# CLOSE JOHN P. ALTGELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS OF DANIEL S. WENTWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND CARRIE JACOBS BOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND RELOCATE DANIEL S. WENTWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO THE 1340 WEST 71<sup>ST</sup> STREET FACILITY

#### THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close John P. Altgeld Elementary School (School ID 609775) ("Altgeld"), located at 1340 West 71<sup>st</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning Altgeld students to Daniel S. Wentworth Elementary School (School ID 610223) ("Wentworth"), located at 6950 South Sangamon Street, Chicago, Illinois, adjust the attendance area of Wentworth to include the Altgeld attendance area and a portion of the attendance area of Carrie Jacobs Bond Elementary School (School ID 610238) ("Bond"), located at 7050 South May Street, Chicago, Illinois, and relocate Wentworth to the site of the former Altgeld school.

#### **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 10, 2013, and April 15, 2013, at Harper High School, located at 6520 South Wood Street, Chicago, Illinois, and a public hearing was convened on April 17, 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 Altgeld effective June 30, 2013, reassign Altgeld's returning students to Wentworth, assign Altgeld's attendance area and a portion of Bond's attendance area to Wentworth, and relocate Wentworth to 1340 West 71<sup>st</sup> Street.

Further, pursuant to the Board of Education's Policy on the Review and Establishment of School Attendance Boundaries, 05-0622-PO1, an additional public hearing was held to discuss the attendance area boundary change. The meeting was held on May 15, 2013, at Simeon High School, located at 8147 South Vincennes Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

## Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Daniel S. Wentworth Elementary School (School ID 610223)

Current location: 6950 South Sangamon Street, Chicago, Illinois New location: 1340 West 71st Street, Chicago, Illinois

New location. 1340 West 7 1st Street, Chicago, Illinois

Effective June 30, 2013, for grades Kindergarten through eighth;

Beginning at Ashland Ave and Marquette Rd
East to Loomis Blvd
South to 68th St
East to Aberdeen St
North to Marquette Rd
East to Halsted St
South to 71st St
West to Aberdeen St

North to 69th St West to Throop St South to 71st St West to Ada St South to 73rd St West to Loomis Blvd South to the C&WI RR (at 75th St) West to Ashland Ave North to the starting point

### Adjust Attendance Area Boundary of Carrie Jacobs Bond Elementary School (School ID 610238)

7050 South May Street, Chicago, Illinois
Effective June 30, 2013, for grades Kindergarten through eighth;

Beginning at Ada St and 71st St
East to Throop St
North to 69th St
East to Aberdeen St
South to 71st St
East to Halsted St
South to 72nd St
West to Racine Ave
South to 73rd St
West to Ada St
North to the starting point

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

**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:** 

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Approved as to Legal Form:

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