

**CLOSE DOOLITTLE WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS OF
DOOLITTLE EAST AND FULLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
CHANGE THE GRADE STRUCTURE OF DOOLITTLE EAST**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective at the end of the 2003-2004 school year, the Chicago Board of Education close James R. Doolittle Jr. Primary West School (Unit 7620), located at 521 East 35th Street and that the attendance areas of James R. Doolittle Jr. (east) Middle School (Unit 3070), located at 535 East 35th Street and the Melville W. Fuller Elementary School (Unit 3440), located at 4214 South St. Lawrence Avenue be adjusted to include portions of the attendance area of Doolittle West. Also, that the James R. Doolittle Jr. West Child-Parent-Center (branch of James R. Doolittle Jr. Primary West), located at 707 East 37th Street be assigned to the James R. Doolittle Jr. (East) Middle School and that the grade structure of Doolittle East school be changed from grades five through eight to grades kindergarten through eight. Change the name of James R. Doolittle Jr. (East) Middle School to James R. Doolittle Jr. Elementary School.

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 Doolittle West School be closed due to demographic reasons. Pursuant to the Policy, a public hearing was convened on June 15, 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 Doolittle West School at the end of the 2003-2004 school year, reassign the Doolittle West CPC to Doolittle East, and reassign Doolittle West's attendance area to Doolittle East and Fuller elementary schools.

Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries and Change the Grade Structure of James R. Doolittle Jr. (East) Middle School (Unit 3070)

Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and 35th Street
East to Lake Michigan
South to 37th Street (extended)
Southwest to Cottage Grove Avenue
Southeast to 37th Place
West to Rhodes Avenue
South to Pershing Road
West to Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
North to the Starting Point.

Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of Melville W. Fuller Elementary School (Unit 3440)

Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at 41st Street and the alley between Indiana Avenue and Prairie Avenue
East to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
North to Pershing Road
East to Rhodes Avenue
North to 37th Place
East to Cottage Grove Avenue
Northwest to 37th Street
Northeast and east to Lake Michigan
South to Oakwood Boulevard (extended)
Southwest then northwest to Ellis Avenue
West to Pershing Road
South to Oakwood Boulevard
East to Drexel Boulevard
South to 43rd Street
West to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
North to 42nd Street
West to the alley between Indiana Ave and Prairie Avenue
North to starting point.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: None

FINANCIAL: None

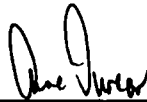
PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: None

Approved for Consideration:

Approved:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer



Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:

Approved as to legal form: 



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer



Ruth Moscovitch
General Counsel