CONSOLIDATE HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INTO LASALLE II MAGNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2011, the Board of Education approve the consolidation of Hans Christian Andersen Elementary School ("Andersen School") (School ID 609776), located at 1148 North Honore Street, Chicago, Illinois, into LaSalle II Magnet Elementary School ("LaSalle II School") (School ID 610520), located at the same address.

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to the Board of Education's Policy on the Consolidation of Schools, 05-1221-PO1, the Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Public Schools ("CEO") may recommend to the Board of Education, following a public hearing, the consolidation of schools.

Prior to July 1, 2008, Andersen School had served grades kindergarten through eighth grade. Due to low space utilization, it was determined that Andersen School should cease enrolling its entry level grade. Therefore, effective July 1, 2008, Andersen School stopped accepting incoming kindergarten students (Board Report 08-0227-EX14).

On or about March 23, 2011, the CEO sent notice of a public hearing to all interested parties regarding his proposal to consolidate Andersen School into LaSalle II School. The public hearing was held on April 7, 2011 at 5:30 pm at 125 South Clark Street, 5th floor, Board Chambers, Chicago, Illinois.

On April 7, 2011, the CEO, through his appointed Hearing Officer, Fred Bates, Esq., convened the public hearing to receive public comment on his proposal to consolidate Andersen School and LaSalle II School. Oral and written comments were received from those members of the public who wished to comment. The record of the public hearing was left open until Friday, April 8, 2011, until 5 pm, to receive any additional comments that members of the public wished to submit in writing to the hearing officer.

Hearing Officer Bates issued a report including findings regarding the CEO's proposal in which he recommended that the CEO proceed with his proposal to consolidate Andersen School into LaSalle II.

After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO determined to proceed in recommending that the Board consolidate Andersen School into LaSalle II School effective June 30, 2011.

Upon the consolidation of Andersen School into LaSalle II School all returning Andersen students will be assigned to LaSalle II School.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Will be addressed during the development of 2011-2012 financial budget.

LSC IMPLICATIONS: Pursuant to the Board of Education's Policy on the Consolidation of Schools, the Local School Council at Andersen School will be dissolved on June 30, 2011 upon the consolidation of Andersen School into LaSalle II School.

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 the CPS staffing formulas, Board Policies and any applicable collective bargaining agreements.

Approved for Consideration:

Approved:

Jose Alvarez

School Relations Officer

Terry Mazeny Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:

Approved as to legal form:

Diana S. Ferguson Chief Financial Officer

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