CONSOLIDATE AVONDALE SCHOOL INTO LOGANDALE SCHOOL AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA BOUNDARY OF LOGANDALE SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2011, the Board of Education consolidate Avondale Elementary School ("Avondale School") (School ID 609787), located at 2945 North Sawyer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, into Logandale Middle School ("Logandale School") (School ID 610010), located on the same property at 3212 West George Street, Chicago, Illinois, and adjust the attendance area boundary of Logandale School to include grades kindergarten through fifth.

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to the Board of Education's Policy on the Review and Establishment of School Attendance Boundaries, 05-0622-PO1, and 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, changes to attendance area boundaries and the consolidation of schools.

On or about March 23, 2011, the CEO sent notice of a public hearing to all interested parties regarding his proposal to consolidate Avondale School into Logandale School and adjust the attendance area boundary of Logandale School. The public hearing was held on April 11, 2011 at 8:00 pm at 125 South Clark Street, 5th floor, Board Chambers, Chicago, Illinois.

On April 11, 2011, the CEO, through his appointed Hearing Officer, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Esq., convened the public hearing to receive public comment on his proposal to consolidate Avondale School into Logandale School and adjust the attendance area boundary of Logandale School to include grades kindergarten through fifth. 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 April 12, 2011, until 5:00 pm., to receive any additional comments that members of the public wished to submit in writing to the hearing officer.

Hearing Officer Fitzpatrick issued a report including findings regarding the CEO's proposal in which she recommended that the CEO proceed with his proposal to consolidate Avondale School into Logandale School and adjust the attendance area boundary of Logandale School to include grades kindergarten through fifth.

After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO determined to proceed in recommending that the Board consolidate Avondale School into Logandale School effective June 30, 2011 and adjust the attendance area boundary of Logandale School to include grades kindergarten through fifth.

In making this recommendation, the CEO's goal is to provide better use of the school facilities and give Avondale and Logandale students an improved educational environment. The CEO has considered the projected enrollment at both schools, current space utilization rates, and projected space utilization rates upon consolidation. Logandale School leadership will be able to utilize both buildings to more equitably distribute students when the schools are consolidated.

Moreover, the consolidated school will be able to provide a better learning environment for all students by encouraging staff communication and curricular continuity across grade levels. A combined kindergarten through eighth grade school will offer vertical cohesion that the current separate schools cannot achieve. A single school that will utilize both existing school buildings will better serve the combined enrollment of the schools and provide the best educational option for Avondale and Logandale students.

Upon the consolidation of Avondale School into Logandale School, all returning Avondale School students will be assigned to Logandale School and attend the same two-building campus.

Adjust Attendance Area Boundaries for Logandale School

(School ID 610010)

Effective July 1, 2011, kindergarten through eighth grade:

Beginning at Kimball Ave. and Barry Ave.

East to Spaulding Ave.

North to Belmont Ave.

East to the Kennedy Expy.

Southeast to Sacramento Ave.

South to Diversey Ave.

West to Albany Ave.

South to Logan Blvd.

West along Logan Blvd. and Wrightwood Ave to Kimball Ave.

North to Milwaukee Ave.

Northwest to Allen Ave.

Northeast to Kimball Ave.

North to the starting point.

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

LSC IMPLICATIONS: Pursuant to the Board of Education's Policy on the Consolidation of Schools, the Local School Council at Avondale School will be dissolved on June 30, 2011 upon the consolidation of Avondale School into Logandale 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 Mazany
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:

Approved as to legal form:

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Diana S. Ferguson Chief Financial Officer

Patrick Rocks General Counsel