

CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER:
THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF
JOHN P. ALTGELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
AND
RELOCATION OF
DANIEL S. WENTWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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Barbara Byrd-Bennett
Chief Executive Officer

DATE: March 22nd, 2013

Parent or Guardian of a Student at
John P. Altgeld Elementary School
1340 W. 71st St.

Parent or Guardian of a Student at
Daniel S. Wentworth Elementary School
6950 S. Sangamon St.

Re: Proposed Closure of John P. Altgeld Elementary School and Relocation of Daniel S. Wentworth Elementary School

Dear Parent or Guardian:

As Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Public Schools (CPS), I am committed to ensuring that every child in every neighborhood receives a high-quality education that prepares them to succeed in college, career, and life.

Right now, the reality is that too many of our children are not receiving the education they deserve. We have a school utilization crisis that is spreading our limited resources too thin. We are funding half-empty buildings that are costly to maintain and repair instead of using those funds to directly invest in our children's education. This crisis did not happen overnight, and we will not fix everything overnight either, but our children need and deserve for all of us to work each and every day to improve their chances to succeed.

From investments in early childhood education and a full school day to ensuring there are strong principals and teachers in our schools, we are working each and every day towards achieving that goal and doing everything we can to make sure Chicago's children will thrive and succeed.

We must make certain that every child can attend a school that has the supports and resources needed to help every student flourish. Combining schools will allow us to use more resources to ensure that every student attends a higher performing, 21st century school with updated amenities, more individual instruction, and the programs they need to compete and succeed. I have made the commitment that every student and parent will have an option to attend a higher performing school in the fall and that is a commitment you can be sure I will keep.

Make no mistake, this will be hard. As a former teacher and a principal, I've lived through school closings. They are never easy, no matter where you are. But in my 40 years as an educator, I have never felt more certain that we need to take action now. If we do not take action, our children and their futures will pay the price for our delay.

I want to assure you that I have heard your concerns and I have taken them to head and heart: I will never seek to improve education at the expense of our students' safety. As we work to improve our children's quality of education, we will also work to ensure they are supported and safe by coordinating and collaborating with city agencies such as the Chicago Police Department and the Department of Family and Support Services, as well as community and faith-based organizations.

After a thoughtful, rigorous process in which we looked at every individual school and incorporated the feedback we received from more than 20,000 of you – parents across the city and community members in every neighborhood – we are making multiple proposals today. I am making a recommendation to close John P. Altgeld Elementary School (Altgeld). I am also recommending that Daniel S. Wentworth Elementary School (Wentworth) serve as the dedicated welcoming school for students at Altgeld in the fall and that Wentworth relocate to the current Altgeld facility at 1340 W. 71st St.

There are a series of supports that we will provide in order for your child to have a safe and seamless transition to a higher performing academic environment at their welcoming school. These include:

- Access to a dedicated, higher performing welcoming school with additional capital investments and further supported by new resources to safely and seamlessly transition students in fall 2013;
- A safety plan for all students and staff at all welcoming schools created in coordination with the Chicago Police Department and other community-based organizations;
- Social and emotional supports based on the specific needs of students;
- Supports for students with diverse learning needs;
- Supports for students in temporary living situations;
- Supports for English language learners;
- Facility improvements will be made to enhance the overall learning environment of the new school. Improvements may include items such as upgrades to playgrounds, science and computer labs, air conditioning, and others.

Lastly, principals at all welcoming schools will also receive additional discretionary funding that they can use to support the unique needs of all students at those schools.

A detailed proposal is outlined below. Please read it and carefully consider the supports we are offering to help your child receive a higher quality education at their dedicated welcoming school. And please know that our work is still not complete and your continued input will be critical in the weeks ahead. I encourage you to participate in the two community meetings and one public hearing for your school noted in the proposal below. I thank you for your continued feedback as we work to provide your child and all CPS students with the high-quality education they deserve.

Our Proposal and Investments

Our proposal is to close Altgeld, located at 1340 W. 71st St., at the end of the current school year because it is underutilized, based on CPS Space Utilization Standards and student enrollment numbers recorded on the 20th attendance day for the 2012-2013 school year. Specifically, Altgeld had 443 students enrolled on the 20th day of attendance, but has the capacity to serve 930 students. Altgeld students will be welcomed by Wentworth, and Wentworth will be relocated from its present location to 1340 W. 71st St. Thus, all Altgeld students will continue to attend school at 1340 W. 71st St., welcomed by the Wentworth administration, staff, and students. While the closure of Altgeld is not related to performance, it is important to note that Wentworth is a higher performing school, according to the Chief Executive Officer's Guidelines for School Actions (Guidelines).

A draft transition plan has been sent home from school with students, which outlines investments that will support a smooth and safe transition for all students.

Furthermore, CPS is committed to providing educational opportunities that fit each student's unique learning needs and each family's priorities, and encourages families to decide if this welcoming school is the best fit for their child. To support families in this decision, information from the Office of Access & Enrollment is available in the draft transition plan.

Attendance Area Boundary of Altgeld

I am also proposing that the geographic boundary currently associated with Altgeld be reassigned to Wentworth, currently located at 6950 S. Sangamon Street but proposed to be located at 1340 W. 71st Street. In addition, a small portion of the geographic boundary currently associated with Carrie Jacobs Bond Elementary School (Bond) will be reassigned to Wentworth. This means that Wentworth will be the new neighborhood school for students living in the Altgeld boundary and for students living in a small portion of the Bond boundary (and not currently enrolled at Bond).

Public Comment on this Proposal

Public comment can be made during the following two community meetings and one public hearing:

Community Meeting 1

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7:30pm-9:30pm
Harper HS
6520 South Wood Street

Community Meeting 2

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Public Hearing

Wednesday, April 17, 2013
5:30pm-7:30pm
CPS Central Office
125 S. Clark St.

I invite you to share your feedback on this proposal at the scheduled community meetings and public hearing. If you wish to comment at the community meetings or hearing, you must sign up to speak on the day of, at the designated location, beginning one hour before the designated start time and ending one hour after the start of the meeting or hearing. You will have two minutes to speak, unless the hearing officer or meeting organizer provides an extension. The hearing will conclude at the stated end time or following the comments of the last person who has signed up to speak, whichever occurs first.

After the community meetings and public hearing, I will review a written report from the hearing officer. At that time, I may recommend that the Board of Education of the City of Chicago consider and approve the closure of Altgeld.

Further Questions and Concerns:

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call 311 (City Services) or visit www.cps.edu/qualityschools.

Thank you for your consideration and patience during this time as we work to provide your children with all the resources and supports they deserve.

Sincerely,



Barbara Byrd-Bennett
CEO, Chicago Public Schools



DRAFT TRANSITION PLAN

For the Proposed Closure of John P. Altgeld Elementary School

I. Introduction

Chicago Public Schools (CPS) is committed to ensuring that every student, in every community, has access to a high-quality, well-rounded education in order to graduate from high school ready to succeed in college, career, and life. From investments in early childhood education and a full school day to ensuring that there are effective principals and teachers in our schools, CPS is doing everything possible to provide Chicago's children with a 21st century education that helps them thrive and succeed. It is our obligation to work every day on behalf of our children's future.

However, our District faces a \$1 billion deficit, which threatens everything in our system by making it difficult to provide the robust supports and services that all children deserve. Our District's financial crisis is significantly challenged by underutilization, resulting in financial resources being invested in half-empty buildings that are costly to maintain and repair. Currently, CPS is financing schools and buildings with a capacity for 511,000 students while only serving 403,000 students. This utilization crisis is spreading our already scarce financial resources much too thin.

To address this crisis, CPS is proposing a plan to address underutilization based on significant input from partners including parents, students, teachers, principals, community and faith leaders, the independent Commission on School Utilization, the Chicago Police Department, and the Department of Family and Support Services. Through these collaborative efforts, CPS' plan represents a new day for Chicago Public Schools, and a fresh start for our students in Fall 2013.

The plan proposes to close schools that are underutilized. These actions will enable CPS to maximize resources by supporting a reduced number of school buildings, which will improve our capacity to provide all children with greater access to critical resources and supports such as libraries, technology, playgrounds, nurses, and counselors.

In order to ensure a quality education for students, CPS proposes to close John P. Altgeld Elementary School (Altgeld). This decision is based on the underutilization of Altgeld, in accordance with the Chief Executive Officer's Guidelines for School Actions (Guidelines). This action, if approved, will welcome returning students at Daniel S. Wentworth Elementary School (Wentworth), which will be re-located.

The transition plan outlined below summarizes the proposal, identifies the supports that will be provided to impacted students to create a smooth and safe transition process, and notes opportunities for commenting on the action.

II. Summary of Action

Altgeld is a neighborhood elementary school located at 1340 W. 71st St., in the Englewood-Gresham Elementary Network of CPS. Altgeld currently serves 443 students in PK & K-8th grades. CPS is proposing to close Altgeld based on the school's underutilization. The closure meets the criteria of the Guidelines.

As a result of this action, all returning Altgeld students will be welcomed by Wentworth. Wentworth will be re-located from its present location to the current Altgeld facility, located at 1340 W. 71st St. Thus, all Altgeld students will continue to attend school at 1340 W. 71st St., welcomed by the Wentworth administration, staff, and students. Families are also encouraged to pursue other educational options at CPS that best meet their student's learning needs and family priorities. Information about educational options is provided in detail in a subsequent section of this transition plan. The proposed investments CPS will make for transitioning students at both Altgeld and Wentworth, as described in this transition plan, will provide students with a supportive learning environment and ease the transition process as much as possible.

The geographic boundary currently associated with Altgeld will be reassigned to Wentworth, currently located at 6950 S. Sangamon Street but proposed to be located at 1340 W. 71st Street. In addition, a small portion of the geographic boundary currently associated with Carrie Jacobs Bond Elementary School (Bond) will be reassigned to Wentworth. This means that Wentworth will be the new neighborhood school for students living in the Altgeld boundary and for students living in a small portion of the Bond boundary (and not currently enrolled at Bond).

III. Safety and Security

CPS has engaged multiple experts regarding school safety to make decisions that will ensure children have a seamless transition next year at all welcoming schools. The Office of Safety and Security (OSS), Chicago Police Department, the Department of Family and Support Services, and community and faith partners were all consulted as part of the safety planning process.

