

**CLOSE FRANCIS SCOTT KEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA OF EDWARD K. ELLINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Francis Scott Key Elementary School (School ID 610020) ("Key"), located at 517 North Parkside Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning Key students to Edward K. Ellington Elementary School (School ID 609904) ("Ellington"), located at 243 North Parkside Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and that the attendance area of Ellington be adjusted to include the Key attendance area.

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 Austin High School, located at 231 North Pine Street, Chicago, Illinois, and a public hearing was convened on April 17, 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 Key effective June 30, 2013, reassign Key's returning students to Ellington, and assign Key's attendance area to Ellington.

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Edward K. Ellington Elementary School
(School ID 609904)**

243 North Parkside Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

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

Beginning at Austin Blvd and Huron St

East to Pine Ave

South to Lake St

East to Latrobe Ave

South to Washington Blvd

West To Austin Blvd

North to the starting point

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

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.

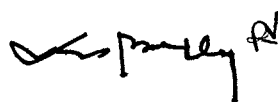
Approved for Consideration:

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