

RECONSTITUTE JAMES WELDON JOHNSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND REMOVE AND REPLACE THE JOHNSON STAFF, INCLUDING THE PRINCIPAL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board of Education of the City of Chicago ("Board") approve the reconstitution of James Weldon Johnson Elementary School ("Johnson"), Unit 6940, 1420 S. Albany, Chicago, Illinois and to remove and

DESCRIPTION:

Statutory Authority. Pursuant to Section 5/34-8.3(d) of the Illinois School Code, 105 ILCS 5/34-8.3(d),

On February 25, 2009, members of the public are afforded an opportunity to provide public comment to members of the Board at the Board's Regular February 25, 2009 meeting that is held pursuant to

Basis for CEO's Recommendation. At the Board's regular meeting on December 17, 2008, the CEO announced and published proposed criteria to turnaround schools through reconstitution and other

means, which have seen persistent academic failure. Johnson was selected for turnaround through reconstitution because of (A) its probation history, (B) it meets the final turnaround criteria adopted by the CEO, and (C) reconstitution is in the best interests of the present students of Johnson, as detailed below.

A. Johnson's Probation History. Johnson has been on probation for the last five (5) years, including the current school year. During that time, Johnson has received support in the form of a full-time literacy

Approved for Consideration:

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