

# Providing A Better Education For All Students

## *Paderewski Elementary, Cardenas Elementary, and Castellanos Elementary*

### *Pending Board approval of proposed closure*

Current Paderewski students will be enrolled at Cardenas Elementary or Castellanos Elementary for the 2013-14 school year based on their grade in the fall, unless families choose to enroll their student at another school. Cardenas serves grades K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade and is located at 2345 S. Millard Ave. Castellanos serves grades 4-8 and is located at 2524 S. Central Park Ave.

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

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

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