

RECOMMENDATION REGARDING CLOSING OF

DANIEL HALE WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CHRONIC ACADEMIC FAILURE

DUE TO CHRONIC ACADEMIC FAILURE

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

Williams Elementary School at the end of the 2001-

That the Chicago Board of Education close Daniel Hale Williams Elementary School at the end of the 2001-2002 school year due to chronic academic failure.

DESCRIPTION

Board of Education, following

Section 5/34-8.3 of the Illinois School Code, 105 ILCS 5/34-8.3, authorizes the

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

chronic academic failure by the date of the annual May Board meeting.

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Chicago Board of Education, 02-0424-PO2, which the Board of Education should indicate to the Board of Education

of when a school may be closed due to chronic academic failure and specifying the process by which that determination may be made. (See 02-0424-PO2).

Pursuant to the Policy, the CEO has determined that Daniel Hale Williams Elementary School should be closed due to chronic academic failure. The CEO made that determination after a public hearing convened

on May 12, 2004, and was a reasonable determination of chronic academic failure. The CEO's determination was based on the school's performance on the State Assessment of Student Achievement Test (SAT) for the 2001-2002 school year.

Williams School has a history of probation status. Williams was placed on probation in

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10 At Ward Elementary, the following percentage of students met or exceeded State Standards as the

1999-2000	37.2
2000-2001	48.3

The following percentages arrested Ward students for the academic school years 1995-1996 through

1995-1996	49%
1996-1997	37.0
1997-1998	60.9
1998-1999	63.7
1999-2000	50.3
2000-2001	67.2

the 50% level, the State's goal for the ISRT and has consistently had gain scores in Ward is above excess of one year.

at Williams it was 90.4%.

The system-wide mobility rate for 2000-2001 was 25.2% and at Williams it was 28.9%.

Williams it was 6.9%.

Children at Williams met or exceeded Illinois Standards for Reading in 2001.

Fewer than 17% of the

The evidence demonst

59%

no that the selection of Williams School for closure was contrary to the allegations made at the hearing
its considerations such as the socioeconomic condition of the community and base upon requirements

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PERSONNEL
IMPLICATIONS: None

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