

February 27, 2008

CLOSE MIDWAY ACADEMY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year, the Chicago Board of Education close Midway Academy elementary school (Unit 6410, school ID 610404), located at 5434 South Lockwood Avenue, and that the students currently attending Midway elementary return to their home schools.

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to the Board of Education's Policy on the Closing of Schools, 07-0523-PO2 ("the Policy"), and following a public hearing and community meeting, 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.

Pursuant to the Policy, a public hearing was convened on Wednesday, February 6, 2008, and a community meeting was convened on Thursday, February 7, 2008, following the issuance of proper notice to receive public comment on the CEO's proposal to close Midway Academy due to the underutilization of the school. 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 Midway Academy. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO has determined to recommend that the Board close Midway at the end of the 2007-2008 school year.

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

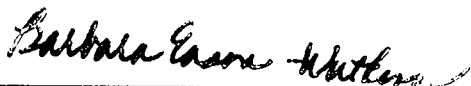
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: None

FINANCIAL: None

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: All faculty and staff members currently assigned to Midway 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



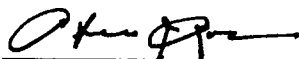
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:

Approved As to Legal Form: 



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Chief Financial Officer



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General Counsel