

**CLOSE NATHANIEL POPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA OF JAMES WELDON JOHNSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Nathaniel Pope Elementary School (School ID 610134) ("Pope"), located at 1852 South Albany Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning Pope students to James Weldon Johnson Elementary School (School ID 610274) ("Johnson"), located at 1420 South Albany Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and that the attendance area of Johnson be adjusted to include the Pope 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 9, 2013, and April 13, 2013, at Manley High School, located at 2935 West Polk Street, Chicago, Illinois, and a public hearing was convened on April 19, 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 Pope effective June 30, 2013, reassign Pope's returning students to Johnson, and assign Pope's attendance area to Johnson.

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of James Weldon Johnson Elementary School  
(School ID 610274)**

1420 South Albany Avenue, Chicago, Illinois  
*Effective June 30, 2013, for grades Kindergarten through eighth;*

Beginning at St Louis Ave and Douglas Blvd  
East to Kedzie Ave  
North to Fillmore St  
East to Whipple St  
South to Roosevelt Rd  
West to Albany Ave  
South to 19th St  
East to California Ave  
South to the CB&Q RR  
Southwest to Albany Ave  
South to Cermak Rd  
West to Kedzie Ave  
North to 21st St  
West to Spaulding Ave  
North to Ogden Ave  
Southwest to St. Louis Ave  
North to the starting point

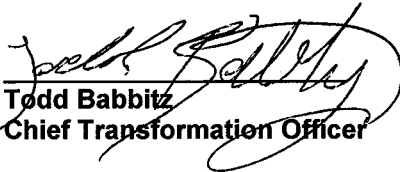
**LSC IMPLICATIONS:** Pope's Local School Council will be dissolved effective June 30, 2013, upon the closing of Pope.

**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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Chief Transformation Officer

  
Barbara Byrd-Bennett  
Chief Executive Officer

**Approved as to Legal Form:**

  
James Bebley  
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