

**AUTHORIZE THE RECONSTITUTION OF WALTER Q. GRESHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND
REMOVE AND REPLACE THE WALTER Q. GRESHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STAFF,
INCLUDING THE PRINCIPAL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2014, the Chicago Board of Education ("Board") approve the reconstitution of Walter Q. Gresham Elementary School (School ID 609955) ("Gresham"), located at 8524 South Green Street, Chicago, Illinois, and remove and replace the staff, including the principal.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Pursuant to Section 5/34-8.3(d) of the Illinois School Code, 105 ILCS 5/34-8.3(d), and following the opportunity for a public hearing, the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of the Chicago Public Schools may recommend the reconstitution of a school on probation for at least one year and after failing to make adequate progress in correcting deficiencies.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY: On or about March 21, 2014, the CEO gave written notice of her proposal to reconstitute Gresham in accordance with Section 5/34-8.3(d) of the Illinois School Code to:

- (a) the parents of Gresham students;
- (b) the Gresham staff; and
- (c) Gresham's Local School Council members.

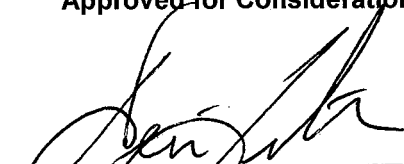
Notice of the public hearing regarding the proposal to reconstitute Gresham was also published on the district website. The public hearing was scheduled for April 9, 2014 at 8:00 pm at 125 South Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

On April 9, 2014, the appointed hearing officer convened the public hearing to receive public comment on the proposal to reconstitute Gresham. The hearing officer received oral and written comments and supporting documents at the hearing and kept the record open after the hearing to receive additional written comments or documentation. The hearing officer's report and a transcript of the hearing has been provided to the Board. The hearing officer reported that the CEO's proposal met the requirements of Section 5/34-8.3(d) of the Illinois School Code, 105 ILCS 5/34-8.3(d), summarized comments and written documentation received, and recommended that the Board approve the CEO's proposal to reconstitute Gresham. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO has decided to recommend that the Board reconstitute Gresham effective June 30, 2014.

LSC IMPLICATIONS: As Gresham will remain on probation after its reconstitution, the powers and duties of the Gresham Local School Council with respect to the School Improvement Plan and School Expenditure Plan will remain the same after reconstitution. As the result of the removal and replacement of the current principal pursuant to section 5/34-8.3(d) of the Illinois School Code, the Gresham Local School Council will not have authority to select a new four-year contract principal until the school is removed from probation pursuant to Section VII of the Board's School Performance, Remediation and Probation Policy, or any successor policy on school probation.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: Pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-8.3(d)(4), all Gresham employees, including the principal, will be removed and replaced in accordance with Board policies and any applicable collective bargaining agreements.

Approved for Consideration:



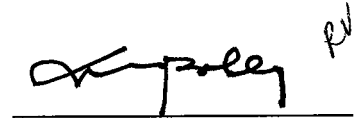
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