

CLOSE SPALDING ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective at the end of the 2003-2004 school year, the Chicago Board of Education close Jesse Spalding elementary (Unit 5990) and high (Unit 1650) school, located at 1628 W. Washington Boulevard, and that the students currently attending Spalding elementary or high school be reprogrammed into other schools based on the receiving schools ability to serve the needs of the students.

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.

Currently the Spalding school does not have a community attendance area, but accepts students citywide in grades fourth through twelfth grade with a heavy concentration of students with special education needs. Unit 5990 serves grades fourth through eighth, while Unit 1650 serves grades ninth through twelfth.

The Chief Executive Office recommends that Jesse Spalding Elementary and High School be closed due to building condition. Pursuant to the Policy, a public hearing was convened on June 11, 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 Spalding Elementary and High School at the end of the 2003-2004 school year, and reprogram all attending students into other schools based on the receiving schools ability to serve the special needs of the students.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: None

FINANCIAL: None

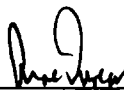
PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: None

Approved for Consideration:

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Within Appropriation:


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