

**Community Meeting for the Proposal to Co-locate KIPP Middle School with Hope College
Preparatory High School**

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

Location: Englewood Campus, 6201 S. Stewart Avenue

CPS Staff in Attendance:

Dr. Stephanie Whyte, Chief Health Officer

Kris Tiefenthaler, Officer of Employee Solutions

Elizabeth Kirby, Chief of Schools, Southwest Side High School Network

CPS Presentation:

Ms. Tiefenthaler opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. and described the purpose of the meeting and the process that is being followed. In addition, the people in the room were announced in regard to court reporter, note taker, etc. Community members were given updated information on the security plan which has been a concern at all meetings. Hope High School students will continue to be enrolled in their current school. There will be no impact to teachers and staff at Hope High School as a result of this co-location. Additional information was also made available on the handout in regard to the co-location plan. Dr. Whyte explained the process for giving comments and the upcoming meetings. The upcoming meeting time was also presented to the audience.

Brief Summary: The Purpose of this meeting was to receive public comments on the proposal to co-locate KIPP Middle School at Hope H.S. located at 5515 S. Lowe Ave. in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-230. The meeting officially began at 3:00 p.m. CPS officials made a presentation regarding the proposal. There were 16 community members in attendance with 5 speakers. The speakers' comments were focused on supporting the co-location to provide expanded high quality education options for the Englewood community and requesting information around safety concerns and supporting the staff and administration in this process. The speakers' comments focused on a variety of topics including:

- Principal at KIPP was a proponent of this action and was enthusiastic about the success of the incoming students
- Many students strongly supported the action due to the shorter commute times
- Common concern around safety of students at the school and how CPS plans to work around this

The public comments were concluded and the meeting was closed at 5:00 p.m.