CPS has prepared a plan for the safety of students and staff affected by the proposed closure of Altgeld and the relocation of Wentworth. OSS will continue to partner on an on-going basis with local community groups, elected officials, sister agencies, and the Chicago Police Department to maintain a smooth and safe transition of students to a new school environment. As part of the transition process, OSS will:

- Review and update school safety audits
- Review security personnel allocations to ensure proper coverage
- Review school safety technology and enhance systems as appropriate
- Address any safety concerns raised by students and staff
- Provide Safe Passage: CPS will invest in additional Safe Passage supports to address the safety of all students and staff traveling to and from school. Safe Passage workers wear identifiable vests and stand on designated street corners to monitor students' safety during their travel to school in the morning and home in the afternoon. Prior to the start of the 2013-2014 school year, OSS will work with the Wentworth administration and the community to designate specific intersections for safe passage supports
- As deemed necessary by OSS, in collaboration with the community, CPS will also provide a transition security officer to assist with safety and security needs.

IV. Supports for Students and Schools

CPS is committed to ensuring a productive and supportive remainder of the 2012-2013 school year at Altgeld and Wentworth and ensuring a successful transition for the 2013-2014 school year. To accomplish this, CPS will provide the following supports to meet the academic, social and emotional, and specific learning needs of transitioning students. These resources may be further customized as feedback is obtained at community meetings and a public hearing regarding this action. Additionally, resources may be adjusted to meet the unique needs of the transitioning school population if deemed necessary by the Chief of Schools overseeing this Network.

Academic Needs of Students

If this proposal is approved, Altgeld will be welcomed by Wentworth, which is a higher performing school. To ensure Altgeld students receive high-quality academic instruction throughout the transition, Altgeld and Wentworth will receive:

- Principal Transition Coordinator (PTC): PTCs are former principals, or other administrators with significant experience, who will be a resource to help the principal of Altgeld maintain academic rigor in the classroom and ensure a smooth transition to Wentworth. The PTC will ensure continuity of support for faculty and students.
- Data Support: Preparation and planning are key to ensuring the right supports are in place and ready for the beginning of the school year. To help facilitate a smooth transition for all students, CPS will provide Wentworth with comprehensive data on all transitioning students. Student-specific data such as test scores, attendance, and grades will enable all school staff to proactively identify and prepare to meet the needs of every student.

- **Network Chief Office Hours:** Network Chiefs, who oversee a geographic network of schools, will set aside dedicated time to discuss concerns and educational options with families and students affected by this action. For specific dates and times, please contact your school or Network office.

Additionally, Altgeld and Wentworth will receive discretionary resources to provide direct academic support to students. Principals, with local community input, will decide how best to utilize these resources. Selections will be approved by the Network Chief. Options for use include, but are not limited to:

- **Instructional Coach or Teacher Leader:** An instructional coach or teacher leader will ensure instruction quality remains high as students transition so that they do not lose any momentum.
- **Academic tutoring resources:** Resources for an academic tutoring position or program in reading and math may be provided.

Social Emotional Needs of Students

CPS understands that whenever students transition to a new school, additional support is needed to help them adjust. CPS will provide resources and work with schools to design a school-specific program of support which may include items such as:

- Intervention groups or peace circles aimed at helping students work through concerns associated with the transition as needed.
- Implementing restorative practices (such as peer circles and peer juries) to encourage peer-to-peer problem solving and resolution.
- Access to highly structured interventions for smaller groups of students in need of more individualized attention.
- **Student Leadership and Culture-Building Activities:** To foster an environment that is both supportive and inclusive for all students, CPS will provide resources to school leadership to help create positive relationships among students and implement culture-building activities (such as staff luncheons and team- and trust-building activities).

Additionally, CPS believes cultural integration of the two school communities is important for a successful, smooth transition. To support this, CPS will provide resources for "Fresh Start" Activities. Wentworth will be provided discretionary resources to implement "get to know your new school" activities, such as visits for families, coffee chats with the welcoming principal, picnics, field trips, and parent meetings.

Support for Specific Students Needs

To ensure students at Altgeld who have unique needs or circumstances are adequately supported in this transition, CPS will provide the Network with additional resources to work directly with families and assist in explaining their school options. Additionally, CPS will provide the following:

Students with Diverse Learning Needs

- Students with disabilities at Altgeld will continue to be provided instructional support both in the general education classroom and in small group or individual settings, in accordance with their Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) for the 2012-2013 school year.
- Once students transition to Wentworth, all instructional, clinical and related services will be provided in accordance with their IEPs. All specialized services, including nursing, speech, occupational therapy, physical therapy, social work, psychology, assistive technology support, and special education instruction will continue to be provided in the manner stated on each student's current IEP.
- CPS will work with Wentworth to ensure classrooms are set up to meet student needs, to schedule all students in accordance with IEPs, and ensure there is adequate staff to fully implement student IEPs.
- In addition, to ensure IEP implementation, CPS will review all IEPs with the staff at Wentworth, provide observations of classrooms when school has resumed, and train Wentworth staff on specialized equipment for specific student needs.

- CPS will also provide disability awareness training to staff at Wentworth , targeting training based on the unique population of the students in the school.
- The facility at 1340 W. 71st St. is not accessible to persons with disabilities according to the Americans with Disabilities Act. For more information about a particular school, contact the CPS Director of ADA Policy at (773) 553-2158.

Students in Temporary Living Situations

- The CPS Office of Students in Temporary Living Situations (OSTLS) will continue the supports currently provided to Students in Temporary Living Situations (STLS) as required by law and as they transition to a new school. These include free school meals, enrollment support, provision of required school uniforms and school supplies as needed, transportation assistance when eligible, and waiver of all school related fees.
- Students in Temporary Living Situations will be encouraged to attend cultural integration and welcoming events to introduce them to their new school, teachers, and administrators, as described above.
- STLS students affected by this action may choose to attend Wentworth or meet with OSTLS staff to identify enrollment options available. For families currently enrolled in the STLS program, younger siblings may attend the same school that their older sibling elects under this proposed action.
- Additionally, CPS will provide professional development and support to Wentworth staff on providing transition services for STLS students.

English Language Learners (ELL)

- Current and future ELLs attending Wentworth will receive state mandated transitional bilingual program services which include, depending on the number of ELLs enrolled, certified Bilingual and English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers and/or support from the Department of Language and Cultural Education (DoLCE).
- In addition, CPS will assist Wentworth in serving students based on their language and learning needs.
- Schools that welcome newcomers to the United States will be provided student orientation kits and will receive assistance from CPS to coordinate with resettlement centers, translation/interpretation services, tutoring services in the native language, and social-emotional supports tailored to their specific needs.

Early Childhood Participants

- Students and families currently enrolled in CPS early childhood programs affected by school actions will be offered support for placement in the designated welcoming school when possible. In cases where this is not possible, efforts will be made to support families in placement through “Chicago: Ready to Learn” community based organization programs or schools in the District that have space available.
- All records will be transferred for continuity, and the Office of Early Childhood Education will track students involved in school actions to determine support needs.
- Students who will turn 5 years old by September 1st and will be attending Kindergarten next year should anticipate attending their neighborhood school. If the student was attending an early childhood cluster program, the Office of Special Education and Supports will be working with families to identify the location of the student’s school and the family should expect a placement letter.

Transportation

- Provisions for specific student populations (i.e., students with disabilities, Students in Temporary Living Situations, and NCLB qualifying students), as determined by the CPS transportation policy, will continue to apply.

V. Information Regarding Choice of Schools

CPS is committed to providing educational options that fit each student's unique learning needs and each family's priorities, and encourages families to decide if this welcoming school is the best fit for their individual student. To support families in this decision, information from the Office of Access & Enrollment is available:

- Online (www.cps.edu or www.cpsoae.edu),
- By email (oea@cps.edu),
- By phone (773-553-2060), and
- In person (125 S. Clark St., 10th Floor).

Additionally, as described above, Network Chiefs will set aside time specifically to discuss concerns and educational options with families and students affected by this action. Parents and guardians will also have the option of visiting schools of choice prior to making their enrollment decision. This will be facilitated by the Network Office in accordance with all applicable policies.

Recognizing that many families would have applied for other options if they had known their school was going to be affected by school actions, CPS will reopen the application period for families affected by school actions. Students affected by school actions will be given the chance to apply to magnet cluster and neighborhood schools that have available seats. Students must apply and submit an application to the Office of Access & Enrollment by the deadline of April 19, 2013 to be considered. The application has been sent home with your child and is also available at www.cpsoae.org, by calling (773) 553-2060, or in person at 125 S. Clark St., 10th floor.

VI. Public Comment

Community Meetings and Public Hearings:

CPS will hold two community meetings and one formal public hearing regarding this action. Public comment will be accepted during each meeting or hearing. CPS is committed to considering community feedback and will amend this draft transition plan accordingly.

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Further Questions and Concerns:

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this proposal and the draft transition plan, please call 311 (City Services) or visit www.cps.edu/qualityschools.

Definitions

“Closing” or “closure” means closing a school and assigning all of the students enrolled at that school to one or more designated receiving schools.

“Higher performing school” means:

- (1) receiving a higher level on the Performance Policy for the 2011-2012 school year, or
- (2) if the 2011-2012 school year level on the Performance Policy is equal, higher performing means performing higher on the majority of the following metrics:
 - for elementary schools – for the 2011-2012 school year, percentage of points on the Performance Policy, ISAT composite meets or exceeds score, Value Added reading, and Value Added math,
 - for high schools – for the 2011-2012 school year, percentage of points on the Performance Policy, PSAT composite meets or exceeds score, EPAS gains percentile in reading, and EPAS gains percentile in math, or
- (3) for elementary schools, if the 2011-2012 school year level on the Performance Policy is equal and the school does not have Value Added metrics, higher performing means a higher percentage of points on the Performance Policy and a higher ISAT meets or exceeds score for the 2011-2012 school year, or
- (4) for high schools, if the 2011-2012 school year level on the Performance Policy is equal and the school does not have EPAS metrics, higher performing means a higher percentage of points on the Performance Policy and a higher PSAT composite meets or exceeds score.

“ISAT” stands for Illinois Standard Achievement Test.

“ISAT composite” means the score of the combined ISAT reading, math and science tests.

“Performance Policy” means the Board of Education of the City of Chicago’s School Performance, Remediation and Probation Policy, 12-0725-PO2, establishing standards and criteria for placing a school on Remediation or Probation for the 2012-2013 school year based on assessments administered in Spring 2012 and other performance data from prior school years. The score and status are determined by evaluating key indicators that assess a school’s current performance, trend over time and student growth.

“School action” means any school closing; school consolidation; co-location; boundary change that requires reassignment of students, unless the reassignment is to a new school with an attendance area boundary and is made to relieve overcrowding; or phase-out.

“Space Utilization Standards” mean the Chicago Public Schools’ Space Utilization Standards, found at: [http://www.cps.edu/About CPS/Policies and guidelines/Documents/SpaceUtilizationStandards.pdf](http://www.cps.edu/About_CPS/Policies_and_guidelines/Documents/SpaceUtilizationStandards.pdf), establishing standards for determining enrollment efficiency, overcrowding, and underutilization.

