

Providing A Better Education For All Students

Altgeld Elementary and Wentworth Elementary

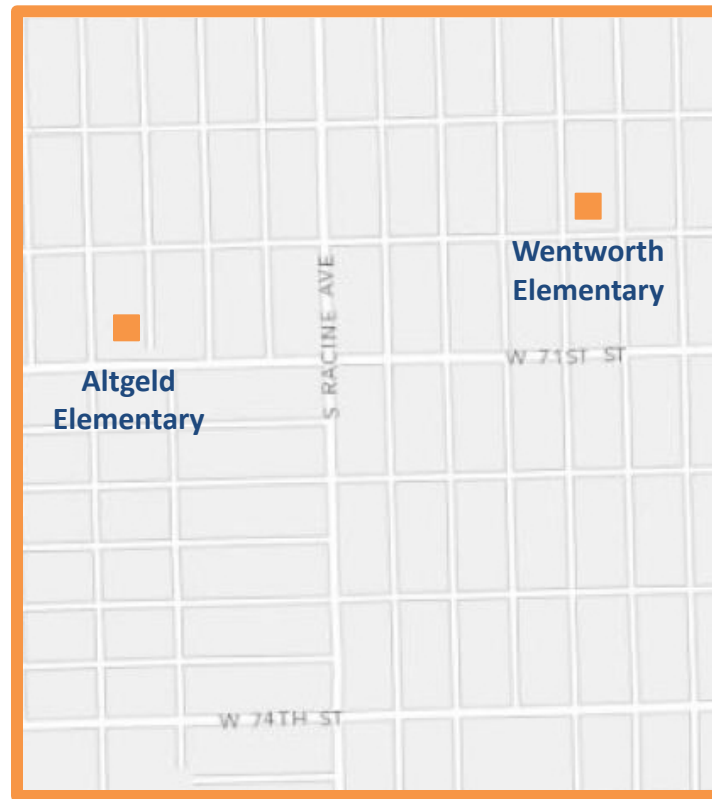
As Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Public Schools (CPS), Barbara Byrd-Bennett is committed to ensuring that every child in every neighborhood receives a high-quality education that prepares them to succeed in college, career, and life. Right now, the reality is that too many of our children are being cheated of the quality education they deserve because they are trapped in underresourced and underutilized schools. Rather than fund half-empty buildings that are costly to maintain and repair, the District will redirect those funds for investments that parents, CTU and CPS agree children need to thrive, such as, air conditioning, a library, counseling and social work supports and technology and science upgrades.

CPS proposes closing Altgeld Elementary and welcoming those students at Wentworth Elementary. Wentworth Elementary will relocate to the current Altgeld Elementary building.

Altgeld Elementary

Why CPS recommends to close this school:

- Enrollment has declined by 48% over the last 10 years (857 to 443 students)
- Building is less than half full



Wentworth Elementary

As a welcoming school, Wentworth will offer:

- A higher performing school - increase in % of students meeting and exceeding ISAT standard of almost 9% over last 3 years (vs. 8% decline at Altgeld)
- New STEM program will be established
- A PreK program
- A school safety plan to provide a smooth and safe transition for all students

Wentworth will be relocated to the Altgeld building, which will offer:

- New engineering and media labs and ADA investment
- Upgraded computer lab
- Full air conditioning
- Recent investment of \$1 million in facility upgrades

CPS has heard your concerns and after a thoughtful, rigorous engagement process, we have looked at every individual school and our decision incorporates the feedback we received from more than 20,000 of you – parents across the city and community members in every neighborhood. A series of supports will be provided so that our students have a safe and seamless transition to a higher performing academic environment at their welcoming school in fall 2013. Please call **311, City Services**, with questions or visit **cps.edu/qualityschools**.