

# Providing A Better Education For All Students

## *Henson Elementary and Charles Hughes Elementary*

### *Pending Board approval of proposed closure*

**Current Henson students will be enrolled at Charles Hughes Elementary for the 2013-14 school year, located at 4247 W. 15<sup>th</sup> St., unless families choose to enroll their student at another school.**

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

**CPS is in the process of identifying a suitable location to relocate the school-based health center currently located at Henson.**

- **Attendance area boundaries:** Henson's attendance area boundary will be assigned to Charles Hughes, Webster Elementary and Herzl Elementary. Note, all current Henson students will be enrolled at Charles Hughes.
- **Enrollment options:** Henson and Charles Hughes 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 Charles Hughes given an increase in enrollment, tenured teachers from Henson 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 Henson and Charles Hughes communities and school leaders to enable the transfer of Henson's external partnerships and programs.