“Value Added” means the metric that assesses school effects on students’ academic growth, controlling for student characteristics (including, but not limited to, student mobility rates, poverty rates, special education status and bilingual education status), grade level, and prior performance through a regression methodology. Academic growth is measured by the change in scale score points on the ISAT from one year to the next.

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Barbara Byrd-Bennett
Chief Executive Officer

DATE: March 22nd, 2013

Administrators, Faculty, Staff and LSC Members
John P. Altgeld Elementary School
1340 W. 71st St.

Administrators, Faculty, Staff and LSC Members
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6950 S. Sangamon St.

Re: Board of Education Proposed Closure of John P. Altgeld Elementary School and Relocation of Daniel S. Wentworth Elementary School

Dear Administrators, Faculty, Staff, and Local School Council Members:

As Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Public Schools (CPS), I am committed to ensuring that every child in every neighborhood receives a high-quality education that prepares them to succeed in college, career, and life. To do so, we must make certain that every child can attend a school that has the supports and resources needed to help every student flourish.

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I want to assure you that I have heard the concerns of parents, teachers, and school leaders and I have taken them to head and heart: I will never put our students' safety in jeopardy in our efforts to improve their education. As we work to improve our children's quality of education, we will also work to ensure they are supported and safe by coordinating and collaborating with city agencies such as the Chicago Police Department and the Department of Family and Support Services, as well as community and faith-based organizations.

With these principles in mind, and after a thoughtful, rigorous process in which we looked at each school and incorporated the feedback we received from more than 20,000 parents and community members, we are making multiple proposals today, including a recommendation to close John P. Altgeld Elementary School

(Altgeld). This proposal helps address CPS' current underutilization challenge, enables us to move forward in a more sound and sustainable financial state, and allows us to better serve all of our students, both current and future.

And please know that our work is still not complete. Your continued input will be critical in the weeks ahead. There will be two community meetings and one public hearing for your school noted below. I thank you for your continued feedback as we work to provide all CPS students with the high-quality education they deserve.

There are a series of supports that we will provide in order for every child to have a safe and seamless transition to a higher performing academic environment at their welcoming school. These include:

- Access to a higher performing welcoming school equipped with new resources;
- A safety plan for all students and staff at all welcoming schools created in coordination with the Chicago Police Department and other community-based organizations;
- Social and emotional supports based on the specific needs of students at each welcoming school;
- Supports for students with diverse learning needs;
- Supports for students in temporary living situations;
- Supports for English language learners; and
- Facility improvements will be made to enhance the overall learning environment of the new school.

Several supports for teacher and PSRP members of the Chicago Teachers' Union (CTU) are also available through our negotiated collective bargaining agreement. These include:

- **Tenured Teacher Assignment** – If vacancies are created in the welcoming school(s) due to the enrollment of students from your current school, tenured teachers rated in the top two performance rating categories may be assigned to those vacant positions, based upon seniority and certifications.
- **Reassigned Teacher Pool** – Tenured teachers who are ineligible or unable to be assigned to the welcoming school(s) will be placed in the reassigned teacher pool—with full salary and benefits for up to 5 months—while they seek new job opportunities.
- **PSRP Severance** – PSRPs at closing schools who are unable to find new employment by the start of next school year will be paid a \$1,000 severance and are eligible for up to 9 months of paid COBRA benefits.

CPS has also implemented an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) that provides a safe, confidential environment to access grief counseling with a trained professional. This service is completely free, absolutely confidential, and available to all employees and members of their households, 24 hours per day and 7 days per week. EAP specialists have masters-level training and a minimum of 3 years of counseling experience.

To access EAP services, which also include mediation, and financial services support, please:

- **Call 1-800-711-6087.** When prompted, press '2' for members. You will be asked for your Member ID and you can say "I don't know it" to proceed. Lastly, please press '1' for EAP [(TDD) Dial 711 and enter number above]; or
- **Visit <http://liveandworkwell.com> online.** Web Access Code: 'CPS'.

Lastly, additional transition supports such as dedicated Career Events for teachers impacted by school actions and transition coaching sessions will be available and communicated to you in more detail through the coming weeks and months.

A detailed proposal is outlined below. Please read it and carefully consider the supports we are offering to help students receive a higher performing education in their dedicated welcoming school.

Our Proposal and Investments

Our proposal is that Altgeld, located at 1340 W. 71st St. be closed at the end of the current school year because it is underutilized, based on CPS Space Utilization Standards and student enrollment numbers recorded on the 20th attendance day for the 2012-2013 school year. Specifically, Altgeld had 443 students enrolled on the 20th day of attendance, but has the capacity to serve 930 students. Altgeld students will be welcomed by Daniel S. Wentworth Elementary School (Wentworth), and Wentworth will be re-located from its present location to 1340 W. 71st St. Thus, all Altgeld students will continue to attend school at 1340 W. 71st St, welcomed by the Wentworth administration, staff and students. While the closure of Altgeld is not related to performance, it is important to note that Wentworth is a higher performing school, according to the Chief Executive Officer's Guidelines for School Actions (Guidelines).

Please take a few moments to carefully review the draft transition plan on this proposed closing that you received at your school. In this draft transition plan you can learn more about why this school has been chosen to be closed and how we intend to make significant investments to help ensure our students' academic success in the transition.

Attendance Area Boundary of Altgeld

I am also proposing that the geographic boundary currently associated with Altgeld will be reassigned to Wentworth, currently located at 6950 S. Sangamon St. but proposed to be located at 1340 W. 71st St. In addition, a small portion of the geographic boundary currently associated with Carrie Jacobs Bond Elementary School (Bond) will be reassigned to Wentworth. This means that Wentworth will be the new neighborhood school for students living in the Altgeld boundary and for students living in a small portion of the Bond boundary (and not currently enrolled at Bond).

Details for the Administrators, Faculty, Staff, and Local School Council Members

If this proposal is approved by the Board of Education of the City of Chicago ("Board"), the employment status of all administrators, faculty, and staff will be determined pursuant to Board policies, practices, and any applicable contracts and collective bargaining agreements. If you have human resources questions or concerns, please contact us at (773)553-4748 (HR4U).

If the Board approves this proposal, the Local School Council (LSC) of Altgeld will be dissolved at the end of the current school year. If you have any questions about how this proposal affects the LSC, please contact the Office of Local School Council Relations at 773-553-1400.

Public Comment on this Proposal

Public comment can be made during the following two community meetings and one public hearing:

<u>Community Meeting 1</u>	<u>Community Meeting 2</u>	<u>Public Hearing</u>
Wednesday, April 10, 2013	Monday, April 15, 2013	Wednesday, April 17, 2013
7:30pm - 9:30pm	7:30pm-9:30pm	5:30pm-7:30pm
Harper HS	Harper HS	CPS Central Office
6520 South Wood Street	6520 South Wood Street	125 S. Clark St.

I invite you to share your feedback on this proposal at the community meetings and public hearing. If you wish to comment at the community meetings or hearing, you must sign up to speak on the day of, at the designated location, beginning one hour before the designated start time and ending one hour after the start of the meeting or hearing. You will have two minutes to speak, unless the hearing officer or meeting organizer provides an extension. The hearing will conclude at the stated end time or following the comments of the last person who has signed up to speak, whichever occurs first.

After the community meetings and public hearing, I will review a written report from the hearing officer. At that time, I may recommend that the Board consider and approve the closure of Altgeld.

Further Questions and Concerns:

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call 311 (City Services) or visit www.cps.edu/qualityschools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Barbara Byrd-Bennett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'B' and a long, sweeping underline.

Barbara Byrd-Bennett
CEO, Chicago Public Schools

DRAFT TRANSITION PLAN**For the Proposed Closure of John P. Altgeld Elementary School****I. Introduction**

Chicago Public Schools (CPS) is committed to ensuring that every student, in every community, has access to a high-quality, well-rounded education in order to graduate from high school ready to succeed in college, career, and life. From investments in early childhood education and a full school day to ensuring that there are effective principals and teachers in our schools, CPS is doing everything possible to provide Chicago's children with a 21st century education that helps them thrive and succeed. It is our obligation to work every day on behalf of our children's future.

However, our District faces a \$1 billion deficit, which threatens everything in our system by making it difficult to provide the robust supports and services that all children deserve. Our District's financial crisis is significantly challenged by underutilization, resulting in financial resources being invested in half-empty buildings that are costly to maintain and repair. Currently, CPS is financing schools and buildings with a capacity for 511,000 students while only serving 403,000 students. This utilization crisis is spreading our already scarce financial resources much too thin.

To address this crisis, CPS is proposing a plan to address underutilization based on significant input from partners including parents, students, teachers, principals, community and faith leaders, the independent Commission on School Utilization, the Chicago Police Department, and the Department of Family and Support Services. Through these collaborative efforts, CPS' plan represents a new day for Chicago Public Schools, and a fresh start for our students in Fall 2013.

The plan proposes to close schools that are underutilized. These actions will enable CPS to maximize resources by supporting a reduced number of school buildings, which will improve our capacity to provide all children with greater access to critical resources and supports such as libraries, technology, playgrounds, nurses, and counselors.

In order to ensure a quality education for students, CPS proposes to close John P. Altgeld Elementary School (Altgeld). This decision is based on the underutilization of Altgeld, in accordance with the Chief Executive Officer's Guidelines for School Actions (Guidelines). This action, if approved, will welcome returning students at Daniel S. Wentworth Elementary School (Wentworth), which will be re-located.

The transition plan outlined below summarizes the proposal, identifies the supports that will be provided to impacted students to create a smooth and safe transition process, and notes opportunities for commenting on the action.

II. Summary of Action

Altgeld is a neighborhood elementary school located at 1340 W. 71st St., in the Englewood-Gresham Elementary Network of CPS. Altgeld currently serves 443 students in PK & K-8th grades. CPS is proposing to close Altgeld based on the school's underutilization. The closure meets the criteria of the Guidelines.

As a result of this action, all returning Altgeld students will be welcomed by Wentworth. Wentworth will be re-located from its present location to the current Altgeld facility, located at 1340 W. 71st St. Thus, all Altgeld students will continue to attend school at 1340 W. 71st St., welcomed by the Wentworth administration, staff, and students. Families are also encouraged to pursue other educational options at CPS that best meet their student's learning needs and family priorities. Information about educational options is provided in detail in a subsequent section of this transition plan. The proposed investments CPS will make for transitioning students at both Altgeld and Wentworth, as described in this transition plan, will provide students with a supportive learning environment and ease the transition process as much as possible.

