

**CLOSE TRUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA OF SCHILLER
AND MANIERRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CHANGE GRADE STRUCTURE OF SCHILLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective at the end of the 2003-2004 school year, the Chicago Board of Education close Sojourner Truth (unit 7900) elementary school, located at 1443 North Ogden Avenue and that the attendance areas of Friedrich Von Schiller (unit 5760) elementary school, located at 640 West Scott Street and the George Manierre (unit 4580) elementary school, located at 1420 North Hudson Avenue be adjusted to include portions of the attendance area of Truth. Also, that the Sojourner Truth Child-Parent-Center (branch of Truth) be transferred to Schiller school and that the grade structure of Schiller school be changed from grades four through eight to grades kindergarten through eight.

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 Truth School be closed due to demographic reasons. Pursuant to the Policy, a public hearing was convened on June 17, 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 Truth School at the end of the 2003-2004 school year and reassign Truth's attendance area to the Schiller and Manierre elementary schools, and assign Truth CPC to Schiller school.

Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of Friedrich Von Schiller School (Unit 5760)

Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at the North Branch of the Chicago River and North Avenue
East to Halsted Street
South to Evergreen Avenue
East and North to Clybourn Avenue
Southeast to Division Street
West to the North Branch of the Chicago River
North to the Starting point

Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of George Manierre Elementary School (Unit 4580)

Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at Halsted Street and North Avenue
East to LaSalle Drive
South to Maple Street
East along Maple Street to the end of the street to the alley
between LaSalle Street and Wells Street
South to Wendell Street

West to Wells Street
South to Walton Street
West to Orleans Street
North to Division Street
West to Clybourn Avenue
Northwest to Evergreen Avenue
South and West to Halsted Street
North to the Starting Point.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: None

FINANCIAL: None

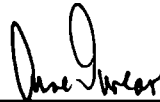
PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: None

Approved for Consideration:

Approved:



Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer



Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: *MM*



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