

05-0223-EX12

February 23, 2005

**CLOSE BUNCHE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS OF  
EARLE AND O'TOOLE ELEMENTARY AND GOODLOW MAGNET SCHOOLS**

("Bunche") (unit 6830), located at 6515 South Ashland 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 to adjust the attendance areas of Charles W. Earle Elementary School ("Earle") (unit 2420), located at

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.

~~Bunche Elementary~~: School certified the school closing inclusion criteria for the following reasons:

2. **2004 Scores:**  
Bunche has been on academic probation since the 2000-2001 school year.  
Only 16.4% of Bunche students met or exceeded state standards on ISAT Composite.  
Only 21.0% of Bunche students were at or above national norms on ITBS Reading.  
Note: The 2004 District-wide average ISAT Composite was 45.3%. The 2004 District-wide average for reading on ITBS was 42.9%.

3. **4-Year Average Scores:**

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 possibilities

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 Bunche was held on February 8, 2005, following proper notice to receive public comment. An independent hearing officer appointed by the Chief Executive Officer presided at the hearing and received comment and supporting documentation. The hearing was

- Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of Luke O'Toole Elementary School (Unit 5230)

*Grades kindergarten through eighth:*

Beginning at Western Avenue and 65<sup>th</sup> Street

East to Wolcott Avenue  
South to 65<sup>th</sup> Street  
East to Hermitage Avenue  
North to 64<sup>th</sup> Street  
East to Marshfield Avenue  
South to 65<sup>th</sup> Street  
East to Ashland Avenue  
South to Marquette Road  
West to Wolcott Avenue  
South to 68<sup>th</sup> Street  
West to Damen Avenue  
South to 69<sup>th</sup> Street  
West to Western Avenue  
North to the Starting Point.

**LSC  
IMPLICATIONS:**

LSC Review is not applicable to this Board Report. Pursuant to the Closing Policy, the Local School Council of Bunche will be dissolved effective the end of the 2004-2005 school year as the result of the closing of Bunche.

**PERSONNEL  
IMPLICATIONS:**

Tenured teachers assigned to Bunche shall become reassigned teachers pursuant to the Board's policy, "Reassignment and Layoff of Regularly Certified and Appointed Tenured Teachers," 04-0623-PO5. Non-tenured teachers assigned to Bunche will be laid off. Educational Support Personnel assigned to Bunche