

**CLOSE ELIZABETH PEABODY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA OF JAMES OTIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That effective June 30, 2013, the Chicago Board of Education close Elizabeth Peabody Elementary School (School ID 610119) ("Peabody"), located at 1444 West Augusta Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, for space utilization reasons, reassign returning Peabody students to James Otis Elementary School (School ID 610107) ("Otis") located at 525 North Armour Street, Chicago, Illinois, and that the attendance area of

Otis is modified to include the Peabody attendance area

DESCRIPTION:

Pursuant to the Illinois School Code Sections 34-200 through 34-232, the Chief Executive Officer's Guidelines for School Actions, and the Board of Education's Policy on the Review and Establishment of

School Attendance Boundaries, 05-0622-PO1, the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of the Chicago Public Schools may recommend the closing of schools and the adjustment of school attendance boundaries.

Pursuant to legal requirements, two community meetings were convened on April 8, 2013, and April 12, 2013, at Clemente High School, located at 1147 North Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and a public hearing was convened on April 18, 2013, at 125 South Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, following the issuance of proper notice. An independent hearing officer received oral and written comments and

LSC IMPLICATIONS: Peabody's Local School Council will be dissolved effective June 30, 2013, upon the closing of Peabody.

FINANCIAL: The financial implications associated with this school action will be addressed during the

development of the fiscal year 2014 budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of