

January 26, 2011

**CONSOLIDATE THE HIGH SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY AT SOUTH SHORE, THE HIGH SCHOOL OF THE ARTS AT SOUTH SHORE, AND THE HIGH SCHOOL OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP AT SOUTH SHORE INTO THE HIGH SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP AT SOUTH SHORE AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA BOUNDARY**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That effective June 30, 2011, the Chicago Board of Education consolidate the High School of Technology at South Shore (School ID 610296), the High School of the Arts at South Shore (School ID 610310), and the High School of Entrepreneurship at South Shore (School ID 610311) into the High School of Leadership at South Shore (School ID 610297) and adjust the attendance area boundary of the resulting School of Leadership to reduce its grade offering by one grade each year until the end of the 2013-2014 school year, at which time the school will close. Currently, the High School of the Arts and High School of Technology are located at 7529 South Constance Avenue, and the High School of Entrepreneurship and High School of Leadership are located at 7627 South Constance Avenue. Students currently attending all four schools and not expected to graduate at the end of the current school year will be transferred to the resulting School of Leadership at 7627 South Constance Avenue.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Pursuant to the Board of Education's Policy on the Review and Establishment of School Attendance Boundaries, 05-0622-PO1, and the Board of Education's Policy on the Consolidation of Schools, 05-1221-PO1, the Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Public Schools ("CEO") may recommend to the Board of Education, following a public hearing, changes to attendance area boundaries and the consolidation of schools. Beginning December 27, 2010, the CEO's designee published a notice of a public hearing regarding his proposal to consolidate the High School of the Arts, High School of Technology, and High School of Entrepreneurship into the High School of Leadership, and to adjust the attendance area boundary of the resulting School of Leadership due to space utilization and alternative use of the facilities. The public hearing was scheduled for January 7, 2011 at 5:30pm at 125 South Clark Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Board Chambers, Chicago, Illinois.

On January 7, 2011, the CEO, through an independent Hearing Officer, Fredrick Bates, Esquire, convened the public hearing to receive public comment on his proposal to consolidate the High School of the Arts, High School of Technology, and High School of Entrepreneurship into the High School of Leadership, and to adjust the attendance area boundary of the resulting School of Leadership. Oral and written comments were received from those members of the public who wished to comment. The record of the public hearing was left open until 3:00pm on January 10, 2011 to receive any additional comments that members of the public wished to submit in writing to the hearing officer.

Hearing Officer Bates issued a report including findings regarding the CEO's proposal and recommended that the CEO proceed with his proposal to consolidate the High School of the Arts, High School of Technology, and High School of Entrepreneurship into the High School of Leadership and adjust the attendance area boundary of the resulting School of Leadership to decrease its grade offering by one grade each year. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO decided to proceed in recommending that the Board authorize the consolidation of the High School of the Arts, High School of Technology, and High School of Entrepreneurship into the High School of Leadership and adjust the attendance area boundary for the resulting School of Leadership to decrease its grade offering by one grade each year until the end of the 2013-2014 school year, at which time the school will close. The change to the attendance area boundary is described below, effective June 30, 2011. In making this recommendation, the CEO considered the availability of space at the 7627 South Constance Avenue building and the close proximity of the two current school buildings.

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundaries of the Resulting School of Leadership to Offer:**

Effective July 1, 2011, Grades 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>  
Effective July 1, 2012, Grades 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>  
Effective July 1, 2013, Grade 12<sup>th</sup>  
Effective June 30, 2014: School closed

Beginning at Cottage Grove Avenue and 71<sup>st</sup> Street  
East to Creiger Avenue  
North to 68<sup>th</sup> Street  
East to Lake Michigan  
Southeast along shore line to line of 79<sup>th</sup> Street (extended)  
West to Commercial Avenue  
South to 80<sup>th</sup> Street  
West to Muskegon Avenue  
South to 81<sup>st</sup> Street  
West to Manistee Avenue  
South to 83<sup>rd</sup> Street  
West to the Chicago Skyway  
Northwest to Cottage Grove Avenue  
North to starting point

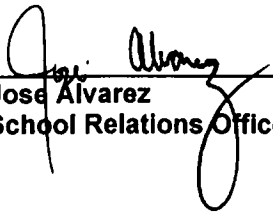
On January 26, 2011, members of the public were afforded an opportunity to provide public comment to the members of the Board at the Board's regular January 26, 2011 meeting, which was held pursuant to public notice.

**LSC IMPLICATIONS:** Pursuant to the Board of Education's Policy on the Consolidation of Schools, the Appointed Local School Councils at High School of the Arts, High School of Technology, and High School of Entrepreneurship will be dissolved June 30, 2011 upon the consolidation of these schools into the High School of Leadership.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** Will be addressed during the development of the 2011-2012 fiscal budget.

**PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:** The employment status of all faculty and staff members currently assigned to the schools affected by this authorization will be determined pursuant to the CPS staffing formulas, Board Policies and any applicable collective bargaining agreements.

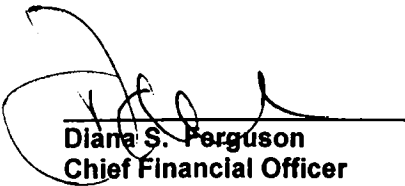
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**Jose Alvarez**  
**School Relations Officer**

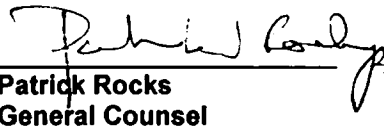
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**Terry Matzany**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**Within Appropriation:**

  
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**Diana S. Ferguson**  
**Chief Financial Officer**

**Approved as to legal form:**

  
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**Patrick Rocks**  
**General Counsel**

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