

CLOSE PRINCETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That effective June 30, 2009, the Chicago Board of Education close Princeton Elementary School (unit 7850, school ID 610349) ("Princeton"), located at 5125 South Princeton Avenue, and that the students currently attending Princeton return to their attendance area 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 January 30, 2009, and a community meeting was convened on February 7, 2009, following the issuance of proper notice to receive public comment on the CEO's proposal to close Princeton due to reasons associated with space utilization. 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 Princeton. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO has determined to recommend that the Board close Princeton effective June 30, 2009.

FINANCIAL: No additional cost to the Chicago Public Schools

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: All faculty and staff members currently assigned to Princeton will be displaced at the end of the 2008-09 school year in accordance with Board policies and any applicable collective bargaining agreements.

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