

Community Meeting for the Proposal to Close Francis Scott Key Elementary School

April 10, 2013; 5:00-7:00p.m.

Location: Austin High School, 231 N. Pine Avenue

CPS Facilitators:

Adam Anderson, Strategy and Planning Officer

Also in Attendance:

Chandra James, Chief, Austin-North Lawndale Network

Phil Hampton, Chief Officer of Family and Community Engagement

Barbara West, Commander – Chicago Police Department

CPS Presentation

Mr Anderson introduced himself, Ms. James, and acknowledged Commander West. He announced the purpose of the meeting was to listen to the community and acknowledged the note taker who would be sending notes directly to the CEO. He announced the presence of the Spanish language translator. He walked through the information contained on the handouts distributed to the audience. He announced the time and location of the next meetings regarding the closing of Key. He described the protocol for the meeting for speaking and registering to speak. He then began the public comment portion of the agenda.

Brief Summary

The purpose of the meeting was to receive public comments on the proposal to close Francis Scott Key Elementary School and welcome students at Edward K Ellington Elementary School, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-230. There were only three speakers. The speaker comments are summarized below:

- There was concern about school closings destabilizing neighborhoods.
- There was a statement made that Key “was a family.”
- There was a request to close only 7-8th schools and not K-8th schools.