

**CLOSE RAYMOND & HARTIGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA  
OF ATTUCKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That effective at the end of the 2003-2004 school year, the Chicago Board of Education close the Benjamin W. Raymond elementary school (Unit 5570), located at 3663 S. Wabash Avenue, and close the Hartigan Community Arts Specialty School (Unit 3790), located at 8 W. Root Street, and that the attendance area of Crispus Attucks elementary school (Unit 2100), located at 3813 S. Dearborn Street be adjusted to include the attendance areas of Raymond and Hartigan.

**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 the Raymond and Hartigan Schools be closed due to demographic reasons. Pursuant to the Policy, a public hearing was convened on June 14, 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 Raymond and Hartigan Schools at the end of the 2003-2004 school year and reassign Raymond's and Hartigan's attendance areas to the Attucks elementary school.

**Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of Crispus Attucks School (Unit 2100)**

*Grades kindergarten through eighth:*

Beginning at the Dan Ryan Expressway and 35<sup>th</sup> Street  
 East to Indiana Avenue  
 South to 36<sup>th</sup> Street  
 West to Michigan Avenue  
 South to Carver Plaza  
 West to State Street  
 South to 40<sup>th</sup> Street  
 East to the alley between Indiana Avenue and Prairie Avenue  
 South to 42<sup>nd</sup> Street  
 West to State Street  
 South to 43<sup>rd</sup> Street  
 West to the Dan Ryan Expressway  
 North to the Starting Point.

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

**AFFIRMATIVE  
ACTION STATUS:** None

**FINANCIAL:** None

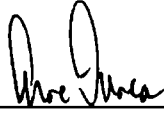
**PERSONNEL  
IMPLICATIONS:** None

Approved for Consideration:



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Approved:



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