

RECONSTITUTE ROBERT FULTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND REMOVE AND REPLACE THE

AT THE END OF THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board of Education of the City of Chicago ("Board") approve the reconstitution of Robert Fulton Elementary School ("Fulton School"), Unit 3540, 5300 South Hermitage, Chicago, Illinois and remove and replace its staff, including the principal, at the end of the 2007-2008 school year.

DESCRIPTION:

Statutory Authority. Pursuant to Section 5/34-8.3(d) of the Illinois School Code, 105 ILCS 5/34-8.3(d), and following the opportunity for a public hearing, the Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Public Schools ("CEO") may recommend to the Board the reconstitution of a school on probation for at least one year for academic reasons, and the replacement and reassignment of its entire staff, including the principal.

Procedural History: Public Notice, Public Hearings, and the Hearing Officer's Report and Recommendation. On January 24, 2008, the CEO gave written notice of his proposal to turn around Fulton School by reconstituting the school in accordance with Section 5/34-8.3 (d) of the Illinois School Code to:

- (a) the parents of students enrolled at Fulton School;
- (b) the principal of Fulton School;
- (c) the assistant principal(s) of Fulton School;

including the Orr Campus High Schools, which Fulton School's graduates may attend, and (D) reconstitution is in the best interests of the present students of Fulton School, as detailed below:

A. Fulton's Probation History. Fulton School has been on probation for at least five (5) years. During that time, Fulton School has received support in the form of: a full-time reading specialist; guidance on the development of the school improvement plan and alignment of the school budget to the Chicago Public Schools' priorities; and direct support from Area Instruction Officers and their support staff including Area Reading and Math Coaches and School Improvement Coordinators.

B. Fulton School Meets the Turn-Around Criteria. Fulton School satisfied the school turn-around criteria for the following reasons:

1. The school is one of the lowest performing schools in the district. Thirty nine percent