The geographic boundary currently associated with Altgeld will be reassigned to Wentworth, currently located at 6950 S. Sangamon Street but proposed to be located at 1340 W. 71st Street. In addition, a small portion of the geographic boundary currently associated with Carrie Jacobs Bond Elementary School (Bond) will be reassigned to Wentworth. This means that Wentworth will be the new neighborhood school for students living in the Altgeld boundary and for students living in a small portion of the Bond boundary (and not currently enrolled at Bond).

III. Safety and Security

CPS has engaged multiple experts regarding school safety to make decisions that will ensure children have a seamless transition next year at all welcoming schools. The Office of Safety and Security (OSS), Chicago Police Department, the Department of Family and Support Services, and community and faith partners were all consulted as part of the safety planning process.

CPS has prepared a plan for the safety of students and staff affected by the proposed closure of Altgeld and the relocation of Wentworth. OSS will continue to partner on an on-going basis with local community groups, elected officials, sister agencies, and the Chicago Police Department to maintain a smooth and safe transition of students to a new school environment. As part of the transition process, OSS will:

- Review and update school safety audits
- Review security personnel allocations to ensure proper coverage
- Review school safety technology and enhance systems as appropriate
- Address any safety concerns raised by students and staff
- Provide Safe Passage: CPS will invest in additional Safe Passage supports to address the safety of all students and staff traveling to and from school. Safe Passage workers wear identifiable vests and stand on designated street corners to monitor students' safety during their travel to school in the morning and home in the afternoon. Prior to the start of the 2013-2014 school year, OSS will work with the Wentworth administration and the community to designate specific intersections for safe passage supports
- As deemed necessary by OSS, in collaboration with the community, CPS will also provide a transition security officer to assist with safety and security needs.

IV. Supports for Students and Schools

CPS is committed to ensuring a productive and supportive remainder of the 2012-2013 school year at Altgeld and Wentworth and ensuring a successful transition for the 2013-2014 school year. To accomplish this, CPS will provide the following supports to meet the academic, social and emotional, and specific learning needs of transitioning students. These resources may be further customized as feedback is obtained at community meetings and a public hearing regarding this action. Additionally, resources may be adjusted to meet the unique needs of the transitioning school population if deemed necessary by the Chief of Schools overseeing this Network.

Academic Needs of Students

If this proposal is approved, Altgeld will be welcomed by Wentworth, which is a higher performing school. To ensure Altgeld students receive high-quality academic instruction throughout the transition, Altgeld and Wentworth will receive:

- Principal Transition Coordinator (PTC): PTCs are former principals, or other administrators with significant experience, who will be a resource to help the principal of Altgeld maintain academic rigor in the classroom and ensure a smooth transition to Wentworth. The PTC will ensure continuity of support for faculty and students.
- Data Support: Preparation and planning are key to ensuring the right supports are in place and ready for the beginning of the school year. To help facilitate a smooth transition for all students, CPS will provide Wentworth with comprehensive data on all transitioning students. Student-specific data such as test scores, attendance, and grades will enable all school staff to proactively identify and prepare to meet the needs of every student.

- **Network Chief Office Hours:** Network Chiefs, who oversee a geographic network of schools, will set aside dedicated time to discuss concerns and educational options with families and students affected by this action. For specific dates and times, please contact your school or Network office.

Additionally, Altgeld and Wentworth will receive discretionary resources to provide direct academic support to students. Principals, with local community input, will decide how best to utilize these resources. Selections will be approved by the Network Chief. Options for use include, but are not limited to:

- **Instructional Coach or Teacher Leader:** An instructional coach or teacher leader will ensure instruction quality remains high as students transition so that they do not lose any momentum.
- **Academic tutoring resources:** Resources for an academic tutoring position or program in reading and math may be provided.

Social Emotional Needs of Students

CPS understands that whenever students transition to a new school, additional support is needed to help them adjust. CPS will provide resources and work with schools to design a school-specific program of support which may include items such as:

- **Intervention groups or peace circles** aimed at helping students work through concerns associated with the transition as needed.
- **Implementing restorative practices** (such as peer circles and peer juries) to encourage peer-to-peer problem solving and resolution.
- **Access to highly structured interventions** for smaller groups of students in need of more individualized attention.
- **Student Leadership and Culture-Building Activities:** To foster an environment that is both supportive and inclusive for all students, CPS will provide resources to school leadership to help create positive relationships among students and implement culture-building activities (such as staff luncheons and team- and trust-building activities).

Additionally, CPS believes cultural integration of the two school communities is important for a successful, smooth transition. To support this, CPS will provide resources for "Fresh Start" Activities. Wentworth will be provided discretionary resources to implement "get to know your new school" activities, such as visits for families, coffee chats with the welcoming principal, picnics, field trips, and parent meetings.

Support for Specific Students Needs

To ensure students at Altgeld who have unique needs or circumstances are adequately supported in this transition, CPS will provide the Network with additional resources to work directly with families and assist in explaining their school options. Additionally, CPS will provide the following:

Students with Diverse Learning Needs

- Students with disabilities at Altgeld will continue to be provided instructional support both in the general education classroom and in small group or individual settings, in accordance with their Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) for the 2012-2013 school year.
- Once students transition to Wentworth, all instructional, clinical and related services will be provided in accordance with their IEPs. All specialized services, including nursing, speech, occupational therapy, physical therapy, social work, psychology, assistive technology support, and special education instruction will continue to be provided in the manner stated on each student's current IEP.
- CPS will work with Wentworth to ensure classrooms are set up to meet student needs, to schedule all students in accordance with IEPs, and ensure there is adequate staff to fully implement student IEPs.
- In addition, to ensure IEP implementation, CPS will review all IEPs with the staff at Wentworth, provide observations of classrooms when school has resumed, and train Wentworth staff on specialized equipment for specific student needs.

- CPS will also provide disability awareness training to staff at Wentworth , targeting training based on the unique population of the students in the school.
- The facility at 1340 W. 71st St. is not accessible to persons with disabilities according to the Americans with Disabilities Act. For more information about a particular school, contact the CPS Director of ADA Policy at (773) 553-2158.

Students in Temporary Living Situations

- The CPS Office of Students in Temporary Living Situations (OSTLS) will continue the supports currently provided to Students in Temporary Living Situations (STLS) as required by law and as they transition to a new school. These include free school meals, enrollment support, provision of required school uniforms and school supplies as needed, transportation assistance when eligible, and waiver of all school related fees.
- Students in Temporary Living Situations will be encouraged to attend cultural integration and welcoming events to introduce them to their new school, teachers, and administrators, as described above.
- STLS students affected by this action may choose to attend Wentworth or meet with OSTLS staff to identify enrollment options available. For families currently enrolled in the STLS program, younger siblings may attend the same school that their older sibling elects under this proposed action.
- Additionally, CPS will provide professional development and support to Wentworth staff on providing transition services for STLS students.

English Language Learners (ELL)

- Current and future ELLs attending Wentworth will receive state mandated transitional bilingual program services which include, depending on the number of ELLs enrolled, certified Bilingual and English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers and/or support from the Department of Language and Cultural Education (DoLCE).
- In addition, CPS will assist Wentworth in serving students based on their language and learning needs.
- Schools that welcome newcomers to the United States will be provided student orientation kits and will receive assistance from CPS to coordinate with resettlement centers, translation/interpretation services, tutoring services in the native language, and social-emotional supports tailored to their specific needs.

Early Childhood Participants

- Students and families currently enrolled in CPS early childhood programs affected by school actions will be offered support for placement in the designated welcoming school when possible. In cases where this is not possible, efforts will be made to support families in placement through “Chicago: Ready to Learn” community based organization programs or schools in the District that have space available.
- All records will be transferred for continuity, and the Office of Early Childhood Education will track students involved in school actions to determine support needs.
- Students who will turn 5 years old by September 1st and will be attending Kindergarten next year should anticipate attending their neighborhood school. If the student was attending an early childhood cluster program, the Office of Special Education and Supports will be working with families to identify the location of the student’s school and the family should expect a placement letter.

Transportation

- Provisions for specific student populations (i.e., students with disabilities, Students in Temporary Living Situations, and NCLB qualifying students), as determined by the CPS transportation policy, will continue to apply.

V. Information Regarding Choice of Schools

CPS is committed to providing educational options that fit each student's unique learning needs and each family's priorities, and encourages families to decide if this welcoming school is the best fit for their individual student. To support families in this decision, information from the Office of Access & Enrollment is available:

- Online (www.cps.edu or www.cpsoae.edu),
- By email (oea@cps.edu),
- By phone (773-553-2060), and
- In person (125 S. Clark St., 10th Floor).

Additionally, as described above, Network Chiefs will set aside time specifically to discuss concerns and educational options with families and students affected by this action. Parents and guardians will also have the option of visiting schools of choice prior to making their enrollment decision. This will be facilitated by the Network Office in accordance with all applicable policies.

Recognizing that many families would have applied for other options if they had known their school was going to be affected by school actions, CPS will reopen the application period for families affected by school actions. Students affected by school actions will be given the chance to apply to magnet cluster and neighborhood schools that have available seats. Students must apply and submit an application to the Office of Access & Enrollment by the deadline of April 19, 2013 to be considered. The application has been sent home with your child and is also available at www.cpsoae.org, by calling (773) 553-2060, or in person at 125 S. Clark St., 10th floor.

VI. Public Comment

Community Meetings and Public Hearings:

CPS will hold two community meetings and one formal public hearing regarding this action. Public comment will be accepted during each meeting or hearing. CPS is committed to considering community feedback and will amend this draft transition plan accordingly.

Community Meeting 1

Wednesday, April 10, 2013
7:30pm - 9:30pm
Harper HS
6520 South Wood Street

Community Meeting 2

Monday, April 15, 2013
7:30pm-9:30pm
Harper HS
6520 South Wood Street

Public Hearing

Wednesday, April 17, 2013
5:30pm-7:30pm
CPS Central Office
125 S. Clark St.

Further Questions and Concerns:

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this proposal and the draft transition plan, please call 311 (City Services) or visit www.cps.edu/qualityschools.

Definitions

“Closing” or “closure” means closing a school and assigning all of the students enrolled at that school to one or more designated receiving schools.

