ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS OF ENGLEWOOD ACADEMY, DYETT ACADEMIC CENTER, HIRSCH METRO, HYDE PARK ACADEMY, AND ROBESON HIGH SCHOOLS

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Chicago Board of Education cease enrolling incoming ninth graders at Englewood Academy High School (Unit 1680), located at 6201 South Stewart Avenue, for academic reasons and adjust the attendance areas of Dyett Academic Center (Unit 1600), located at 555 East 51st Street, Hirsch Metro High School (Unit 1380), located at 7740 South Ingleside Avenue, Hyde Park Academy High School (Unit 1390), located at 6220 South Stony Island Avenue, and Robeson High School (Unit 1320), located 6835 South Normal Boulevard, to include portions of the attendance area of Englewood (applicable only to incoming ninth-graders) for at least the 2005-2006 school year.

DESCRIPTION:

The Chief Executive Officer recommends that Englewood Academy High School cease enroll incoming ninth-graders for academic reasons. Englewood Academy has been on probation for nine (9) years. With the exception of Bowen High School, which is in the final year of transition to four small schools and will cease to exist at the end of the current school year, Englewood Academy was the lowest-performing Chicago public high school on the 2004 Prairie State Achievement Examination. Only 4.7% of its students who took the test met or exceeded state standards on the 2004 Prairie State Achievement Examination. A change in Englewood Academy's attendance boundaries will facilitate improvement in the academic performance of its current students and offer better educational alternatives to incoming ninth-graders currently residing in its attendance area.

Racial Impact Analysis and Enrollment Projections

In accordance with the Modified Desegregation Consent Decree, the Office of Demographics and Planning conducted a racial impact analysis including 3-year enrollment projections. The analysis determined that the proposed high school attendance area boundary changes would have no significant impact on the racial composition and stability of the subject schools. In terms of racial composition and stability, the option of maintaining the status quo offers neither an advantage nor disadvantage over the option of changing the attendance boundaries. While other possibilities were examined, no alternatives affected the resulting racial/ethnic distribution of students. A copy of this report is available for review.

Public Hearing

A public hearing was convened on February 10, 2005, pursuant to proper notice to receive public comment on the proposed attendance boundary changes. An independent hearing officer appointed by the Chief Executive Officer presided at the hearing and received comment and supporting documentation. The hearing was transcribed by a certified court reporter. The hearing officer has prepared and submitted a report of the proceedings to the Chief Executive Officer. A copy of the Hearing Officer's Report is available for review. After receiving the Hearing Officer's Report, the Chief Executive Officer has determined to recommend that the Board cease to enroll incoming ninth-graders at Englewood Academy High School at the end of the 2004-2005 school year and reassign Englewood's attendance area to the Dyett, Hirsch, Hyde Park and Robeson High Schools. These changes are applicable only to incoming ninth-graders and will not affect students currently enrolled at these schools.

Attendance Area Adjustments

The CEO recommends adjusting the attendance areas of Englewood Academy, Hirsch Metro, Hyde Park Academy, Robeson and Dyett Academic Center High Schools as follows:

• Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of Englewood Academy High School (Unit 1680)

Grades ten through twelve:

Beginning at Laflin Street and 62nd Street East to Ada Street North to 61st Street East to Racine Avenue North to 59th Street East to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive South to 60th Street East to Cottage Grove Avenue South to 71st Street West to the Chicago Skyway Northwest to State Street West and North to 65th Street West to Morgan Street North to 64th Street West to Racine Avenue South to 65th Street West to Laflin Avenue North to starting point.

Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of Emil G. Hirsch Metro High School (Unit 1380)

Grade nine and ten (from Calumet):

Beginning at Damen Avenue and 83rd Street East to Halsted Street South to 87th Street West to Damen Avenue North to starting point.

Grade nine and ten (from Englewood, formerly Calumet):

Beginning at Damen Avenue and 79th Street East to Halsted Street South to 83rd Street West to Damen Avenue North to starting point.

Grade nine (from Englewood)

Beginning at Dr. Martin Luther King Drive and 65th Street East to Cottage Grove Avenue South to 71st Street West to the Chicago Skyway Northwest to Dr. Martin Luther King jr. Drive North to starting point.

Grades nine through twelve:

Beginning at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and 74th Street East to St. Lawrence Avenue
North to 73rd Street
East to the Chicago Skyway
Southeast to Stony Island Avenue
South to 83rd Street
West to Cottage Grove Avenue
North to 81st Street
West to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive

North to starting point.

• Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of Hyde Park Academy High School (Unit 1390)

Grade nine and ten (from Calumet):

Beginning at Damen Avenue and railroad at 75th Street East to Loomis Boulevard North to 73rd Street East to Halsted Street South to 79th Street West to Damen Avenue North to Starting Point.

Grade nine (from Englewood):

Beginning at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and 60th Street East to Cottage Grove Avenue South to 65th Street West to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive North to Starting Point.

Grades nine through twelve:

Beginning at Midway Plaisance (59th Place) and Cottage Grove Avenue East to Stony Island Avenue
North to 56th Street
East to Lake Michigan
Southeast to the line of 68th Street (extended)
West to Creiger Avenue
South to the RR at 71st Street
West to Cottage Grove Avenue
North to starting point.

Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of Robeson High School (Unit 1320)

Grade nine (from Englewood):

Beginning at Laflin Street and 62nd Street
East to Ada Street
North to 61st Street
East to Racine Avenue
North to 59th Street
East to the Dan Ryan Expressway
South to 65th Street
West to Morgan Street
North to 64th Street
West to Racine Avenue
South to 65th Street
West to Racine Avenue
South to 55th Street
West to Laflin Avenue
North to Starting Point.

Grades nine through twelve:

Beginning at Ashland Avenue and 65th Street East to Racine Avenue North to 64th Street East to Morgan Street

South to 65th Street East to State Street South and West to the Chicago Skyway Southwest to 71st Street West to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive South to 77th Street West to Fielding Avenue South to 78th Street West to Wallace Street North to 77th Street West to Halsted Street North to 73rd Street West to Ada Street North to 71st Street East to Throop Street North to 68th Street West to Loomis Boulevard North to 67th Street West to Ashland Avenue North to Starting Point.

LSC REVIEW:

LSC approval is not applicable to this report.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:

The employment status of any Englewood teachers or staff members affected by the change in its attendance boundaries will be determined according to Board policies and any applicable collective bargaining agreements.

Approved for Consideration: Approved:

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Within Appropriation: Approved as to legal form:

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