

**CLOSE HOWLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS OF
DVORAK ACADEMY AND JOHNSON AND POPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Chicago Board of Education approve the closing of Howland School of the Arts ("Howland") (unit 4070), located at 1616 South Spaulding Avenue, effective at the end of the 2004-2005 school year for academic reasons in accordance with the Policy on the Closing of Schools 04-0225-PO2 and adjust the

3. The school's principal has been serving for less than two (2) years; or
4. The school has students who had been previously re-assigned there from another school due to a prior Board action in the last two (2) years.

Howland Elementary School satisfied the school closing inclusion criteria for the following reasons:

1. **Probation Status:**

2. **2004 Scores:**

Only 24.3% of Howland students met or exceeded state standards on ISAT.

Only 48.6% of Howland students were at or above national benchmark IEP Reading

those schools. In terms of racial composition and stability, the option of maintaining the status quo offers
neither an advantage nor disadvantage over the option of closing the school. While other schools were

were examined, no alternatives affected the resulting racial ethnic distribution of students. A copy of this
report is available for review.

Public Hearing

The public hearing for the proposed closing of Howland was held on February 10, 2005, following proper
notice to receive public comment. An independent hearing officer reported that the public hearing

- Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of Nathaniel Pope Elementary School (Unit 5480)

Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at St. Louis Avenue and 18th Street
East to Trumbull Avenue
North to 16th Street

East to California Avenue
South to the CB&Q RR
Southwest to Albany Avenue
South to Cermak Road
West to Sawyer Avenue
North to 21st Street
West to Spaulding Avenue
North to Ogden Boulevard

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IMPLICATIONS: