

**CLOSE BYRD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA OF JENNER
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective at the end of the 2003-2004 school year, the Chicago Board of Education close Richard E. Byrd (Unit 2560) Community Academy, located at 363 West Hill Street, and that the attendance area of Edward Jenner Academy of the Arts (Unit 4200), located at 1009 North Cleveland Avenue be adjusted to include the attendance area of Byrd.

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to the Board of Education's Policy on the Closing of Schools, 04-0225-PO2 ("the Policy"), and following a public hearing, the Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Public Schools ("CEO") may recommend to the Board the closing of schools for any of the reasons for such action stated in the Policy.

The Chief Executive Office recommends that Byrd School be closed due to demographic reasons. Pursuant to the Policy, a public hearing was convened on June 16, 2004 following the issuance of proper notice to receive public comment on the CEO's proposal. An independent hearing officer received comments and supporting documents at the hearing. The hearing officer has prepared a report including findings regarding the CEO's proposal. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO has determined to recommend that the Board close Byrd School at the end of the 2003-2004 school year and reassign Byrd's attendance area to Jenner school.

Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of Edward Jenner Academy of the Arts (Unit 4200)

Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at the North Branch of the Chicago River and Division Street
East to Orleans Street
South to Walton Street
East to Franklin Street
South to Chicago Avenue
West to the North Branch of the Chicago River
North to the Starting Point.

LSC REVIEW: LSC approval is not applicable to this report.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: None

FINANCIAL: None

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: None

Approved for Consideration:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
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Approved:



Arne Duncan
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Within Appropriation:


John Maiorca
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Approved as to legal form: 


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