

# Providing A Better Education For All Students

## *Kohn Elementary, Cullen Elementary, Langston Hughes Elementary and Lavizzo Elementary*

### *Pending Board approval of proposed closure*

Current Kohn students will be enrolled at Cullen, located at 10650 S. Eberhart Ave., Langston Hughes, located at 240 W. 104th St., or Lavizzo, located at 138 W. 109th St., for the 2013-14 school year, unless families choose to enroll their student at another school.

Current Cullen, Langston Hughes, and Lavizzo students will continue to attend their current school, unless families choose to enroll their student at another school.

Kohn students who currently live within the Kohn boundary will be assigned to their new proposed attendance area school based on their home address (see proposed boundary map). Current Kohn students who do not live in the Kohn 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 Kohn and Cullen locations will be provided for all returning Kohn students attending Cullen until they graduate. Shuttle bus transportation will not be provided to and from the Kohn and Langston Hughes or Kohn and Lavizzo locations.
- **Welcoming school assignments:** Every Kohn family will be mailed their student's welcoming school assignment. Families can also email [oae@cps.edu](mailto:oae@cps.edu), call (773) 553-2060 or ask the Kohn principal for this information.
- **Enrollment options:** Kohn, Cullen, Langston Hughes, and Lavizzo 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 [oae@cps.edu](mailto:oae@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 Cullen, Langston Hughes, and Lavizzo given an increase in enrollment, tenured teachers from Kohn 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 Kohn, Cullen, Langston Hughes, and Lavizzo communities and school leaders to enable the transfer of Kohn's external partnerships and programs.