

Providing A Better Education For All Students

Bontemps Elementary and ***Nicholson Technology Academy***

Pending Board approval of proposed closure

Current Bontemps students will be enrolled at Nicholson Academy for the 2013-14 school year, located at 6006 S. Peoria St., unless families choose to enroll their student at another school.

Current Nicholson students will continue to attend Nicholson Academy, unless families choose to enroll their student at another school.

- **Transportation:** Shuttle bus transportation to and from the Bontemps and Nicholson locations will be provided for all returning Bontemps students attending Nicholson until they graduate.
- **Enrollment options:** Bontemps and Nicholson 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 or calling (773) 553-2060. Applications need to be submitted by April 19th.
- **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 Nicholson given an increase in enrollment, tenured teachers from Bontemps 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 Bontemps and Nicholson communities and school leaders to enable the transfer of Bontemps' external partnerships and programs.