

February 22, 2006

**CLOSE FARREN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CONSOLIDATE FARREN INTO BEETHOVEN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREA OF BEETHOVEN**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Chicago Board of Education approve the closing of Farren Elementary School ("Farren") (Unit 3300), located at 5055 South State Street and its consolidation with Ludvig Von Beethoven Elementary

of Schools, 04-0225-PO2, and adjust the attendance areas of Beethoven Elementary School to include the attendance area of Farren Elementary School in accordance with the Policy on the Review and Establishment of School Attendance Boundaries, 05-0622-P01.

DESCRIPTION:

Disrupt to the Board of Education's Policy on the Closing of Schools, 04-0225-PO2 ("Closing Policy")

1. **Probation:** Beginning with the 1996-1997 school year and including the current school year

Farren has been on academic probation for nine (9) out of the past (10) school years, having been off probation for only the 2002-2003 school year.

2. **2005 Scores:** The school's 2004-2005 ICAT Composite Score was 88.0% of students meeting or

that the Board close Farren Elementary School at the end of the 2005-2006 school year, consolidate it into Beethoven Elementary School and adjust the attendance area of Beethoven to include the attendance area of Farren.

Attendance Area Adjustments

The CEO recommends adjusting the attendance area of Beethoven Elementary School as follows:

Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of Ludwig Von Beethoven Elementary School (Unit 6540)

Grades kindergarten through eighth:

- Beginning at the Dan Ryan Expressway and 44th Street
- East to State Street
- South to 49th Street
- East to Wabash Avenue
- South to 51st Street
- East to Michigan Avenue
- South to Garfield Boulevard
- West to NYC Railroad (at 116 West)
- North to 47th Street
- West to the Dan Ryan Expressway
- North to Starting Point

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IMPLICATIONS:**

Pursuant to the Closing Order, the Local School Council of Farren will be dissolved effective the end of

Approved for Consideration:

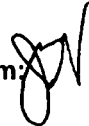
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