

**CLOSE WILLIAM J. & CHARLES H. MAYO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
ASSIGN THE ATTENDANCE AREA OF WILLIAM J. & CHARLES H. MAYO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
TO
IDA B. WELLS PREPARATORY ELEMENTARY ACADEMY,
AND RELOCATE IDA B. WELLS PREPARATORY ELEMENTARY ACADEMY TO
THE 249 EAST 37TH STREET FACILITY**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close William J. & Charles H. Mayo Elementary School (School ID 610061) ("Mayo"), located at 249 East 37th Street, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning Mayo students to Ida B. Wells Preparatory Elementary School (School ID 610110) ("Wells, I."), located at 244 East Pershing Road, Chicago, Illinois, assign the attendance area of Mayo to Wells, I., and relocate Wells, I. to the sites of the former Mayo school.

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to the Illinois School Code Sections 34-200 through 34-232, the Chief Executive Officer's Guidelines for School Actions ("Guidelines"), 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 9, 2013, and April 13, 2013, at Kenwood High School, located at 5015 South Blackstone Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and a public hearing was convened on April 22, 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 summarized comments and written documentation received and reported that the CEO's proposal did not meet the requirements of the law because the draft transition plan did not adequately address the staffing and space considerations for students with disabilities. The hearing officer exceeded the scope of her authority by failing to apply the law and Guidelines as promulgated. The law requires that the CEO include a draft transition plan identifying supports for affected students with the notice of a proposal for a school action, which the CEO has done. The law states that the CEO prepares and implements a transition plan after the Board approves a school action. The CEO has considered the hearing officer's report and the feedback received throughout the public engagement process and has updated the draft transition plan accordingly. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO has decided to recommend that the Board close Mayo effective June 30, 2013, reassign Mayo's returning students to Wells, I., assign Mayo's attendance area to Wells, I., and relocate Wells, I. to 249 East 37th Street.

**Assign Attendance Area Boundary to Ida B. Wells Preparatory Elementary Academy
(School ID 610110)**

Current location: 244 East Pershing Road, Chicago, Illinois

New location: 249 East 37th Street, Chicago, Illinois

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

Beginning at State St and 37th St

East to Michigan Ave

North to 36th St

East to Indiana Ave

North to 35th St

East to Dr Martin Luther King Jr Dr

South to 41st St
West to Indiana Ave
North to 40th St
West to State St
North to the starting point

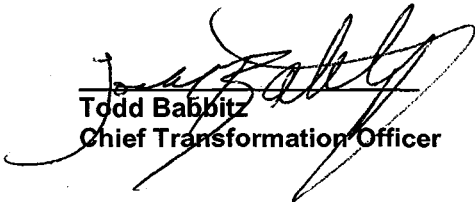
LSC IMPLICATIONS: Mayo's Local School Council will be dissolved effective June 30, 2013, upon the closing of Mayo.

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:

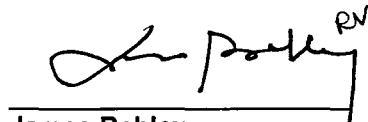


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