

# Providing A Better Education For All Students

## ***Bethune Elementary and Gregory Elementary***

### ***Pending Board approval of proposed closure***

**Current Bethune students will be enrolled at Gregory Academy for the 2013-14 school year, located at 3715 W. Polk St., unless families choose to enroll their student at another school.**

**Current Gregory students will continue to attend Gregory Elementary, unless families choose to enroll their student at another school.**

- **Attendance area boundaries:** Bethune's attendance area boundary will be assigned to Gregory and Jensen Elementary. Note, all current Bethune students will be enrolled at Gregory.
- **Transportation:** Shuttle bus transportation to and from the Bethune and Gregory locations will be provided for all returning Bethune students attending Gregory until they graduate.
- **Enrollment options:** Bethune and Gregory families interested in enrolling their student at another school can apply via the re-opened Options for Knowledge process. Applications were provided in the transition packets sent home and can be obtained by emailing [oea@cps.edu](mailto:oea@cps.edu) or calling (773) 553-2060. Applications need to be submitted by April 19th. Students who choose to enroll in their attendance area school do not need to submit an application. They should contact the school directly for registration information.
- **Safety & Security:** CPS Office of Safety & Security (OSS) is working on school-specific plans to address safety for all students. OSS continues to work in close collaboration with the Chicago Police Department (CPD) to plan Safe Passage. Close collaboration with CPD and families will continue through the start of the new school year to adjust plans as needed.
- **Teachers:** Many teachers will follow their students per a joint CPS-CTU agreement. If additional teachers are needed at Gregory given an increase in enrollment, tenured teachers from Bethune can be assigned to these positions if they are rated in the top two performance rating categories and a position is available in the area they teach. Eligible tenured teachers will be notified of these assignments if the Board votes to approve this action and after organizational and budgetary planning activities have concluded.
- **LSC:** If a school closes, the Local School Council is dissolved at the end of the school year. Per school code, Local School Council elections at all schools will be held in Spring 2014.
- **Partnerships:** CPS will engage the Bethune and Gregory communities and school leaders to enable the transfer of Bethune's external partnerships and programs.