

# Providing A Better Education For All Students

## **Owens Elementary and Gompers Elementary**

### *Pending Board approval of proposed closure*

**Current Owens students will be enrolled at Gompers for the 2013-14 school year, unless families choose to enroll their student at another school.**

**Gompers will operate in two buildings, located at 12302 S. State St. and 12450 S. State St., for the 2013-2014 school year. Gompers will serve students in all grades from Pre K-8.**

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

- **Enrollment options:** Owens and Gompers 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.
- **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 Gompers given an increase in enrollment, tenured teachers from Owens 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 Owens and Gompers communities and school leaders to enable the transfer of Owens' external partnerships and programs.