“Higher performing school” means:

- (1) receiving a higher level on the Performance Policy for the 2011-2012 school year, or
- (2) if the 2011-2012 school year level on the Performance Policy is equal, higher performing means performing higher on the majority of the following metrics:
 - for elementary schools – for the 2011-2012 school year, percentage of points on the Performance Policy, ISAT composite meets or exceeds score, Value Added reading, and Value Added math,
 - for high schools – for the 2011-2012 school year, percentage of points on the Performance Policy, PSAE composite meets or exceeds score, EPAS gains percentile in reading, and EPAS gains percentile in math, or
- (3) for elementary schools, if the 2011-2012 school year level on the Performance Policy is equal and the school does not have Value Added metrics, higher performing means a higher percentage of points on the Performance Policy and a higher ISAT meets or exceeds score for the 2011-2012 school year, or
- (4) for high schools, if the 2011-2012 school year level on the Performance Policy is equal and the school does not have EPAS metrics, higher performing means a higher percentage of points on the Performance Policy and a higher PSAE composite meets or exceeds score.

“ISAT” stands for Illinois Standard Achievement Test.

“ISAT composite” means the score of the combined ISAT reading, math and science tests.

“Performance Policy” means the Board of Education of the City of Chicago’s School Performance, Remediation and Probation Policy, 12-0725-PO2, establishing standards and criteria for placing a school on Remediation or Probation for the 2012-2013 school year based on assessments administered in Spring 2012 and other performance data from prior school years. The score and status are determined by evaluating key indicators that assess a school’s current performance, trend over time and student growth.

“School action” means any school closing; school consolidation; co-location; boundary change that requires reassignment of students, unless the reassignment is to a new school with an attendance area boundary and is made to relieve overcrowding; or phase-out.

“Space Utilization Standards” mean the Chicago Public Schools’ Space Utilization Standards, found at: http://www.cps.edu/About_CPS/Policies_and_guidelines/Documents/SpaceUtilizationStandards.pdf, establishing standards for determining enrollment efficiency, overcrowding, and underutilization.

“Value Added” means the metric that assesses school effects on students’ academic growth, controlling for student characteristics (including, but not limited to, student mobility rates, poverty rates, special education status and bilingual education status), grade level, and prior performance through a regression methodology. Academic growth is measured by the change in scale score points on the ISAT from one year to the next.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

In The Matters Of:

**PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSALS OF
THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO CLOSE,
PHASE-OUT, AND CO-LOCATE SCHOOLS**

AFFIDAVIT OF JEFF BROOM

I, JEFF BROOM, state as follows:

1. I am a resident of Illinois, of legal age, and competent to give testimony under oath. I have personal knowledge of the matters contained in this affidavit. If called to testify in the above-captioned proceeding, I would testify as to the matters stated in this affidavit.
2. I am currently employed as a Performance Data Analyst at the Chicago Board of Education.
3. In connection with the recently announced proposals of the Chief Executive Officer to close, phase-out, and co-locate schools, letters signed by the Chief Executive Officer were addressed to the parents or guardians, administrators, faculty, staff, Local School Council members, and board members for charter schools, of all proposed closing, welcoming, and co-locating schools. The purpose of the letters was to advise all recipients of the Chief Executive Officer's proposals, provide an explanation of the basis for the proposed actions, identify how the proposed actions meet the criteria set forth in the Guidelines for School Actions, and inform recipients of the date, time, and place of the hearings and meetings to be held for public comment on the proposals. Also included with the letters were draft transition plans outlining the specific supports that the Chicago Board of Education plans to implement at the affected schools if the proposals are approved.
4. On or about March 16, 2013, I caused copies of letters addressed to the parents or guardians, administrators, faculty, staff, Local School Council members, and board members for charter schools, and draft transition plans for the schools listed below ("affected schools") to be delivered to Lowitz & Sons Inc., GEM Printing, Inc., and K&M Printing for printing and packaging for delivery.
5. On or about March 16, 2013, I caused home addresses of record for students enrolled in affected schools, copies of the letters addressed to the parents or guardians, and draft transition plans for all affected schools to be delivered to K&M Printing for mailing.
6. On information and belief, the letters addressed to parents or guardians and draft transition plans were mailed by K&M Printing to the home addresses of the parents or guardians of students enrolled at the affected schools on or about March 21, 2013, or March 22, 2013 as detailed in paragraph 9.
7. On information and belief, letters and draft transition plans were delivered to affected schools by Lowitz & Sons Inc., GEM Printing, Inc., and K&M Printing for personal delivery to administrators, faculty, staff, students, and Local School Council members on March 21, 2013, or March 22, 2013 as detailed in paragraph 9.
8. On information and belief, Lowitz & Sons Inc. printed and packaged for delivery letters and draft transition plans addressed to the parents or guardians, administrators, faculty, staff, Local School Council members, and board members for charter schools, of the following schools for the proposals specified:
 - a. George Leland Elementary School regarding Proposed Closure of Louis Armstrong Math & Science Elementary School and Relocation of George Leland Elementary School and the Proposed Closure

- of Horatio May Elementary Community Academy and Relocation of George Leland Elementary School
- b. Benjamin Banneker Elementary School and Benjamin E. Mays Elementary Academy regarding the Proposed Closure of Benjamin Banneker Elementary School and Relocation of Benjamin E. Mays Elementary Academy
 - c. Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School and John Milton Gregory Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School
 - d. Arna Wendell Bontemps Elementary School and Nicholson Technology Academy regarding the Proposed Closure of Arna Wendell Bontemps Elementary School
 - e. Bowen High school regarding the Proposed Co-Location of a new Noble Street Charter School campus with Bowen High School
 - f. John Calhoun North Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of John Calhoun North Elementary School
 - g. Miriam G. Canter Middle School, Williams H. Ray Elementary School, and Bret Harte Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Miriam G. Canter Middle School
 - h. George H. Corliss High School regarding the Proposed Co-Location of a new Noble Street Charter School campus with George H. Corliss High School
 - i. Richard T. Crane Technical Preparatory High School regarding the Proposed Co-Location of Richard T. Crane Medical Preparatory High School with Chicago Talent Development High School and Richard T. Crane Technical Preparatory High School
 - j. Genevieve Melody Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Edward C. Delano Elementary School and Relocation of Genevieve Melody Elementary School
 - k. Oscar DePriest Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Robert Emmet Elementary School
 - l. James Wadsworth Elementary School and Dumas Technology Academy regarding the Proposed Closure of James Wadsworth Elementary School and Relocation of Dumas Technology Academy
 - m. Charles Sumner Math & Science Community Academy Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Leif Ericson Elementary Scholastic Academy
 - n. Enrico Fermi Elementary School and South Shore Fine Arts Academy regarding the Proposed Closure of Enrico Fermi Elementary School
 - o. Garfield Park Preparatory Academy Elementary School and Michael Faraday Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Garfield Park Preparatory Academy Elementary School
 - p. Marcus Moziah Garvey Elementary School and Mount Vernon Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Marcus Moziah Garvey Elementary School
 - q. Nathan R. Goldblatt Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Nathan R. Goldblatt Elementary School
 - r. Walter Q. Gresham Elementary School and Kwame Nkrumah Academy Elementary School regarding the Proposed Co-Location of Kwame Nkrumah Academy Elementary School with Walter Q. Gresham Elementary School
 - s. Hope College Preparatory High School regarding the Proposed Co-Location of a new KIPP Middle School Campus with Hope College Preparatory High School
 - t. Matthew A. Henson Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Matthew A. Henson Elementary School
 - u. Victor Herbert Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Victor Herbert Elementary School and Relocation of Robert Nathaniel Dett Elementary School
 - v. Mahalia Jackson Elementary School and Fort Dearborn Elementary school regarding the Proposed Closure of Mahalia Jackson Elementary School
 - w. William H. King Elementary School and Jensen Elementary Scholastic Academy regarding the Proposed Closure of William H. King Elementary School
 - x. Alfred David Kohn Elementary School, Countee Cullen Elementary School, Langston Hughes Elementary School, and Mildred I. Lavizzo Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Alfred David Kohn Elementary School

- y. Robert H. Lawrence Elementary School and Burnham Elementary Inclusive Academy regarding the Proposed Closure of Robert H. Lawrence Elementary School and Relocation of Burnham Elementary Inclusive Academy
 - z. Guglielmo Marconi Elementary Community Academy and George W. Tilton Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Guglielmo Marconi Elementary Community Academy
 - aa. Garrett A. Morgan Elementary School and William H. Ryder Math & Science Specialty Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Garrett A. Morgan Elementary School
 - bb. Moses Montefiore Special Elementary School and Kate S. Buckingham Special Education Center regarding the Proposed Closure of Kate S. Buckingham Special Education Center
 - cc. Moses Montefiore Special Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Near North Elementary School
 - dd. Luke O'Toole Elementary School and The Montessori School of Englewood Charter regarding the Proposed Co-Location of The Montessori School of Englewood Charter with Luke O'Toole Elementary School
 - ee. Jesse Owens Elementary Community Academy and Samuel Gompers Fine Arts Options Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Jesse Owens Elementary Community Academy
 - ff. Ignace Paderewski Elementary Learning Academy, Rosario Castellanos Elementary School, and Lazaro Cardenas Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Ignace Paderewski Elementary Learning Academy
 - gg. Nathaniel Pope Elementary School and James Weldon Johnson Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Nathaniel Pope Elementary School
 - hh. Noble Street Charter – Gary Comer College Prep and Paul Revere Elementary School regarding the Proposed Co-Location of Noble Street Charter – Gary Comer College Prep with Paul Revere Elementary School
 - ii. Songhai Elementary Learning Institute and George W. Curtis Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Songhai Elementary Learning Institute
 - jj. West Pullman Elementary School and Alex Haley Elementary Academy regarding the Proposed Closure of West Pullman Elementary School
 - kk. Granville T. Woods Math & Science Academy Elementary School and Perkins Bass Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Granville T. Woods Math & Science Academy Elementary School
 - ll. Elihu Yale Elementary School and John Harvard Elementary School of Excellence regarding the Proposed Closure of Elihu Yale Elementary School
 - mm. Mary Mapes Dodge Elementary Renaissance Academy and Morton School of Excellence regarding the Proposed Co-Location of Mary Mapes Dodge Elementary Renaissance Academy with Morton School of Excellence
9. On information and belief, Lowitz & Sons Inc. printed and packaged for delivery letters and draft transition plans addressed to the parents or guardians, administrators, faculty, staff, Local School Council members, and board members for charter schools, of the following schools for the proposals specified on March 22, 2013:
- a. John P. Altgeld Elementary School and Daniel S. Wentworth Elementary School regarding Proposed Closure of John P. Altgeld Elementary School and Relocation of Daniel S. Wentworth Elementary School
 - b. Elaine O. Goodlow Elementary Magnet School and Charles W. Earle Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Elaine O. Goodlow Elementary Magnet School and Relocation of Charles W. Earle Elementary School
10. On information and belief, GEM Printing, Inc. printed and packaged for delivery letters and draft transition plans addressed to the parents or guardians, administrators, faculty, staff, Local School Council members, and board members for charter schools, the following schools for the proposals specified:

