

ESTABLISH THE NEW SOUTHWEST AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL AND ITS ATTENDANCE AREA BOUNDARIES AND CHANGE THE GRADE STRUCTURES OF SOCORRO SANDOVAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND TONTI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board approve the establishment, opening and attendance boundary of a new middle school, effective July 1, 2009, to be known as the Southwest Area Middle School located at 3510 West 55th Street and the grade structure changed at Socorro Sandoval Elementary School ("Sandoval") (unit 6430, school ID 610226), located at 5534 South St. Louis Avenue, and Enrico Tonti Elementary School ("Tonti") (unit 6220, school ID 610203), located at 5815 South Homan Avenue as described below.

A public hearing was held on November 17, 2008 at the Chicago Public School Board Chambers located at 125 South Clark Street discussing the new middle school and the proposed boundary changes.

DESCRIPTION:

Effective September 1, 2009, the Southwest Area Middle School will open at 3510 West 55th Street as a middle school and serve approximately 1200 students in grades sixth 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 Southwest Area Middle School will establish a transitional advisory body. A Local School Council will be established in a timely matter.

Currently, Sandoval and Tonti both serve students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Effective July 1, 2009, Sandoval and Tonti will decrease its grade structure to serve students in *grades kindergarten through fifth* and, the Southwest Area Middle School will serve students in grades sixth through eighth. All the students in grades fifth through seventh attending Sandoval and Tonti at the end of the 2008-2009 school year will be transferred to the Southwest Area Middle School to commence their next school year in September 2009 at the Southwest Area Middle School. Any student who does not wish to be transferred may under the Board's Policy on Enrollment and Transfer of Students in the Chicago Public Schools (Board Report 08-0927-PO2), apply to another CPS school. These changes are necessary in order to open the Southwest Area Middle School while relieving the overcrowding in the area.

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 17, 2008, following the issuance of proper notice to receive public comment on the CEO's proposal to adjust the grade structure of Sandoval and Tonti elementary schools and establish Southwest Area Middle School and its attendance area boundaries. 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 Southwest Area Middle School and its attendance area boundaries and to change the grade structure of the attendance area boundaries of Sandoval and Tonti elementary schools. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO has determined to recommend that the Board approve the establishment of Southwest Area Middle School and its attendance

area boundary and change the grade structure of attendance area boundaries of both Sandoval and Tonti beginning July 1, 2009.

Adjust Attendance Area Boundaries for Socorro Sandoval Elementary School (School ID # 610226)

Effective July 1, 2009, grades kindergarten through fifth:

Beginning at the Belt RR and Harding Ave
Northeast to the CN RR (at Central Park Ave)
South to 55th St
East to Richmond St
South to 57th St
West to St Louis Ave
South to 60th St
East to Homan Ave
South to 62nd St
West to Lawndale Ave
North to 56th Pl
West to Hamlin Ave
North to 51st St
West to the starting point

Adjust Attendance Area Boundaries for Enrico Tonti Elementary School (School ID # 610203):

Effective July 1, 2009, grades kindergarten through fifth:

Beginning at St. Louis and 57th St
East to Francisco Ave
South to 61st St
West to Kedzie Ave
South to 62nd St
West to Homan Ave
North to 60th St
West to St. Louis Ave
North to the starting point

Establish Attendance Area Boundaries for Southwest Area Middle School

Effective July 1, 2009, grades sixth through eighth:

Beginning at the Belt RR and Harding Ave
Northeast to the CN RR (at Central Park Ave)
South to 55th St
East to Richmond St
South to 57th St
East to Francisco Ave
South to 61st St
West to Kedzie Ave
South to 62nd St
West to Lawndale Ave
North to 56th Pl
West to Hamlin Ave
North to 51st St
West to the starting point

LSC REVIEW: Not applicable.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: No additional cost to the Chicago Public Schools

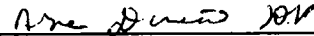
PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: These schools will be staffed according to the ratios in the Agreement between the Board of Education of the City of Chicago and the Chicago Teachers Union.

Approved for Consideration:

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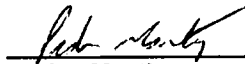
Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer



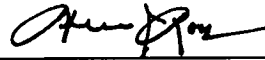
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:

Approved as to legal form: 



Pedro Martinez
Chief Financial Officer



Patrick Rocks
General Counsel