

### **Community Meeting for the Proposed Co-location of KIPP at HOPE H.S.**

April 6, 2013; 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Location: Englewood High School Campus, 6201 S. Stewart Avenue

**CPS Staff in Attendance:** Dr. Stephanie Whyte-Chief Health Officer, Kris Tiefenthaler-Officer of Employee Solutions, Elizabeth Kirby-Chief of Schools, Southwest Side High School Network, Megan Hougard-Deputy Chief of Schools, Southwest Side High School Network

**Brief Summary:** The purpose of this meeting was to receive public comments on the proposal to co-locate KIPP at Hope H.S., in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-230. The meeting officially began at 12:31 p.m. CPS officials made a presentation regarding the proposal. There were 11 community members in attendance when the meeting began for public comment with 4 speakers. The speakers' comments were focused on supporting the co-location to provide expanded high quality education options for the Englewood community. The public comments were concluded and the meeting was closed at 2:30 p.m.

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### **CPS Presentation**

Ms. Tiefenthaler opened the meeting at 12:31 p.m. and described the purpose of the meeting and the process that is being followed. In addition, the people in the room were introduced. Community members were asked to reference the handout they received in regard to the proposed co-location of KIPP at Hope High School at 5515 S. Lowe Avenue. Hope High School students will continue to be enrolled in their current school. There will be no impact to teachers and staff at Hope High School as a result of this co-location. Additional information was also made available on the handout in regard to the co-location proposal.

Dr. Whyte explained the process for giving comments and the upcoming meeting and public hearing. The upcoming meeting times were also presented to the audience. They are as follows:

Community Meeting: Saturday April 13, 2013 from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at Englewood High School Campus

Public Hearing: Saturday April 20, 2013 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at CPS Central Office

### **Public Comment**

#### **Glenda Pettigrew, Englewood resident**

Ms. Pettigrew spoke in support of KIPP Bloom as a college prep middle school for the Englewood Community and the need for more quality options in Englewood.

#### **Ellen Sale, Founding Principal of KIPP Bloom MS**

Ms. Sale spoke to the core values of the school and presented data from other KIPP schools to support their potential to add educational opportunities in Englewood.

**Shnesa Wiggins, Parent**

Ms. Wiggins spoke in support of KIPP as an option for her child and the Englewood community because of the commitment of the teachers.

**Hermenia Wiggins, Parent**

Ms. Wiggins spoke in support of KIPP to open in Englewood so her daughter would not have to travel to the Westside KIPP schools.

The meeting was closed at 2:30 p.m.