

**CLOSE ELIHU YALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA OF JOHN HARVARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Elihu Yale Elementary School (School ID 610233) ("Yale"), located at 7025 South Princeton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning Yale students to John Harvard Elementary School (School ID 609971) ("Harvard"), located at 7525 South Harvard Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and that the attendance area of Harvard be adjusted to include the Yale 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 6, 2013, and April 13, 2013, at TEAM Englewood High School, located at 6201 South Stewart Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and a public hearing was convened on April 18, 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 Yale effective June 30, 2013, reassign Yale's returning students to Harvard, and assign Yale's attendance area to Harvard.

**Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of John Harvard Elementary School
(School ID 609971)**

7525 South Harvard Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

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

Beginning at the C&WI RR (at Wallace Ave) and 72nd St
 East to Normal Ave
 North to 70th St
 East to the CRI&P RR
 Northeast to 69th Street
 East to Lafayette Ave
 South to Vincennes Ave
 Southwest to 73rd St
 East to Perry Ave
 South to 74th St
 East to Lafayette Ave
 South to 77th St
 West to Perry Ave
 South to 79th St
 West to Vincennes Ave
 Northeast to 77th St
 West to Eggleston Ave
 North to 76th St
 West to the C&WI RR (at Wallace Ave)
 North to the starting point

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

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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