

## Providing A Better Education For All Students

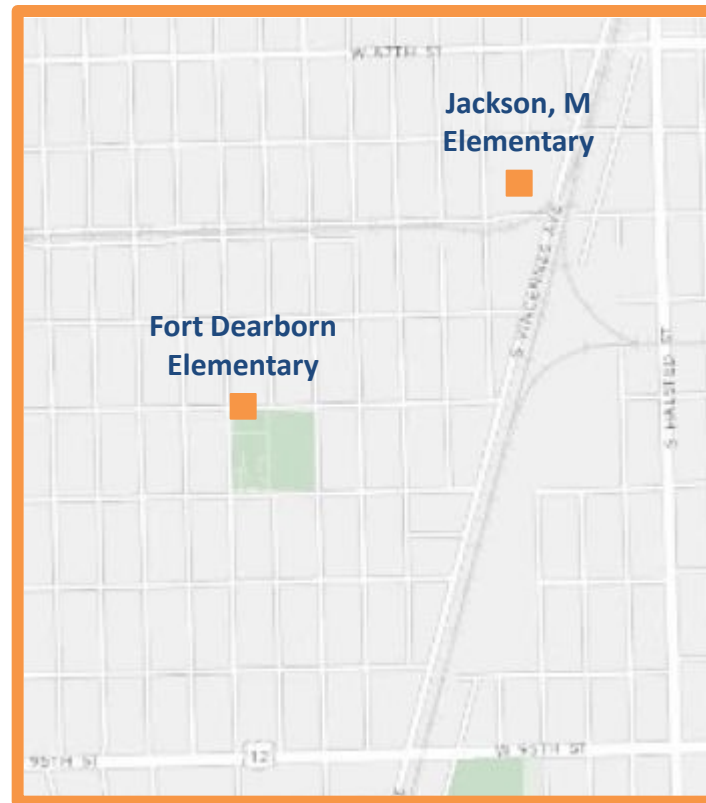
### *Jackson, M. Elementary and Fort Dearborn Elementary*

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.

#### **Jackson, M Elementary**

##### ***Why CPS recommends to close this school:***

- Enrollment has declined by 30% over the last 10 years (430 to 302 students)
- Building is less than half full
- Building requires \$8.5 million to maintain and update



#### **Fort Dearborn Elementary**

##### ***As a welcoming school, Fort Dearborn will offer:***

- A higher performing school with 73% of students meeting or exceeding ISAT standards (vs. 52% at Jackson, M)
- Fine arts magnet cluster program
- A PreK program
- Air conditioning in every classroom
- Playground and upgraded computer lab
- Recent investment in facility upgrades
- A school safety plan to provide a smooth and safe transition for all students

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](http://cps.edu/qualityschools)**.