CLOSE JOHN V. LEMOYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA BOUNDARIES OF NETTELHORST AND GREELEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Chicago Board of Education approve the closing of John V. LeMoyne Elementary School ("LeMoyne"), Unit 4440, located at 851 West Waveland Avenue, and adjust the attendance area boundaries of Louis Nettelhorst Elementary School ("Nettelhorst"), Unit 5070, located at 3252 North Broadway Avenue, and Horace Greeley Elementary School ("Greeley"), Unit 2730, located at 832 West Sheridan Road, at the end of the 2006-2007 school year.

DESCRIPTION:

Prior to July 1, 2005, LeMoyne Elementary School had served grades kindergarten through eighth. Due to the low utilization of LeMoyne, it was determined that LeMoyne should be phased out and its building repurposed. Therefore, effective July 1, 2005, LeMoyne stopped accepting incoming kindergarten students (Board Report 05-0622-EX9).

Currently, Inter-American Magnet School is sharing the facility at 851 West Waveland with LeMoyne for the 2006-2007 school year. With a current enrollment of only 63 students, LeMoyne is ready to complete the school's phase out by closing at the end of the 2006-2007 school year.

Upon the closing of LeMoyne, its attendance area will be divided between Horace Greeley Elementary School, located at 832 West Sheridan Road (3900N-832W) and Louis Nettelhorst Elementary School, located at 3252 North Broadway Avenue (3252N-600W), as of the 2007-2008 school year. LeMoyne students that reside within the attendance area and north of Addison Street (3600N) will be assigned to Greeley. LeMoyne students that reside within the attendance area and south of Addison Street will be assigned to Nettelhorst. LeMoyne students that do not reside within the attendance area will be assigned to their attendance area schools. Where appropriate, LeMoyne students with disabilities will be offered enrollment in their attendance area schools, unless the Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) cannot be met. Those students will be offered enrollment at schools where the IEPs can be met. Inter-American Magnet School will continue to operate at the 851 West Waveland facility.

PUBLIC HEARING:

In accordance with the Board of Education's Policy on the Closing of Schools, 04-0225-PO02 ("Closing Policy"), a public hearing on the proposed closing of LeMoyne was convened on April 10, 2007, following proper notice, to receive public comment. An independent hearing officer received comments and supporting documents at the hearing. The hearing officer has prepared a report including findings regarding the CEO's proposal.

RECOMMENDATION:

In accordance with the Closing Policy, the CEO may, following a public hearing, recommend to the Board the closing of schools for any of the reasons stated in the Closing Policy. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO has determined to recommend that the Board complete the phase out process and close LeMoyne in accordance with Section I.A. of the Closing Policy (low space utilization level) at the end of the 2006-2007 school year for non-academic reasons.

Adjust the Attendance Area Boundary of Louis Nettelhorst Elementary School (unit 5070):

Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at Racine Ave and Addison St East to Lake Michigan Southeast to Diversey Dr FINAL 07-0425-EX2

West to Clark St Northwest to Halsted St North to Belmont Ave West to Racine Ave North to the starting point.

Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of Horace Greeley Elementary School (Unit 2730):

Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at Seminary Ave and Irving Park Rd
East to Broadway
Southeast to Sheridan Road
East to the lakefront
South to Addison St
West to Clark St
Northwest to Waveland Ave
East to Clifton Ave
North to Grace St
East to Seminary Ave
North to the starting point.

LSC IMPLICATIONS:

Pursuant to the Closing Policy, the Local School Council of LeMoyne will be dissolved effective June 30, 2007, as the result of the closing of LeMoyne.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:

Tenured teachers assigned to LeMoyne shall become reassigned teachers pursuant to the Board's Policy on the Reassignment and Layoff of Regularly Certified and Appointed Tenured Teachers, 04-0623-PO5. Other personnel shall be laid off in accordance with Board rules, policies and applicable collective bargaining agreements, if any.

Approved for Consideration:

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