

**Community Meeting for the Proposal to Co-locate Kwame Nkrumah Academy Elementary School
with Gresham Elementary School**

Saturday, April 13, 2013: 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Location: John M. Harlan Community Academy High School, 9652 South Michigan Ave.

CPS Staff in Attendance

Tom Tyrell, Deputy Chief Administrator Officer

Anthony McPhearson, Chief of Staff - Information & Technology Services

Adrian Willis, Chief of Schools - Englewood-Gresham Elementary Network

CPS Presentation

Mr. Tom Tyrell welcomed those in attendance and introduced the meeting. Mr. Tyrell gave a brief overview of the CPS safe passage commitment made by CPS and the handout provided to attendees after introducing the panel. Mr. Anthony McPhearson explained the meeting rules and procedures.

Brief Summary

The purpose of the meeting was to receive public comments on the proposal to co-locate Kwame Nkrumah Academy Elementary School in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-230. There were about 13 community members in attendance and 5 speakers. The speakers ranged from parents and teachers to interested stakeholders. The speaker comments focused on a variety of topics including the following:

- Concern about number of students that will be located at the Gresham facility
- Question of whether both schools in the facility will receive air conditioning
- Question of how space will be allocated if Gresham receives more special education students
- Concern of Gresham overcrowding in the future as they anticipate becoming a Level 1 or 2 school this year
- Concern over how space will be shared between the two schools