

**Community Meeting for the Proposal to Close Garfield Park Preparatory Academy
Elementary School**

April 11, 2013; 7:30-9:30p.m.

Location: Whitney M. Young High School, 211 S. Laflin St.

CPS Facilitators:

Myetie Hamilton, School Support Center Officer

Paul Osland, Executive Director - Transportation

Also in Attendance:

Wanda Washington, Chief, Garfield-Humboldt Network

Tracey Ginwright, Assistant Deputy Chief, Garfield-Humboldt Network

Julie Iverson, timekeeper

Phyllis Jones, note taker

Enrique Ortiz, Spanish language interpreter

Shonda Huery-Hardman

Lorenzo Russell

Amabel Crawford

Lauren McClellan

Dana Brink

Rhonda Kimbrough

Lorena Montenegro

Lilia Chavez

Cherrie Betts-Lake

Efren Castaneda

CPS Presentation

Ms. Hamilton introduced herself and the CPS staff. She explained the different roles that people were playing. She announced the purpose of the meeting was to listen to the community, acknowledged the note taker who would be sending notes directly to the CEO, and announced the times and locations of the next meeting. Ms. Hamilton addressed some of the plans being made to address safety concerns in the area. She then turned the meeting over to Mr. Osland.

Mr. Osland described the protocol for public comment and how to register to speak. He then began the public comment portion of the meeting.

Brief Summary

The purpose of the meeting was to receive public comments on the proposal to close Garfield Park Preparatory Academy Elementary School and welcome students at Michael Faraday Elementary School, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-230. Only one speaker came forward. The speaker's comments are summarized below:

- The speaker described the history of Garfield Park Prep and noted some positive changes this past year. The speaker did not agree with the action and said it would set Faraday up for failure.