

# Providing A Better Education For All Students

## ***Mahalia Jackson Elementary and Fort Dearborn Elementary***

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

Current Jackson students will be enrolled at Fort Dearborn Elementary for the 2013-14 school year, located at 9025 S. Throop Ave., unless families choose to enroll their student at another school.

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

The Jackson hearing impaired program will be relocated to Sir Miles Davis Magnet Elementary Academy at 6730 S. Paulina St. All other Special Ed cluster programming administered at Jackson will be relocated to Fort Dearborn.

- **Attendance area boundaries:** Jackson's attendance area boundary will be assigned to Fort Dearborn and Cuffe Elementary. Note, all current Mahalia Jackson students will be enrolled at Fort Dearborn.
- **Enrollment options:** Jackson and Fort Dearborn 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 [oe@cps.edu](mailto:oe@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 Fort Dearborn and Davis given an increase in enrollment, tenured teachers from Jackson 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 Jackson and Fort Dearborn communities and school leaders to enable the transfer of Jackson's external partnerships and programs.