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**RECOMMENDATION REGARDING CLOSING OF
MARY MAPES DODGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

DUE TO CHRONIC ACADEMIC FAILURE

DUTY OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

~~to close Mary Mapes Dodge Elementary School due to chronic academic failure.~~

~~that the Chicago Board of Education should close Mary Mapes Dodge Elementary School due to chronic academic failure.~~

DESCRIPTION:

~~Section 73-4-02 of the Illinois State Code, Public Act 89-0001, authorizes the Board of Education, following the opportunity for a public hearing, to close schools on probation that, after one year on probation, fail to make adequate progress in correcting performance deficiencies. Pursuant to the Board of Education's Policy on the Closing and Consolidation of Schools, 02-0424-PO2 ("the Policy"), the Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Public Schools, following a public hearing, recommend to the Board the closing of a school due~~

only .70 (seven-tenths) of one year in reading.

performing schools: Cannon, Nath Elementary School, Carter Elementary School, DeL...
School; and Grant Elementary School.

1999-2000	17.6
2000-2001	17.2

1995-1996	13.1
1996-1997	12.9
1997-1998	17.6
1998-1999	20.5
1999-2000	22.1
2000-2001	21.2

2000-2001

7. At Cather Elementary, the following percentages of students met or exceeded State Standards on the ISAT in each of the last two (2) years the ISAT was administered:

19.5	1999-2000
20.0	2000-2001

8. For the academic school years 1995-1996 through 2000-2001, the following percentages of Cather students scored at or above national norms in Reading:

1997	13.2	1996-1997
1998	17.1	1997-1998
1999	23.9	1998-1999
2000	20.7	1999-2000
2001	27.8	2000-2001

ISAT in each of the last two (2) years the ISAT was administered:

1999-2000	37.2
2000-2001	37.4

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Year	Percentage
1996-1997	21.2
1997-1998	27.3
1998-1999	32.5
1999-2000	27.5
2000-2001	31.2

11. At Grant Elementary, the following percentage of students met or exceeded State Standards on the ISAT was administered:

1999-2000	16.3
2000-2001	22.7

12. The following percentages of Grant Elementary students met or exceeded State Standards on the ISAT:

1996	11.3
1996-1997	11.2
1997-1998	16.6
1998-1999	18.6
1999-2000	27.6
2000-2001	22.3

13. The city-wide mobility rate in 2000-2001 was approximately 8.2%, and at Dodge it was an astonishing 48.9%.

14. The system-wide mobility rate for 2000-2001 was 25.2%, and at Dodge it was an astonishing 48.9%.

15. The city-wide truancy rate for elementary schools in 2000-2001 was 3.9%, but was a considerably higher 18.2% at Dodge.

16. At Dodge, the percentage of students who met or exceeded State Standards on Reading in 2001 was 31.2%. This is a significant improvement over the 27.5% of students who met or exceeded State Standards on Reading in 2000. Only two (2) Dodge students were in the highest 25% of the students taking the ITBS test nationally. Almost 60% of every tenth student tested at Dodge failed to make progress, but are in fact trending in the wrong direction. Over 60% of the students tested for ground or standardized tests last year.

17. The following table shows the percentage of students who met or exceeded State Standards on Reading in 2001 at Dodge and other schools in the district:

School	Percentage
Dodge	31.2
Other Schools	27.5

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...to the extent that the scores of ... that in different years ... over 10 years ...
... school year, and that those scores declined system-wide ... of the ITBS was used in the 2000-2001
... increase in elementary school ... finding that time period, a review of the scores shows a system-wide in

FINANCIAL: None

PERSONNEL
IMPLICATIONS: None

Approved for Consideration:

Approver:

Director, Education Officer:

Chief Executive Officer:

Noted:

Approved as to legal form:

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