

ESTABLISH THE NEW BELMONT-CRAGIN AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ITS ATTENDANCE AREA BOUNDARIES AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES FOR MARY LYON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HANSON PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FRANZ PETER SCHUBERT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND NORTHWEST MIDDLE SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board approve the establishment, opening and attendance boundary of a new elementary school, effective July 1, 2009, to be known on a temporary basis as Belmont-Cragin Area Elementary School located at 2231 North Central Avenue and adjust the attendance area boundaries for Mary Lyon Elementary School ("Lyon") located at 2941 North McVicker Avenue, Hanson Park Elementary School ("Hanson Park") located at 5411 West Fullerton Avenue, Franz Peter Schubert Elementary School ("Schubert") located at 2727 North Long Avenue, and Northwest Middle School ("Northwest Middle") located at 5252 West Palmer Street.

A public hearing was held on November 14, 2008 at the Chicago Public School Board Chambers located at 125 South Clark Street discussing the new elementary school and proposed boundary changes.

DESCRIPTION:

Effective September 1, 2009, the Belmont-Cragin Area Elementary School will open at 2231 North Central Avenue as a neighborhood school and serve approximately 900 students in grades Pre-K through eighth grade beginning in the 2009-2010 school year. A formal school name shall be assigned by the Board prior to Sept. 1, 2009 in accordance with the procedures identified for the naming of new schools identified in the Board's Policy on Naming and Re-Naming Schools (Board Report 03-0326-PO4). Initially, the Belmont-Cragin Area Elementary School will establish a transitional advisory body. A Local School Council will be established in a timely matter.

All the students in grades kindergarten through seventh residing within the attendance area for the Belmont-Cragin Area Elementary School and currently attending Lyon or Hanson Park will be transferred to the Belmont-Cragin Area Elementary School to commence their next school year in September 2009 at the Belmont-Cragin Area Elementary School. Students who do not wish to attend the new Belmont-Cragin Area Elementary School must apply for (re)enrollment at Lyon or Hansen Park through the Board's Open Enrollment program. Enrollment at Lyon, or Hansen Park of students who reside outside the new attendance area is subject to available space and other conditions as set out in the Open Enrollment provisions of the Board's Policy on Enrollment and Transfer of Students in the Chicago Public Schools (Board Report 08-0927-PO2). These changes are necessary in order to open Belmont-Cragin Area Elementary School while relieving the overcrowding in the area.

First grade through seventh grade students that currently attend Lyon who reside within the new attendance boundary for Schubert will be given the option to stay at Lyon or transfer to Schubert. First grade through fifth grade students that currently attend Schubert who reside within the new attendance boundaries for Hanson Park, will be given the option stay at Schubert or transfer to Hanson Park.

Pursuant to the Board of Education's Policy on the Review and Establishment of School Attendance Boundaries, 05-0622-PO1, a public hearing was convened on Friday, November 14, 2008, following the issuance of proper notice to receive public comment on the CEO's proposal to establish Belmont-Cragin Area Elementary School and its attendance area boundary and adjust the attendance areas of Lyon, Hanson Park, and Schubert elementary schools, along with the Northwest Middle school. An independent hearing officer received oral and/or written comments and supporting documents at the hearing and kept the record

open after the hearing to receive additional written comments or documentation. Transcripts of the public hearing 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 establishing Belmont-Cragin Area Elementary School and its attendance area boundary and adjusting the attendance area boundaries of Lyon, Hanson Park, Schubert and Northwest Middle schools. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO has determined to recommend that the Board approve the establishment of Belmont-Cragin Area Elementary School and its attendance area boundary and adjust the attendance area boundaries of Lyon, Hanson Park, Schubert and Northwest Middle schools beginning July 1, 2009.

Establish Attendance Area Boundaries for Belmont-Cragin Area Elementary School

Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at Wrightwood Avenue and Narragansett Avenue
East to Mango Avenue
South to Belden Avenue
East to Central Avenue
South to the C.M.ST.P&P RR
West to Austin Avenue
North to Dickens Avenue
East to Marmora Avenue
North to Fullerton Avenue
West to Narragansett Avenue
North to the starting point.

Adjust Attendance Area Boundaries for Mary Lyon Elementary School (School ID # 610046)

Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at Narragansett Avenue and Roscoe St
East to Austin Avenue
South to Belmont Avenue
East to Menard Avenue
South to Barry Avenue
East to Mango Avenue
South to Wrightwood Avenue
West to Narragansett Avenue
North to the starting point

Adjust Attendance Area Boundaries for Hanson Park Elementary School (School ID # 610068):

Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at Altgeld Street and Mango Avenue
East to LeClaire Avenue
South to Fulleton Avenue
West to Laramie Avenue
South to Belden Avenue
East to Leamington Avenue
South to Grand Avenue
East to LeClaire Avenue
South to the C.M.ST.P&P RR
West to Central Avenue
North to Belden Avenue

West to Mango Avenue
North to the starting point

**Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries for Franz Peter Schubert School
(School ID # 610165):**

Grades kindergarten through fifth (Grades six through eight attend Northwest Middle);

Beginning at Diversey Avenue and Wellington Avenue
East to Lotus Avenue
North to Belmont Avenue
East to Lockwood Avenue
South to Oakdale Avenue
East to Laramie Avenue
South to Diversey Avenue
East to Lavergne Avenue
South to Altgeld St
West to Mango Avenue
North to the starting point

**Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries for Northwest Middle School
(School ID #610051):**

*Grades sixth through eighth;
(Grades kindergarten through fifth attend Schubert and Lloyd);*

Beginning at Mango Avenue and Diversey Avenue
East to Major Avenue
North to George Street
East to Central Avenue
North to Wellington Avenue
East to Lotus Avenue
North to Belmont Avenue
East to Lockwood Avenue
South to Oakdale Avenue
East to Laramie Avenue
South to Diversey Avenue
East to Lavergne Avenue
South to Wrightwood Avenue
East to Cicero Avenue
South to Altgeld Street
East to Kenton Avenue
South to Fullerton Avenue
East to Kenneth Avenue
South to Cortland Street
East to Kostner Avenue
South to the C.M.ST.P&P RR (1800N)
West to the C&NW RR (at Kenton Avenue)
South to Grand Avenue
Northwest to Kilpatrick Avenue
South to Wabansia Avenue
West to Lamon Avenue
North to the C.M.ST.P&P RR (1900N)
West to LeClaire Avenue
North to Grand Avenue
West to Leamington Avenue
North to Belden Avenue
West to Laramie Avenue
North to Fullerton Avenue
East to LeClaire Avenue

North to Altgeld Street
West to Mango Avenue
North to the starting point

LSC REVIEW: Not applicable.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: No additional cost to the Chicago Public Schools

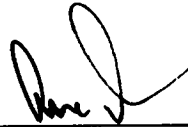
PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: These schools will be staffed according to the ratios in the Agreement between the Board of Education of the City of Chicago and the Chicago Teachers Union.

Approved for Consideration:



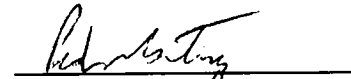
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