

**CLOSE DUMAS TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY,
ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA OF JAMES WADSWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
AND RELOCATE JAMES WADSWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO
THE 6650 SOUTH ELLIS AVENUE FACILITY**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Dumas Technology Academy (School ID 610266) ("Dumas"), located at 6650 South Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning Dumas students to James Wadsworth Elementary School (School ID 610213) ("Wadsworth"), located at 6420 South University Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, adjust the attendance area of Wadsworth to include the Dumas attendance area, and relocate Wadsworth to the site of the former Dumas school.

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to the Illinois School Code Sections 34-200 through 34-232, the Chief Executive Officer's Guidelines for School Actions, and the Board of Education's Policy on the Review and Establishment of School Attendance Boundaries, 05-0622-PO1, the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of the Chicago Public Schools may recommend the closing of schools and the adjustment of school attendance boundaries.

Pursuant to legal requirements, two community meetings were convened on April 10, 2013, and April 15, 2013, at Kenwood High School, located at 5015 South Blackstone Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and a public hearing was convened on April 25, 2013, at 125 South Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, following the issuance of proper notice. An independent hearing officer received oral and written comments and supporting documents at the hearing and kept the record open after the meeting to receive additional written comments or documentation. A transcript of the hearing and summaries of the community meetings have been provided to the Board. The hearing officer reported that the CEO's proposal met the requirements of the law and summarized comments and written documentation received. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO has decided to recommend that the Board close Dumas effective June 30, 2013, reassign Dumas' returning students to Wadsworth, assign Dumas' attendance area to Wadsworth, and relocate Wadsworth to 6650 South Ellis Avenue.

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of James Wadsworth Elementary School
(School ID 610213)**

Current location: 6420 South University Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

New location: 6650 South Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

Effective June 30, 2013, for grades Kindergarten through eighth;

Beginning at Cottage Grove Ave and Marquette Rd

East to Drexel Ave

North to 65th St

East to Drexel Ave

North to 63rd St

East to Stony Island Ave

South to 71st St

West to Dorchester Ave

North to the IR RR

Northwest and northeast to 67th St

West to Cottage Grove Ave

North to the starting point

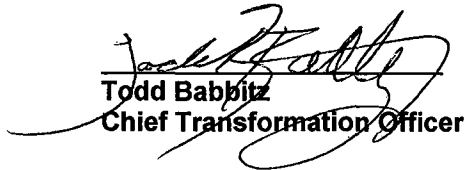
LSC IMPLICATIONS: Dumas' Local School Council will be dissolved effective June 30, 2013, upon the closing of Dumas.


FINANCIAL: The financial implications associated with this school action will be addressed during the development of the fiscal year 2014 budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY13 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

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 Board policies and any collective bargaining agreements.


Approved for Consideration:

Respectfully Submitted:


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Approved as to Legal Form:


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