

**Community Meeting for the Proposed Closure of Goodlow Elementary and the re-
location of Earle Elementary**

April 11, 2013 Harper High School

CPS Staff in Attendance:

Mirlene Dossous, Stephanie Whyte, Aarti Dhupelia, Teresa Walter, Adrian Willis, John Scott Ricardo Isom, Tiffany Holmes, Kia Banks, Erin Washington, Valerie Burton, Latoyla Jones, Marie Sainvilus, Donna Thigpen, Glenn Vann, Dedric Vaughn, Dave Miranda, Leonard Langston

CPS Presentation:

Aarti Dhupelia welcomed the audience and introduced herself as the Chief of Schools and Deputy Chief of Staff. She stated the purpose of the meeting is to listen to the community on the behalf of the CEO of Chicago Public Schools. She discussed the safety plan and reviewed the handouts which included the transition support information, boundary changes and detailed page on the school action.

CPS Summary:

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the proposed closure of Goodlow Elementary and the re-location of Earle Elementary in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-230. The speakers spoke on a variety of topics including:

- Concern over what would happen to the staff and administration after the closure
- Concern whether any staff members could move with the students to the new school as well
- Concern that students will fall behind given the transition to the other school and assimilating to new teachers
- Presented evidence showing that Goodlow is at 66% and Earle is at 39%
- Concern that partnership with other community organizations will not continue at the new school
- Concern over safety plan and students at Goodlow being bullied by other students