

Providing A Better Education For All Students

Delano Elementary and Melody Elementary

Pending Board approval of proposed closure

Current Delano students will be enrolled at Melody Elementary for the 2013-14 school year, unless families choose to enroll their student at another school.

Melody Elementary (administration, teachers, staff, students) will be relocated to 3937 W. Wilcox St., the building that houses the existing Delano school.

In other words, students from both schools will be in the Delano building, led by the Melody administration. The Child Parent Center at Delano will remain open, led by the Melody administration.

- **Attendance area boundaries:** Delano's attendance area boundary will be assigned to Melody. Melody's boundary will be adjusted given safety considerations (see proposed boundary map).
- **Enrollment options:** Delano and Melody 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 Melody given an increase in enrollment, tenured teachers from Delano 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 Delano and Melody communities and school leaders to enable the transfer of Delano's external partnerships and programs.