- a. Crispus Attucks Elementary School and Ludwig Van Beethoven Elementary School regarding the Proposed Phase-Out of Crispus Attucks Elementary School
 - b. John B. Drake Elementary School and Urban Prep Academy for Young Men – Bronzeville regarding Proposed Co-Location of John B. Drake Elementary School with Urban Prep Academy for Young Men - Bronzeville
 - c. William J. & Charles H. Mayo Elementary School and Ida B. Wells Preparatory Elementary Academy regarding the Proposed Closure of William J. & Charles H. Mayo Elementary School and Relocation of Ida B. Wells Preparatory Elementary Academy
 - d. Anthony Overton Elementary School and Irvin C. Mollison Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Anthony Overton Elementary School
 - e. Francis Parkman Elementary School and Jesse Sherwood Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Francis Parkman Elementary School
 - f. Pershing West Middle School and John J. Pershing Elementary Humanities Magnet regarding the Proposed Closure of Pershing West Middle School and Relocation of John J. Pershing Elementary Humanities Magnet
 - g. Betsey Ross Elementary School and John Foster Dulles Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Betsey Ross Elementary School
 - h. Austin O. Sexton Elementary School and John Fiske Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Austin O. Sexton Elementary School and Relocation of John Fiske Elementary School
 - i. Williams Multiplex Elementary School and John B. Drake Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Williams Multiplex Elementary School and Relocation of John B. Drake Elementary School
 - j. Williams Preparatory Academy Middle School and John B. Drake Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Williams Preparatory Academy Middle School and Relocation of John B. Drake Elementary School
11. On information and belief, K&M Printing printed and packaged for delivery letters and draft transition plans addressed to the parents or guardians, administrators, faculty, staff, Local School Council members, and board members for charter schools, of the following schools for the proposals specified:
- a. Louis Armstrong Math & Science Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Louis Armstrong Math & Science Elementary School and Relocation of George Leland Elementary School
 - b. Horatio May Elementary Community Academy regarding the Proposed Closure of Horatio May Elementary Community Academy and Relocation of George Leland Elementary School
 - c. Willa Cather Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of John Calhoun North Elementary School
 - d. Chicago Talent Development High School regarding the Proposed Co-Location of Richard T. Crane Medical Preparatory High School with Chicago Talent Development High School and Richard T. Crane Technical Preparatory High School
 - e. Edward C. Delano Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Edward C. Delano Elementary School and Relocation of Genevieve Melody Elementary School
 - f. Ana Roque de Duprey Elementary School and Jose De Diego Elementary Community Academy regarding the Proposed Closure of Ana Roque de Duprey Elementary School
 - g. Alexander von Humboldt Elementary School and Jose De Diego Elementary Community Academy regarding the Proposed Closure of Alexander von Humboldt Elementary School
 - h. Robert Emmet Elementary School and Edward K. Ellington Elementary regarding the Proposed closure of Robert Emmet Elementary School
 - i. Leif Ericson Elementary Scholastic Academy regarding the Proposed Closure of Leif Ericson Elementary Scholastic Academy
 - j. Helen M. Hefferan Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Nathan R. Goldblatt Elementary School
 - k. Charles Evans Hughes Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Matthew A. Henson Elementary School

- l. Robert Nathaniel Dett Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Victor Herbert Elementary School and Relocation of Robert Nathaniel Dett Elementary School
 - m. Francis Scott Key Elementary School and Edward K. Ellington Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Francis Scott Key Elementary School
 - n. Jean D. Lafayette Elementary School and Frederic Chopin Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Jean D. Lafayette Elementary School
 - o. George Manierre Elementary School and Edward Jenner Elementary Academy of the Arts regarding the Proposed Closure of George Manierre Elementary School
 - p. Disney II Magnet School and Thurgood Marshall Middle School regarding the Proposed Co-Location of Disney II Magnet School with Thurgood Marshall Middle School
 - q. Near North Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Near North Elementary School
 - r. Belmont-Cragin Elementary School and Northwest Middle School regarding the Proposed Co-Location of Belmont-Cragin Elementary School with Northwest Middle School
 - s. Elizabeth Peabody Elementary School and James Otis Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Elizabeth Peabody Elementary School
 - t. Martin A. Ryerson Elementary School and Laura S. Ward Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Martin A. Ryerson Elementary School and Relocation of Laura S. Ward Elementary School
 - u. Graeme Stewart Elementary School and Joseph Brennemann Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Graeme Stewart Elementary School
 - v. Joseph Stockton Elementary School and Mary E. Courtenay Elementary Language Arts Center regarding the Proposed Closure of Joseph Stockton Elementary School and Relocation of Mary E. Courtenay Elementary Language Arts Center
 - w. Lyman Trumbull Elementary School, John T. McCutcheon Elementary School, James B. McPherson Elementary School, and Eliza Chappell Elementary School regarding the Proposed Closure of Lyman Trumbull Elementary School
12. On information and belief, letters addressed to the board members for Noble Street Charter Schools, Urban Prep Academies, Kwame Nkrumah Charter Academy, The Montessori School of Englewood, and Chicago Talent Development Charter High School were mailed to the charter school address on or about March 21, 2013 in connection with the following proposals:
- a. Proposed Co-Location of Noble Street Charter – Gary Comer College Prep with Paul Revere Elementary School
 - b. Proposed Co-Location of John B. Drake Elementary School with Urban Prep Academy for Young Men - Bronzeville
 - c. Proposed Co-Location of Kwame Nkrumah Academy Elementary School with Walter Q. Gresham Elementary School
 - d. Proposed Co-Location of The Montessori School of Englewood Charter with Luke O'Toole Elementary School
 - e. Proposed Co-Location of Richard T. Crane Medical Preparatory High School with Chicago Talent Development High School and Richard T. Crane Technical Preparatory High School
13. On information and belief, letters addressed to the board members for Noble Street Charter Schools and KIPP Chicago College Prep Public Schools were sent via electronic mail to the Noble Street Charter School board president and KIPP Chicago College Prep Public Schools board president on or about March 21, 2013 in connection with the following proposals:
- a. Proposed Co-Location of a new Noble Street Charter School campus with Bowen High School
 - b. Proposed Co-Location of a new Noble Street Charter School campus with George H. Corliss High School
 - c. Proposed Co-Location of a new KIPP Middle School Campus with Hope College Preparatory High School

VERIFICATION BY CERTIFICATION

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.


JEFF BROOM

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BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

In The Matters Of:

**PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSALS OF
THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO CLOSE,
PHASE-OUT, AND CO-LOCATE SCHOOLS**

AFFIDAVIT OF LEONARD LANGSTON

I, LEONARD LANGSTON, state as follows:

- A. I am a resident of Illinois, of legal age, and competent to give testimony under oath. I have personal knowledge of the matters contained in this affidavit. If called to testify in the above-captioned proceeding, I would testify as to the matters stated in this affidavit.
- B. I am currently employed as the Chief of Staff for Public and Community Affairs at the Chicago Board of Education.
- C. In connection with the proposals of the Chief Executive Officer to close, phase-out, and co-locate schools, I sent notices to each school's State Senator, State Representative, and Chicago City Council Alderman. The notices were sent via electronic mail and included attached Notice Letters, dated March 21, 2013, and Draft Transition Plan.
- D. The following electronic mail messages were sent on March 21, 2013:
 - 1. In connection with the proposal to close John P. Altgeld Elementary School and relocate Daniel S. Wentworth Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Jacqueline Y. Collins of the 16th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Andre M. Thapedi of the 32nd District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Latasha R. Thomas of the 17th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
 - 2. In connection with the proposal to phase-out and close Crispus Attucks Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Mattie Hunter of the 3rd District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Kenneth Dunkin of the 5th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Pat Dowell of the 3rd Ward of the Chicago City Council.
 - 3. In connection with the proposal to close Benjamin Banneker Elementary School and relocate Benjamin E. Mays Elementary Academy, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Mattie Hunter of the 3rd District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Esther Golar of the 6th District of the Illinois Legislature, Alderman Roderick T. Sawyer of the 6th Ward of the Chicago City Council, and Alderman JoAnn Thompson of the 16th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
 - 4. In connection with the proposal to co-locate Belmont-Cragin Elementary School with Northwest Middle School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator William Delgado of the 2nd District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Luis Arroyo of the 3rd District of the Illinois Legislature, Alderman Ariel Reboyras of the 30th Ward of the Chicago City Council, and Alderman Emma Mitts of the 37th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
 - 5. In connection with the proposal to close Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Patricia Van Pelt of the 5th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Arthur Turner of the 9th District of the Illinois Legislature, Alderman Jason C. Ervin of the 28th Ward of the Chicago City Council, and Alderman Michael Chandler of the 24th Ward of the Chicago City Council.

6. In connection with the proposal to close Arna Wendell Bontemps Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Mattie Hunter of the 3rd District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Esther Golar of the 6th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman JoAnn Thompson of the 16th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
7. In connection with the proposal to co-locate a new Noble Street Charter School campus with Bowen High School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Donne E. Trotter of the 17th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Marcus C. Evans, Jr. of the 33rd District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Natashia L. Holmes of the 7th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
8. In connection with the proposal to close Kate S. Buckingham Special Education Center, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Kwame Raoul of the 13th District of the Illinois Legislature, Senator Patricia Van Pelt of the 5th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Barbara Flynn Currie of the 25th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Arthur Turner of the 9th District of the Illinois Legislature, Alderman Natashia L. Holmes of the 7th Ward of the Chicago City Council, and Alderman Robert Fioretti of the 2nd Ward of the Chicago City Council.
9. In connection with the proposal to close John Calhoun North Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Patricia Van Pelt of the 5th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Derrick Smith of the 10th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Robert Fioretti of the 2nd Ward of the Chicago City Council.
10. In connection with the proposal to close Miriam G. Canter Middle School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Kwame Raoul of the 13th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Barbara Flynn Currie of the 25th District of the Illinois Legislature, Alderman William D. Burns of the 4th Ward of the Chicago City Council, and Alderman Leslie A. Hairston of the 5th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
11. In connection with the proposal to co-locate Richard T. Crane Medical Preparatory High School with Chicago Talent Development High School and Richard T. Crane Technical Preparatory High School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Patricia Van Pelt of the 5th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Derrick Smith of the 10th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Robert Fioretti of the 2nd Ward of the Chicago City Council.
12. In connection with the proposal to co-locate a new Noble Street Charter School campus with George H. Corliss High School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Donne E. Trotter of the 17th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Elgie R. Sims, Jr. of the 34th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Anthony A. Beale of the 9th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
13. In connection with the proposal to close Edward C. Delano Elementary School and relocate Genevieve Melody Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Patricia Van Pelt of the 5th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Derrick Smith of the 10th District of the Illinois Legislature, Alderman Jason C. Ervin of the 28th Ward of the Chicago City Council, and Alderman Michael Chandler of the 24th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
14. In connection with the proposal to co-locate Disney II Magnet School with Thurgood Marshall Middle School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Iris Y. Martinez of the 20th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Deborah Mell of the 40th District of the Illinois Legislature, Alderman Timothy M. Cullerton of the 38th Ward of the Chicago City Council, and Alderman Margaret Laurino of the 39th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
15. In connection with the proposal to co-locate Mary Mapes Dodge Elementary Renaissance Academy with Morton School of Excellence, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Patricia Van Pelt of

the 5th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Derrick Smith of the 10th District of the Illinois Legislature, Alderman Robert Fioretti of the 2nd Ward of the Chicago City Council, and Alderman Walter Burnett of the 27th Ward of the Chicago City Council.

