## APPROVE THE RENAMING OF SAMUEL GOMPERS FINE ARTS OPTIONS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS THE JESSE OWENS ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY ACADEMY

## THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Chicago Board of Education approve the renaming of Samuel Gompers Fine Arts Options Elementary School as the Jesse Owens Elementary Community Academy effective immediately upon adoption by the Board.

## **DESCRIPTION:**

The Jesse Owens Elementary Community Academy closed and its students were assigned to the Samuel Gompers Fine Arts Options Elementary School effective June 30, 2013 (Board Report 13-0522-EX40).

Pursuant to the Policy on the Naming or Renaming of Schools, Board Report 03-0326-PO04:

- The Local School Council of the Gompers Fine Arts Options Elementary School:
  - Voted, at a meeting of September 18, 2013, to consider recommending the renaming of Gompers Fine Arts Options Elementary School as the Jesse Owens Elementary Community Academy and to conduct two school-community meetings to receive input on the proposed name change;
  - II. Conducted the two school-community meetings on September 18, 2013 and September 25, 2013, with proper notice, and received input on the proposed renaming of Gompers which was overwhelmingly in favor of the renaming:
- 2. After the Gompers Local School Council meeting of October 2, 2013, the Principal and the Chairperson of the Gompers Local School Council co-signed a letter to the Lake Calumet Elementary Network Chief of Schools recommending the renaming of Gompers Fine Arts Options Elementary School to the Jesse Owens Elementary Community Academy.
- 3. The Lake Calumet Elementary Network Chief of Schools has recommended to the Chief Executive Officer the renaming of Gompers Fine Arts Options Elementary School to the Jesse Owens Elementary Community Academy.

**LSC REVIEW:** The Local School Council of Samuel Gompers Fine Arts Options Elementary voted unanimously to approve this action on October 2, 2013.

**FINANCIAL:** The school is responsible for all costs and expenses related to the implementation of this name change.

Approved for Consideration

Denise Little Chief Network Officer

Respectfully Submitted:

Barbara Byrd-Bennett **Chief Executive Officer** 

Approved as to Legal Form:

James Bebley **General Counsel**