

Providing A Better Education For All Students

Buckingham Elementary, Near North Elementary and Montefiore Academy

Pending Board approval of proposed closures

Current Buckingham students will be enrolled at Montefiore Academy for the 2013-14 school year, located at 1310 S Ashland Ave., unless families choose to enroll their student at a nonpublic school that specializes in supporting students who need intensive supports.

Current Near North students will be enrolled at Montefiore Academy for the 2013-14 school year, located at 1310 S Ashland Ave., unless families choose to enroll their student at a nonpublic school that specializes in supporting students who need intensive supports.

Current Montefiore students will continue to attend Montefiore Academy, unless families choose to enroll their student at a nonpublic school that specializes in supporting students who need intensive supports.

- **Transportation:** Students who require separate schools based on a decision made by an Individual Education Program (IEP) team will continue to receive transportation to that separate setting, which is documented in the IEP.
- **Enrollment options:** Buckingham and Montefiore families interested in enrolling their student at another school can work with the Office of Diverse Learner Supports and Services (ODLSS) to review the nonpublic options available to enroll the student and implement their IEP.
- **Safety & Security:** CPS Office of Safety & Security (OSS) is working on school-specific plans to address safety for all students attending public welcoming schools. Close collaboration with CPD and families will continue through the start of the new school year to adjust plans as needed. For students who are in nonpublic schools, safety is addressed at the individual campuses.
- **Teachers:** Many teachers will follow their students to a public school per a joint CPS-CTU agreement. If additional teachers are needed at Montefiore given an increase in enrollment, tenured teachers from Buckingham and Near North 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 Buckingham and Montefiore communities and school leaders to enable the transfer of Buckingham's and Near North's external partnerships and programs if students select to attend Montefiore.