

**CLOSE BETSY ROSS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS OF JOHN FOSTER DULLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Betsy Ross Elementary School (School ID 610150) ("Ross"), located at 6059 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning Ross students to John Foster Dulles Elementary School (School ID 610263) ("Dulles"), located at 6311 South Calumet Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and that the attendance area of Dulles be adjusted to include the Ross 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 8, 2013, and April 12, 2013, at Kenwood High School, located at 5015 South Blackstone Avenue, 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 Ross effective June 30, 2013, reassign Ross' returning students to Dulles, and assign Ross' attendance area to Dulles.

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of John Foster Dulles Elementary School  
(School ID 610263)**

6311 South Calumet Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

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

Beginning at the Dan Ryan Expy and 59th St  
East to Dr Martin Luther King Jr Dr  
South to 63rd St  
East to Eberhart Ave  
South to 66th St  
West to Dr Martin Luther King Jr Dr  
South to the NYC RR  
Northwest to the 63rd St  
West to the Dan Ryan Expy  
North to the starting point

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

**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:**

  
James Bebley  
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