16. In connection with the proposal to close Dumas Technology Academy and relocate James Wadsworth Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Kwame Raoul of the 13th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Christian L. Mitchell of the 26th District of the Illinois Legislature, Alderman Leslie A. Hairston of the 5th Ward of the Chicago City Council, and Alderman Willie B. Cochran of the 20th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
17. In connection with the proposal to close Ana Roque de Duprey Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator William Delgado of the 2nd District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Cynthia Soto of the 4th District of the Illinois Legislature, Alderman Roberto Maldonado of the 26th Ward of the Chicago City Council, and Alderman Proco (Joe) Moreno of the 1st Ward of the Chicago City Council.
18. In connection with the proposal to close Robert Emmet Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Kimberly A. Lightford of the 4th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative La Shawn K. Ford of the 8th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Deborah L. Graham of the 29th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
19. In connection with the proposal to close Leif Ericson Elementary Scholastic Academy, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Patricia Van Pelt of the 5th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Derrick Smith of the 10th District of the Illinois Legislature, Alderman Jason C. Ervin of the 28th Ward of the Chicago City Council, and Alderman Michael Chandler of the 24th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
20. In connection with the proposal to close Enrico Fermi Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Kwame Raoul of the 13th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Christian L. Mitchell of the 26th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Leslie A. Hairston of the 5th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
21. In connection with the proposal to close Garfield Park Preparatory Academy Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Patricia Van Pelt of the 5th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Derrick Smith of the 10th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Jason C. Ervin of the 28th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
22. In connection with the proposal to close Marcus Moziah Garvey Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Emil Jones, III of the 14th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Monique D. Davis of the 27th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Carrie M. Austin of the 34th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
23. In connection with the proposal to close Nathan R. Goldblatt Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Patricia Van Pelt of the 5th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Derrick Smith of the 10th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Jason C. Ervin of the 28th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
24. In connection with the proposal to close Elaine O. Goodlow Elementary Magnet School and relocate Charles W. Earle Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Mattie Hunter of the 3rd District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Esther Golar of the 6th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Toni Foulkes of the 15th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
25. In connection with the proposal to co-locate Kwame Nkrumah Academy Elementary School with Walter Q. Gresham Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Emil Jones, III of

- the 14th District of the Illinois Legislature, Senator Donne E. Trotter of the 17th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Monique D. Davis of the 27th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Elgie R. Sims, Jr. of the 34th District of the Illinois Legislature, Alderman Howard B. Brookins of the 21st Ward of the Chicago City Council, and Alderman Michelle Harris of the 8th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
26. In connection with the proposal to close Matthew A. Henson Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Patricia Van Pelt of the 5th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Arthur Turner of the 9th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Michael Chandler of the 24th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
 27. In connection with the proposal to close Victor Herbert Elementary School and relocate Robert Nathaniel Dett Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Patricia Van Pelt of the 5th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Derrick Smith of the 10th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Robert Fioretti of the 2nd Ward of the Chicago City Council.
 28. In connection with the proposal to co-locate a new KIPP Middle School campus with Hope College Preparatory High School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Mattie Hunter of the 3rd District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Esther Golar of the 6th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Pat Dowell of the 3rd Ward of the Chicago City Council.
 29. In connection with the proposal to close William J. & Charles H. Mayo Elementary School and relocate Ida B. Wells Preparatory Elementary Academy, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Mattie Hunter of the 3rd District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Kenneth Dunkin of the 5th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Pat Dowell of the 3rd Ward of the Chicago City Council.
 30. In connection with the proposal to close Francis Scott Key Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Don Harmon of the 39th District of the Illinois Legislature, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford of the 4th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Camille Y. Lilly of the 78th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative La Shawn K. Ford of the 8th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Deborah L. Graham of the 29th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
 31. In connection with the proposal to close William H. King Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Patricia Van Pelt of the 5th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Arthur Turner of the 9th District of the Illinois Legislature, Alderman Robert Fioretti of the 2nd Ward of the Chicago City Council, and Alderman Jason C. Ervin of the 28th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
 32. In connection with the proposal to close Alfred David Kohn Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Emil Jones, III of the 14th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Robert Rita of the 28th District of the Illinois Legislature, Alderman Carrie M. Austin of the 34th Ward of the Chicago City Council, and Alderman Anthony A. Beale of the 9th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
 33. In connection with the proposal to close Jean D. Lafayette Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator William Delgado of the 2nd District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Cynthia Soto of the 4th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Proco (Joe) Moreno of the 1st Ward of the Chicago City Council.
 34. In connection with the proposal to close Martin A. Ryerson Elementary School and relocate Laura S. Ward Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Patricia Van Pelt of the 5th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Derrick Smith of the 10th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Walter Burnett of the 27th Ward of the Chicago City Council.

35. In connection with the proposal to close Robert H. Lawrence Elementary School and relocate Burnham Elementary Inclusive Academy, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Donne E. Trotter of the 17th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Marcus C. Evans of the 33rd District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Natasha L. Holmes of the 7th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
36. In connection with the proposal to close Louis Armstrong Math & Science Elementary School and the relocate George Leland Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Kimberly A. Lightford of the 4th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative La Shawn K. Ford of the 8th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Deborah L. Graham of the 29th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
37. In connection with the proposal to close Mahalia Jackson Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Emil Jones, III of the 14th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Monique D. Davis of the 27th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Howard B. Brookins of the 21st Ward of the Chicago City Council.
38. In connection with the proposal to close George Manierre Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Patricia Van Pelt of the 5th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Arthur Turner of the 9th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Walter Burnett of the 27th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
39. In connection with the proposal to close Guglielmo Marconi Elementary Community Academy, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Patricia Van Pelt of the 5th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Derrick Smith of the 10th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Jason C. Ervin of the 28th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
40. In connection with the proposal to close Horatio May Elementary Community Academy and relocate George Leland Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Kimberly A. Lightford of the 4th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative La Shawn K. Ford of the 8th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Deborah L. Graham of the 29th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
41. In connection with the proposal to co-locate The Montessori School of Englewood Charter with Luke O'Toole Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Jacqueline Y. Collins of the 16th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Andre M. Thapedi of the 32nd District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Toni Foulkes of the 15th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
42. In connection with the proposal to close Garrett A. Morgan Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Emil Jones, III of the 14th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Monique D. Davis of the 27th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Howard B. Brookins of the 21st Ward of the Chicago City Council.
43. In connection with the proposal to close Near North Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator William Delgado of the 2nd District of the Illinois Legislature, Senator Patricia Van Pelt of the 5th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Cynthia Soto of the 4th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Arthur Turner of the 9th District of the Illinois Legislature, Alderman Walter Burnett of the 27th Ward of the Chicago City Council, and Alderman Robert Fioretti of the 2nd Ward of the Chicago City Council.
44. In connection with the proposal to co-locate Noble Street Charter – Gary Comer College Prep with Paul Revere Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Mattie Hunter of the 3rd District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Kenneth Dunkin of the 5th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Leslie A. Hairston of the 5th Ward of the Chicago City Council.

45. In connection with the proposal to close Anthony Overton Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Mattie Hunter of the 3rd District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Kenneth Dunkin of the 5th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Pat Dowell of the 3rd Ward of the Chicago City Council.
46. In connection with the proposal to close Jesse Owens Elementary Community Academy, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Napoleon Harris, III of the 15th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Thaddeus Jones of the 29th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Anthony A. Beale of the 9th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
47. In connection with the proposal to close Ignace Paderewski Elementary Learning Academy, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Patricia Van Pelt of the 5th District of the Illinois Legislature, Senator Martin A. Sandoval of the 11th District of the Illinois Legislature, Senator Steven M. Landek of the 12th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Arthur Turner of the 9th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Silvana Tabares of the 21st District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Elizabeth Hernandez of the 24th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Ricardo Munoz of the 22nd Ward of the Chicago City Council.
48. In connection with the proposal to close Francis Parkman Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Mattie Hunter of the 3rd District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Esther Golar of the 6th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Kenneth Dunkin of the 5th District of the Illinois Legislature, Alderman Pat Dowell of the 3rd Ward of the Chicago City Council, and Alderman Willie B. Cochran of the 20th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
49. In connection with the proposal to close Elizabeth Peabody Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator William Delgado of the 2nd District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Cynthia Soto of the 4th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Walter Burnett of the 27th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
50. In connection with the proposal to close Pershing West Middle School and Relocate John J. Pershing Elementary Humanities Magnet, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Mattie Hunter of the 3rd District of the Illinois Legislature, Senator Kwame Raoul of the 13th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Kenneth Dunkin of the 5th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Christian L. Mitchell of the 26th District of the Illinois Legislature, Alderman Robert Fioretti of the 2nd Ward of the Chicago City Council, and Alderman William D. Burns of the 4th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
51. In connection with the proposal to close Nathaniel Pope Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Patricia Van Pelt of the 5th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Arthur Turner of the 9th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Michael Chandler of the 24th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
52. In connection with the proposal to close Betsy Ross Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Mattie Hunter of the 3rd District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Kenneth Dunkin of the 5th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Willie B. Cochran of the 20th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
53. In connection with the proposal to close Austin O. Sexton Elementary School and Relocate John Fiske Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Mattie Hunter of the 3rd District of the Illinois Legislature, Senator Kwame Raoul of the 13th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Kenneth Dunkin of the 5th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Willie B. Cochran of the 20th Ward of the Chicago City Council.

