

CLOSE MORSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE AREAS OF MORTON CAREER ACADEMY AND RYERSON AND LAFAYETTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Chicago Board of Education approve the closing of Samuel F. B. Morse Tech Elementary School ("Morse") (Unit 4000) located at 620 North Sawyer Avenue, for academic reasons in accordance with the

Review on the Closing of Schools 04-0025-DCO and adjust the attendance areas of Morton Career

1. **Probation:** The school has been on probation since the 2004-2005 school year.

2. **2005 Scores:** The school's 2004-2005 ISAT Composite Score was 18.3% of students meeting or

exceeding state standards; the school's 2004-2005 ITBS Reading Score was 17.5% of students at or above national norms.

3. **4-Year Average Scores:** Over the past four school years, the school's ISAT Composite Scores were: 13.1% in 2001-2002; 27.9% in 2002-2003; 17.6% in 2003-2004; and 18.3% in 2004-2005.

These scores give the school a 4-year average ISAT Composite Score of 19.2%.

Over the same period, the school's ITBS Reading Scores were: 28.3% in 2001-2002; 21.8% in 2002-2003; 20.0% in 2003-2004; and 17.5% in 2004-2005.

These scores give the school a 4-year average ITBS Reading Score of 22.0%.

Attendance Area Adjustments

The CEO recommends adjusting the attendance areas of Morton, Ryerson and Lafayette as follows:

Adjust the Attendance Area Boundaries of Morton Elementary School (Unit 6800)

Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at St. Louis Avenue and Iowa Street

East to Paulding Avenue

North to Grand Avenue

Southeast to Sacramento Boulevard

South to C&NW Railroad (Kinzie Street)

West to Homan Avenue

North to Franklin Boulevard

West to St Louis Avenue

North to the Starting point

Grades kindergarten through eighth:

Beginning at Chicago Avenue and the Belt Railroad (at Kenton Avenue).

East to Pulaski Road

North to Iowa Street

East to St. Louis Avenue

South to Ohio Street

**LSC
IMPLICATIONS:**

Pursuant to the Closing Policy, the Local School Council of Morse will be dissolved effective the end of

the 2005-2006 school year as the result of the closing of Morse.

**PERSONNEL
IMPLICATIONS:**

Teachers assigned to Morse shall become reassigned teachers pursuant to the Board's policy