I. Introduction

Chicago Public Schools (CPS) is committed to ensuring that every student, in every community, has access to high quality schools in order to graduate college and be career ready. This means we must put our students’ needs first, make difficult decisions, and act now to ensure that our students have the best opportunity to personally realize those goals. CPS proposed school actions (including closures, consolidations, reassignment boundary changes, phase-outs, and co-locations), along with significant investments to improve our schools in the communities with the greatest need for better opportunities.

In order to ensure a quality education for students in the Near West Side community, we proposed a school action that the Board of Education of the City of Chicago (Board) approved to close Best Practice High School (Best Practice) to complete the phase-out initiated by the Board on February 25, 2009 (see Board Report 09-0225-EX34). Because there are no students currently enrolled in Best Practice, no students will be reassigned and there will not be any direct impact on students and parents.

II. Summary of Action

Best Practice is a neighborhood high school located at 2040 W. Adams St., within the Near West Side community and the West Side High School geographical network of CPS. On February 25, 2009, the CPS Board approved the phase-out of Best Practice and planned for grade offerings to decrease by one grade per year through the 2011-2012 school year. Best Practice currently has no students enrolled in the school.

CPS proposed to close Best Practice based on the need for higher quality educational options for students in the Near West Side community. The approved closure meets the criteria of the Chief Executive Officer’s Guidelines for School Action: Best Practice was in the process of phasing out based on a previous action by the Board.

III. Safety and Security Supports

Because there are no students enrolled in Best Practice, there will be no direct impact on students’ safety and security.

IV. Supports for Students and Schools

**Academic Needs of Students**
Because there are no students enrolled in Best Practice, there will be no direct impact on students’ academic needs.

**Social Emotional Needs of Students**
Because there are no students enrolled in Best Practice, there will be no direct impact on students’ social and emotional needs.
**Students with Disabilities**
Because there are no students enrolled in Best Practice, there will be no direct impact on students with disabilities.

**Students in Temporary Living Situations**
Because there are no students enrolled in Best Practice, there will be no direct impact on students in temporary living situations.

**English Language Learners (ELL)**
Because there are no students enrolled in Best Practice, there will be no direct impact on ELL students.

**Transportation**
Because there are no students enrolled in Best Practice, there will be no direct impact on students’ transportation needs

**City of Chicago Resources**
Chicago Departments and sister agencies that work with CPS students and families will work together in partnership to support the closure.

V. Informational Briefings Regarding Choice of Schools

No students are impacted by the approved closure of Best Practice. For general information, visit the [www.cpsoae.org](http://www.cpsoae.org) website.

VI. Public Comment

**Community Meetings and Public Hearings:**
CPS held two community meetings and one formal public hearing regarding this action. Public comment was accepted during each meeting. CPS considered community feedback and adjusted this transition plan accordingly.

- **Community Meeting 1**
  - January 6, 2012 from 6-8 p.m.
  - Creiger/Noble St-Bulls HS
  - 2040 W. Adams St.

- **Community Meeting 2**
  - January 20, 2012 from 6-8 p.m.
  - Creiger/Noble St-Bulls HS
  - 2040 W. Adams St.

- **Public Hearing**
  - January 25, 2012 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
  - Room 1550
  - 125 S. Clark St.

**Further Questions and Concerns:**
Please call the Chicago Public Schools Quality Schools Hotline at (773) 553-5020 with any additional questions or concerns concerning the closure of Best Practice.