

**CLOSE ROBERT H. LAWRENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA OF BURNHAM ELEMENTARY INCLUSIVE ACADEMY,
AND RELOCATE BURNHAM ELEMENTARY INCLUSIVE ACADEMY TO
THE 9928 SOUTH CRANDON AVENUE FACILITY**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Robert H. Lawrence Elementary School (School ID 610045) ("Lawrence"), located at 9928 South Crandon Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning Lawrence students to Burnham Elementary Inclusive Academy (School ID 609821) ("Burnham"), located at 1903 East 96th Street and 9800 South Torrence Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, adjust the attendance area of Burnham to include the Lawrence attendance area, and relocate Burnham to the site of the former Lawrence 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 Harlan High School, located at 9652 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and a public hearing was convened on April 29, 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 Lawrence effective June 30, 2013, reassign Lawrence's returning students to Burnham, assign Lawrence's attendance area to Burnham, and relocate Burnham to 9928 South Crandon Avenue.

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Burnham Elementary Inclusive Academy
(School ID 609821)**

Current location: 1903 East 96th Street and 9800 South Torrence Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

New location: 9928 South Crandon Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

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

Beginning at the Belt RR (north of 95th St) and the IC RR (West of Stony Island Ave)

East to Colfax Ave

South to 95th St

East to the Belt RR (at Saginaw Ave)

South to 104th St

West to Bensley Ave

South to 105th St

West to the IC RR

Northwest to the starting point

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

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.

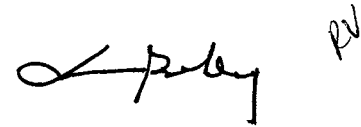
Approved for Consideration:

Respectfully Submitted:


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