

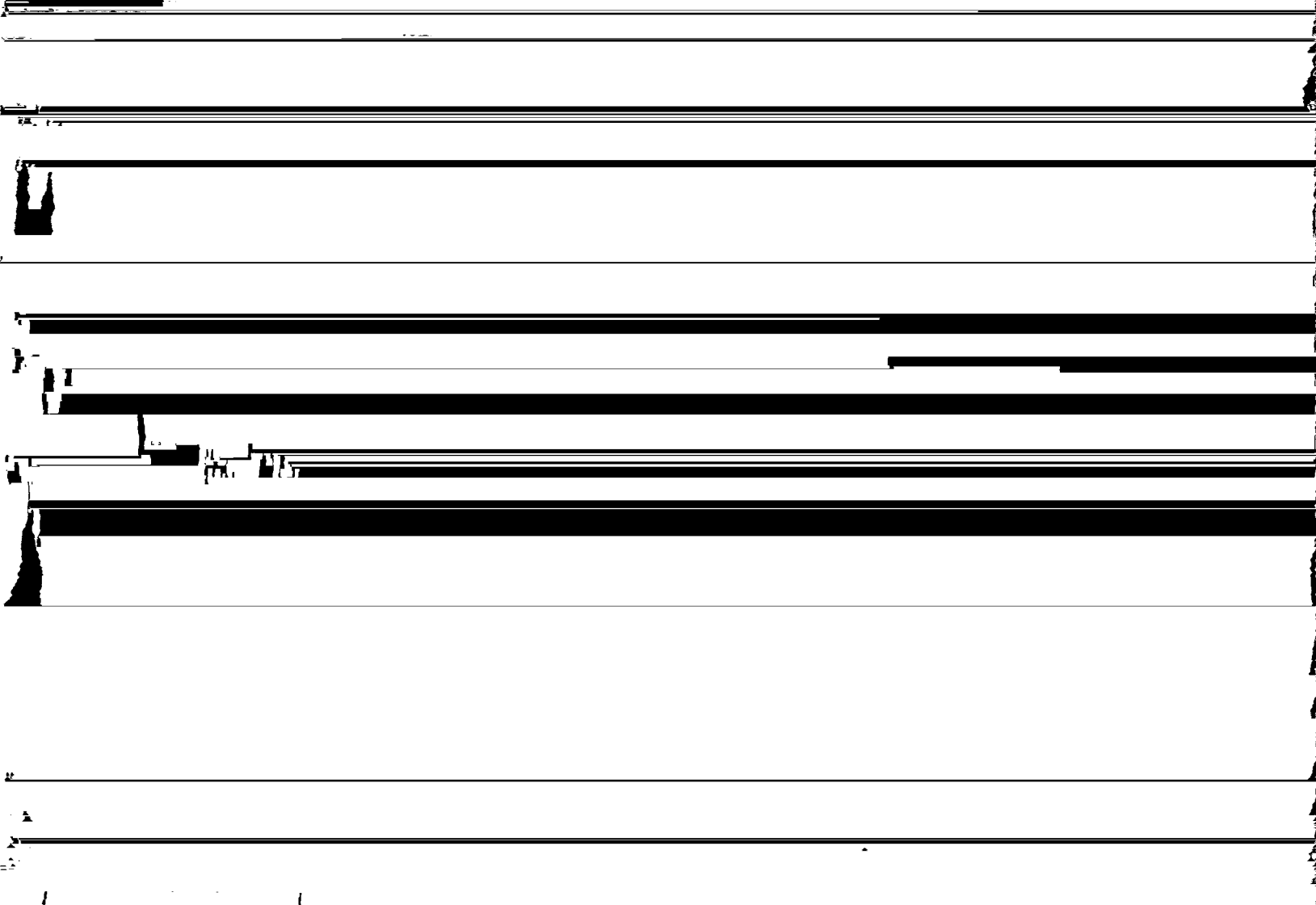
**RESCIND BOARD REPORT 04-0225-PO2
AND ADOPT A NEW POLICY ON THE CLOSING OF SCHOOLS**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board rescind Board Report 04-0225-PO2 and adopt a new Policy on the Closing of Schools.

POLICY TEXT:

When considering the matter of closing schools, it is the intent and desire of the Board of Education to provide



existing Board actions and consent decrees and to the maximum extent consistent with financial constraints,
the Board will avoid closing schools when such closings will have a negative impact on the desegregation or



the public subject to an agreement between the Board and the Chicago Teachers' Union

(CTU), which agreement prohibits school closure on the basis of academic reasons (e.g. a partnership agreement such as the Fresh Start Schools Agreement); or

3. the school has served as a receiving school for students re-assigned to the school due to a

4. no potential receiving school is located within a safe walking distance from students' homes; or

5. there are no higher performing schools in close proximity to the school and the provision of transportation to schools with available space that can meet the students' educational needs is not possible or is impracticable.

A school or schools closed pursuant to this Section may be open as an entirely new school with a

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Board will review the data and will not approve any action that is inconsistent with the provisions of the Comprehensive Student Assignment Plan developed pursuant to the 1980 Desegregation Consent

If, after the public hearing, the CEO determines to recommend the school closing(s) to the Board, he/she or a designee shall prepare a final board report regarding the school closing(s) based on all pertinent information, including relevant information received at the public hearing. The board report shall be submitted to the Board for final action. The Board shall take final action on any recommended school closings prior to the beginning of the next school year.


IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHOOL CLOSINGS AND ANNUAL REVIEW

Approved for Consideration:



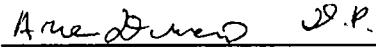
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