CLOSE ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA OF JOSE DE DIEGO ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY ACADEMY

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Alexander von Humboldt Elementary School (School ID 610210) ("Von Humboldt"), located at 2620 West Hirsch Street, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning Von Humboldt's students to Jose De Diego Elementary Community Academy (School ID 610313) ("Diego"), located at 1313 North Claremont Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and that the attendance area of Diego be adjusted to include the Von Humboldt attendance area.

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to the Illinois School Code Sections 34-200 through 34-232, the Chief Executive Officer's Guidelines for School Actions, and the Board of Education's Policy on the Review and Establishment of School Attendance Boundaries, 05-0622-PO1, the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of the Chicago Public Schools may recommend the closing of schools and the adjustment of school attendance boundaries.

Pursuant to legal requirements, two community meetings were convened on April 9, 2013, and April 13, 2013, at Clemente High School, located at 1147 North Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and a public hearing was convened on April 24, 2013, at 125 South Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, following the issuance of proper notice. An independent hearing officer received oral and written comments and supporting documents at the hearing and kept the record open after the meeting to receive additional written comments or documentation. A transcript of the hearing and summaries of the community meetings have been provided to the Board. The hearing officer reported that the CEO's proposal met the requirements of the law and summarized comments and written documentation received. After receiving the hearing officer's report, the CEO has decided to recommend that the Board close Von Humboldt effective June 30, 2013, reassign Von Humboldt's returning students to Diego, and assign Von Humboldt's attendance area to Diego.

Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Jose De Diego Elementary Community Academy (School ID 610313)

1313 North Claremont Avenue, Chicago, Illinois Effective June 30, 2013, for grades Kindergarten through eighth;

Beginning at California Ave and Hirsch St
East to Washtenaw Ave
North to North Ave
East to Leavitt St
South to Division St
East to Hoyne Ave
South to Thomas St
West to Campbell Ave
North to Division St
West to California Ave
North to the starting point

LSC IMPLICATIONS: Von Humboldt's Local School Council will be dissolved effective June 30, 2013, upon the closing of Von Humboldt.

FINANCIAL: The financial implications associated with this school action will be addressed during the development of the fiscal year 2014 budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY13 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

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 Board policies and any collective bargaining agreements.

Approved for Consideration:

Respectfully Submitted:

Todd Babbitz

Chief Transformation Officer

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Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:

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