

Providing A Better Education For All Students

Canter Elementary, Harte Elementary and Ray Elementary

Pending Board approval of proposed closure

Current Canter students will be enrolled at Harte Elementary, located at 1556 E. 56th St., or Ray, located at 5631 S. Kimbark Ave., for the 2013-14 school year, unless families choose to enroll their student at another school.

Current Harte and Ray students will continue to attend their current school, unless families choose to enroll their student at another school. Both Harte and Ray will serve students in all grades from K-8.

Canter students who currently live within the Canter boundary will be assigned to their new proposed attendance area school based on their home address (see proposed boundary map). Current Canter students who do not live in the Canter boundary will be assigned to a welcoming school based on proximity to their home address and availability of space.

- **Transportation:** Shuttle bus transportation to and from the Canter, Harte, and Ray locations will be provided for all returning Canter students until they graduate.
- **Welcoming school assignments:** Every Canter family will be mailed their student's welcoming school assignment. Families can also email oea@cps.edu, call (773) 553-2060 or ask the Canter principal for this information.
- **Enrollment options:** Canter, Harte, and Ray 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 Harte and Ray given an increase in enrollment, tenured teachers from Canter 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 Canter, Harte, and Ray communities and school leaders to enable the transfer of Canter's external partnerships and programs.