

COMMUNITY MEETING FOR THE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE MAYO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

April 9, 2013

Location: Kenwood High School

CPS Facilitators:

Denise Little, John Price, John Barker

CPS Presentation:

Denise Little opens the discussion by summarizing the proposal to close Mayo Elementary School. John Barker refers to the handouts and describes the contents and materials. He reviewed the attendance area map, enrollment data and transition investments. The rules and procedures were explained. The Court Reporter and Spanish translator are introduced to assist in facilitating the meeting.

Brief Summary:

The purpose of this meeting was to receive public comments on the proposal to close Mayo Elementary School and relocate Wells Elementary School in the current Mayo facility, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-230. The speaker comments focused on a variety of topics including the following:

- Concern over student safety including rival gang activity, commute and travel to school, etc.
- Concern that students will no longer have a positive school climate at their new school
- Some parents are excited about the potential move to the new building which will open up new opportunities
- Many community members compared Mayo and Wells Elementary Schools to illustrate the difference in instruction, school climate, etc.
- Concern over the special education supports resources that may not be available to students transitioning to Wells