

**CLOSE CALUMET CAREER PREPARATORY ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL****THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That the Chicago Board of Education approve the closing of Calumet Career Preparatory Academy High School ('Calumet'), Unit 1250, located at 8131 South May Street, Chicago, Illinois 60620, effective August 28, 2007.

**DESCRIPTION:**

In June 2004, the Board of Education approved attendance area boundary changes for Calumet that resulted in no new freshmen classes at the school as of September 2004, to enable planning for the future educational focus of the school. A public hearing was convened on June 12, 2004, following proper notice, to receive public comment on the proposed change in Calumet's attendance area boundaries. A hearing moderator received comments and supporting documents at the hearing and prepared a report for the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"). After receipt of the report, the CEO recommended the change in Calumet's attendance area boundaries.

In August 2005, Perspectives Charter High School ("Perspectives") submitted a Renaissance 2010 proposal and an application for a material modification of its CPS charter in November 2005 to request an additional high school campus at Calumet to open in Fall 2006. The proposal was reviewed for appropriateness specific to the community by the Calumet Transition Advisory Council. A public hearing on the proposal, as required by statute, was held on October 3, 2005, and an additional public hearing was held at Calumet on November 8, 2005. In November 2005, the Board of Education approved the establishment of an additional campus of Perspectives at Calumet to open in Fall 2006 in accordance with the Board's *Policy to Establish Renaissance Schools*, 05-1026-PO2 ("Renaissance Policy").

In March 2006, Perspectives submitted a new proposal to establish two additional schools at the Calumet location in Fall 2007: Perspectives Charter School-Calumet Middle School Campus and Perspectives Charter School-Calumet School of Technology. A public hearing on the proposal, as required by statute, was held in April 2006. In May 2006, the Board approved the establishment of the two additional Perspectives campuses at Calumet contingent upon the renewal of Perspectives' Charter after June 30, 2007.

As a result of the changes in Calumet's attendance area boundaries, approximately 244 students were enrolled at Calumet for the 2006-2007 school year, all of whom were scheduled to graduate in June 2007. Any students that did not graduate were enrolled in summer school and/or assigned to a new high school for Fall 2007. Calumet is ready to complete the conversion and phase out process by closing effective August 28, 2007. Upon the closing of Calumet, the Perspectives Charters Schools will continue to operate, or open in Fall 2007, at the Calumet campus as planned.

Pursuant to the Board of Education's *Policy on the Closing of Schools*, 04-0225-PO2 ("Closing Policy"), it was determined that that the proposed closing of Calumet would have no significant impact on the racial composition and stability of the affected schools.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

In accordance with the Closing Policy, a public hearing on the proposed closing of Calumet was convened on July 6, 2007, following proper notice, to receive public comment. An independent hearing officer received comments and/or supporting documents at the hearing. The hearing officer has prepared a report including findings regarding the proposal to close Calumet.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

In accordance with the Closing Policy, the CEO of the Chicago Public Schools may, following a public hearing, recommend to the Board the closing of schools for any of the reasons stated in the Closing Policy. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO has determined to recommend that the Board complete the phase out process and close Calumet in accordance with Section III of the Closing Policy ("School Closings Due to a Need for a Change in Educational Focus"), effective August 28, 2007.

**LSC IMPLICATIONS:**

Pursuant to the Closing Policy, the Local School Council of Calumet will be dissolved effective August 28, 2007, as a result of the closing of Calumet.

**PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:**

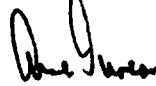
Tenured teachers assigned to Calumet shall become reassigned teachers pursuant to the Board's policy, "Reassignment and Layoff of Regularly Certified and Appointed Tenured Teachers," 04-0623-PO5. Other personnel shall be laid off in accordance with Board rules, policies and applicable collective bargaining agreements, if any.

**Approved for Consideration:**



**Barbara Eason-Watkins**  
Chief Education Officer

**Approved:**



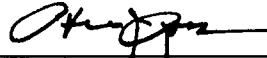
**Arne Duncan**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**



**Pedro Martinez**  
Chief Financial Officer

**Approved as to Legal Form**



**Patrick J. Rocks**  
General Counsel

