

## Providing A Better Education For All Students

### ***Stockton Elementary and Courtenay Elementary***

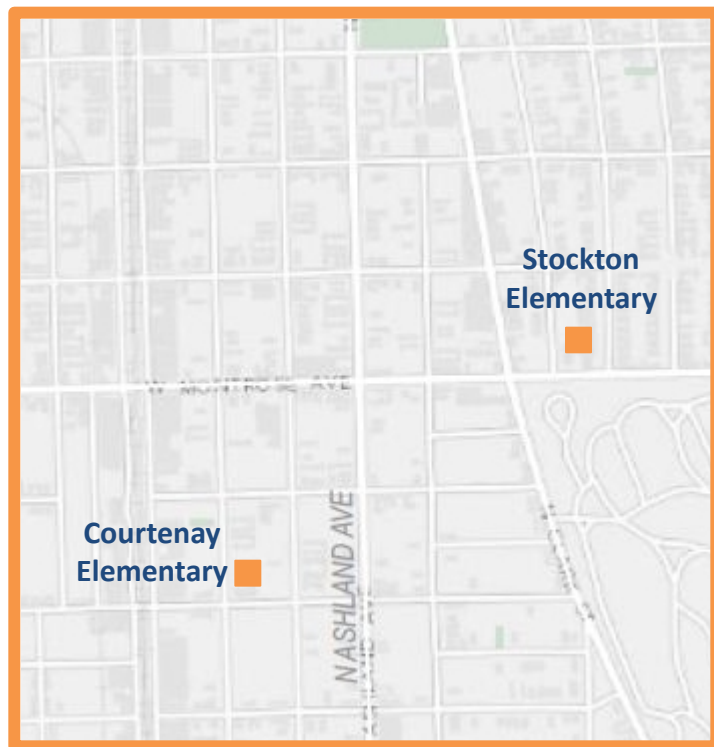
As Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Public Schools (CPS), Barbara Byrd-Bennett is committed to ensuring that every child in every neighborhood receives a high-quality education that prepares them to succeed in college, career, and life. Right now, the reality is that too many of our children are 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 Stockton Elementary and welcoming those students at Courtenay Elementary. Courtenay Elementary will relocate to the current Stockton Elementary building.***

#### **Stockton Elementary**

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

- Enrollment has declined by 17% in last 10 years (574 to 475)
- Building is less than half full



#### **Courtenay Elementary**

***As a welcoming school, Courtenay will offer:***

- A Level 2 school
- A PreK program
- A school safety plan to provide a smooth and safe transition for all students

***Courtenay will be relocated to the Stockton building, which will offer:***

- Science and computer labs, library and playground
- Air conditioning in every classroom
- CPC at Stockton will continue to serve children and parents in the community
- \$14.6 million recent facility investment

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)**.