Students residing the William H. Browns attendance area described above, who were enrolled at the Thomas Jefferson elementary school during the 2000-2001 school year may continue to attend Thomas Jefferson school.

LSC REVIEW: Not applicable.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: No additional cost to the Chicago Public Schools

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: These schools will be staffed according to the ratios in the Agreement between the Board of Education of the City of Chicago and the Chicago Teachers Union.

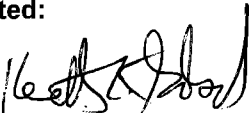
Approved for Consideration:


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 Chief Education Officer

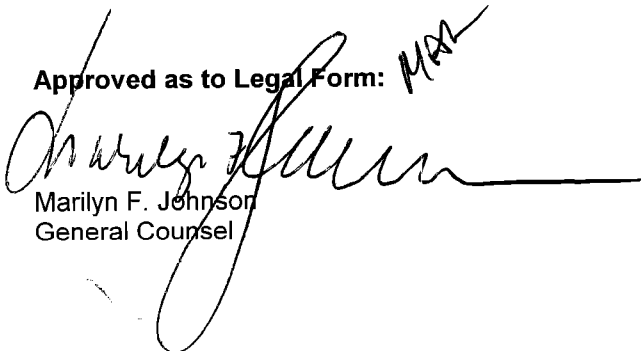
Respectfully Submitted:


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