

**CLOSE JOHNS ACADEMY AND ADJUST ATTENDANCE AREAS OF  
RANDOLPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND O'TOOLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That, effective at the end of the 2007-08 school year the Chicago Board of Education close the Vernon Johns Middle Academy (unit 5540, school ID 610140), located at 6936 South Hermitage Avenue, and that the attendance areas of Luke O'Toole Elementary School (unit 5230, school ID 610108), located at 6550 South Seeley Avenue, and A. Philip Randolph Elementary School (unit 3553, school ID 609941), located at 7316 South Hoyne Avenue, be adjusted to include portions of the attendance area of Johns.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Pursuant to the Board of Education's Policy on the Review and Establishment of School Attendance Boundaries, 05-0622-PO1, and Policy on the Closing of Schools, 07-0523-PO2, and following a public hearing and community meeting, the Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Public Schools ("CEO") may recommend to the Board a school closing and revision of school attendance boundaries for any of the reasons for such action stated in the Policies.

Pursuant to the Policies, a public hearing was convened on Monday, February 4, 2008, and a community meeting was convened on Monday, February 11, 2008, following the issuance of proper notice to receive public comment on the CEO's proposal to close Johns Middle Academy and to adjust the attendance areas of Randolph and O'Toole elementary schools due to the underutilization of those schools. An independent hearing officer received comments and supporting documents at the hearing and meeting and kept the record open after the meeting to receive additional written comments or documentation. Transcripts of the public hearing and community meeting have been provided to the Board. The hearing officer has prepared and submitted a report regarding the CEO's proposal in which the hearing officer recommends the closing of Johns Middle Academy and the adjustment of the attendance areas of Randolph and O'Toole elementary schools. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO has determined to recommend that the Board close Johns at the end of the 2007-2008 school year and reassign Johns' attendance area to the Randolph and O'Toole elementary schools.

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundary for Luke O'Toole Elementary School  
(Unit #5230, School ID #610108)**

*Grades kindergarten through eighth:*

Beginning at Western Ave and Marquette Rd  
East to the B&OCT RR (2200 W)  
North to 63rd St  
East to Hamilton Ave  
South to 64th St  
East to Wolcott Ave  
South to 65th St  
East to Hermitage Ave  
North to 64th St  
East to Marshfield Ave  
South to 65th St  
East to Ashland Ave  
South to 69<sup>th</sup> St  
West to Western Ave  
North to the Starting Point.

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundary for Philip Randolph Elementary School  
(Unit #3553, School ID #609941)**

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundary for Philip Randolph Elementary School  
(Unit #3553, School ID #609941)**

*Grades kindergarten through eighth:*

Beginning at the B&OCT RR (2200 W) and 69th St  
East to Ashland Ave  
South to the Belt RR (7500 S)  
West to the B&OCT RR (2200 W)  
North to the starting point.

**LSC REVIEW:** Not applicable.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS:** Not applicable.


**FINANCIAL:** No additional cost to the Chicago Public Schools

**LSC IMPLICATIONS:** Pursuant to the School Closing Policy, the Local School Council of Johns Middle Academy will be dissolved effective June 30, 2008, upon the closing of Johns

**PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:** All faculty and staff members currently assigned to Johns Middle Academy will be displaced at the end of the 2007-2008 school year in accordance with Board policies and any applicable collective bargaining agreements

**Approved for Consideration:**

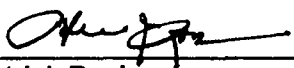
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**Barbara Eason-Watkins**  
Chief Education Officer

  
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**Arne Duncan**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Approved As to Legal Form:**

**Within Appropriation:**

  
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**Patrick Rocks**  
General Counsel

  
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**Pedro Martinez**  
Chief Financial Officer