54. In connection with the proposal to close Songhai Elementary Learning Institute, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Emil Jones, III of the 14th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Robert Rita of the 28th District of the Illinois Legislature, Alderman Carrie M. Austin of the 34th Ward of the Chicago City Council, and Alderman Anthony A. Beale of the 9th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
55. In connection with the proposal to close Graeme Stewart Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Heather A. Steans of the 7th District of the Illinois Legislature, Senator John J. Cullerton of the 6th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Greg S. Harris of the 13th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Sara Feigenholtz of the 12th District of the Illinois Legislature and Alderman James Cappleman of the 46th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
56. In connection with the proposal to close Joseph Stockton Elementary School and relocate Mary E. Courtenay Elementary Language Arts Center, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Heather A. Steans of the 7th District of the Illinois Legislature, Senator John J. Cullerton of the 6th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Greg S. Harris of the 13th District of the Illinois Legislature, Alderman James Cappleman of the 46th Ward of the Chicago City Council, and Alderman Ameya Pawar of the 47th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
57. In connection with the proposal to close Lyman Trumbull Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Heather A. Steans of the 7th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Greg S. Harris of the 13th District of the Illinois Legislature, Alderman Patrick O'Connor of the 40th Ward of the Chicago City Council, Alderman Harry Osterman of the 48th Ward of the Chicago City Council, and Alderman Ameya Pawar of the 47th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
58. In connection with the proposal to close Alexander von Humboldt Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator William Delgado of the 2nd District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Cynthia Soto of the 4th District of the Illinois Legislature, Alderman Roberto Maldonado of the 26th Ward of the Chicago City Council, and Alderman Proco (Joe) Moreno of the 1st Ward of the Chicago City Council.
59. In connection with the proposal to close West Pullman Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Emil Jones, III of the 14th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Robert Rita of the 28th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Carrie M. Austin of the 34th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
60. In connection with the proposals to close Williams Multiplex Elementary School and Williams Preparatory Academy Middle School and relocate John B. Drake Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Mattie Hunter of the 3rd District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Esther Golar of the 6th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Kenneth Dunkin of the 5th District of the Illinois Legislature, Alderman Pat Dowell of the 3rd Ward of the Chicago City Council, and Alderman William D. Burns of the 4th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
61. In connection with the proposal to close Granville T. Woods Math & Science Academy Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Mattie Hunter of the 3rd District of the Illinois Legislature, Senator Jacqueline Y. Collins of the 16th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Esther Golar of the 6th District of the Illinois Legislature, Andre M. Thapedi of the 32nd District of the Illinois Legislature, Alderman JoAnn Thompson of the 16th Ward of the Chicago City Council, and Alderman Latasha R. Thomas of the 17th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
62. In connection with the proposal to close Elihu Yale Elementary School, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Jacqueline Y. Collins of the 16th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Andre M. Thapedi of the 32nd District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Mary E.

Flowers of the 31st District of the Illinois Legislature, Alderman Roderick T. Sawyer of the 6th Ward of the Chicago City Council, and Alderman Latasha R. Thomas of the 17th Ward of the Chicago City Council.

E. The following electronic mail messages were sent on March 22, 2013:

1. In connection with the proposal to co-locate John B. Drake Elementary School with Urban Prep Academy for Young Men – Bronzeville, I sent notice to the following elected officials: Senator Mattie Hunter of the 3rd District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Esther Golar of the 6th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Kenneth Dunkin of the 5th District of the Illinois Legislature, Alderman Pat Dowell of the 3rd Ward of the Chicago City Council, and Alderman William D. Burns of the 4th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
2. In connection with the proposal to close John P. Altgeld Elementary School and relocate Daniel S. Wentworth Elementary School, I sent revised notice to the following elected officials: Senator Jacqueline Y. Collins of the 16th District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Andre M. Thapedi of the 32nd District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Latasha R. Thomas of the 17th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
3. In connection with the proposal to close Elaine O. Goodlow Elementary Magnet School and relocate Charles W. Earle Elementary School, I sent revised notice to the following elected officials: Senator Mattie Hunter of the 3rd District of the Illinois Legislature, Representative Esther Golar of the 6th District of the Illinois Legislature, and Alderman Toni Foulkes of the 15th Ward of the Chicago City Council.
4. In connection with the proposal to close Jesse Owens Elementary Community Academy, I resent notice to Senator Napoleon Harris, III of the 15th District of the Illinois Legislature.

VERIFICATION BY CERTIFICATION

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.


LEONARD LANGSTON

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BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

In The Matter Of:

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSALS OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO CLOSE, PHASE-OUT, AND CO-LOCATE SCHOOLS

AFFIDAVIT OF JASON VAN PATTEN

I, JASON VAN PATTEN, state as follows:

1. I am a resident of Illinois, of legal age, and competent to give testimony under oath. I have personal knowledge of the matters contained in this affidavit. If called to testify in the above-captioned proceeding, I would testify as to the matters stated in this affidavit.
2. I am currently employed as the Director of Web Services at the Chicago Board of Education.
3. On information and belief, copies of the List of Independent Hearing Officers for Hearings, compiled by the General Counsel, and the Draft Guidelines for School Actions, 2012-2013 School Year, for public comment, were published on the CPS website on October 31, 2012 at http://cps.edu/About_CPS/Policies_and_guidelines/Pages/qualityschools.aspx.
4. On information and belief, a copy of the final Guidelines for School Actions, 2012-2013 School Year, was published on the CPS website on November 30, 2012 at http://cps.edu/About_CPS/Policies_and_guidelines/Pages/2013GuidelinesforSchoolActions.aspx.
5. On information and belief, in connection with the recently announced proposals of the Chief Executive Officer to close, phase-out, and co-locate schools, copies of the notice letters addressed to parents or guardians, administrators, faculty, staff, Local School Council members, and board members for charter schools, and draft transition plans were published on the CPS website on March 21, 2013 at <http://cps.edu/qualityschools/Pages/qualityschools.aspx>. Notice letters and draft transition plans were published for the following proposals:
 - a. Proposed Phase-Out and Closure of Crispus Attucks Elementary School
 - b. Proposed Closure of Benjamin Banneker Elementary School and Relocation of Benjamin E. Mays Elementary Academy
 - c. Proposed Co-Location of Belmont-Cragin Elementary School with Northwest Middle School
 - d. Proposed Closure of Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School
 - e. Proposed Closure of Arna Wendell Bontemps Elementary School
 - f. Proposed Co-Location of a new Noble Street Charter School campus with Bowen High School
 - g. Proposed Closure of Kate S. Buckingham Special Education Center
 - h. Proposed Closure of John Calhoun North Elementary School
 - i. Proposed Closure of Miriam G. Canter Middle School
 - j. Proposed Co-Location of Richard T. Crane Medical Preparatory High School with Chicago Talent Development High School and Richard T. Crane Technical Preparatory High School
 - k. Proposed Co-Location of a new Noble Street Charter School campus with George H. Corliss High School
 - l. Proposed Closure of Edward C. Delano Elementary School and Relocation of Genevieve Melody Elementary School
 - m. Proposed Co-Location of Disney II Magnet School with Thurgood Marshall Middle School
 - n. Proposed Co-Location of Mary Mapes Dodge Elementary Renaissance Academy with Morton School of Excellence

- o. Proposed Co-Location of John B. Drake Elementary School with Urban Prep Academy for Young Men – Bronzeville
- p. Proposed Closure of Dumas Technology Academy and Relocation of James Wadsworth Elementary School
- q. Proposed Closure of Ana Roque de Duprey Elementary School
- r. Proposed Closure of Robert Emmet Elementary School
- s. Proposed Closure of Leif Ericson Elementary Scholastic Academy
- t. Proposed Closure of Enrico Fermi Elementary School
- u. Proposed Closure of Garfield Park Preparatory Academy Elementary School
- v. Proposed Closure of Marcus Moziah Garvey Elementary School
- w. Proposed Closure of Nathan R. Goldblatt Elementary School
- x. Proposed Co-Location of Kwame Nkrumah Academy Elementary School with Walter Q. Gresham Elementary School
- y. Proposed Closure of Matthew A. Henson Elementary School
- z. Proposed Closure of Victor Herbert Elementary School and Relocation of Robert Nathaniel Dett Elementary School
- aa. Proposed Co-Location of a new KIPP Middle School campus with Hope College Preparatory High School
- bb. Proposed Closure of William J. & Charles H. Mayo Elementary School and Relocation of Ida B. Wells Preparatory Elementary Academy
- cc. Proposed Closure of Francis Scott Key Elementary School
- dd. Proposed Closure of William H. King Elementary School
- ee. Proposed Closure of Alfred David Kohn Elementary School
- ff. Proposed Closure of Jean D. Lafayette Elementary School
- gg. Proposed Closure of Martin A. Ryerson Elementary School and Relocation of Laura S. Ward Elementary School
- hh. Proposed Closure of Robert H. Lawrence Elementary School and Relocation of Burnham Elementary Inclusive Academy
- ii. Proposed Closure of Louis Armstrong Math & Science Elementary School and the Relocation of George Leland Elementary School
- jj. Proposed Closure of Mahalia Jackson Elementary School
- kk. Proposed Closure of George Manierre Elementary School
- ll. Proposed Closure of Guglielmo Marconi Elementary Community Academy
- mm. Proposed Closure of Horatio May Elementary Community Academy and Relocation of George Leland Elementary School
- nn. Proposed Co-Location of The Montessori School of Englewood Charter with Luke O'Toole Elementary School
- oo. Proposed Closure of Garrett A. Morgan Elementary School
- pp. Proposed Closure of Near North Elementary School
- qq. Proposed Co-Location of Noble Street Charter – Gary Comer College Prep with Paul Revere Elementary School
- rr. Proposed Closure of Anthony Overton Elementary School
- ss. Proposed Closure of Jesse Owens Elementary Community Academy
- tt. Proposed Closure of Ignance Paderewski Elementary Learning Academy
- uu. Proposed Closure of Francis Parkman Elementary School
- vv. Proposed Closure of Elizabeth Peabody Elementary School
- ww. Proposed Closure of Pershing West Middle School and Relocation of John J. Pershing Elementary Humanities Magnet
- xx. Proposed Closure of Nathaniel Pope Elementary School
- yy. Proposed Closure of Betsy Ross Elementary School
- zz. Proposed Closure of Austin O. Sexton Elementary School and Relocation of John Fiske Elementary School
- aaa. Proposed Closure of Songhai Elementary Learning Institute
- bbb. Proposed Closure of Graeme Stewart Elementary School

- ccc. Proposed Closure of Joseph Stockton Elementary School and Relocation of Mary E. Courtenay Elementary Language Arts Center
- ddd. Proposed Closure of Lyman Trumbull Elementary School
- eee. Proposed Closure of Alexander von Humboldt Elementary School
- fff. Proposed Closure of West Pullman Elementary School
- ggg. Proposed Closure of Williams Multiplex Elementary School and Relocation of John B. Drake Elementary School
- hhh. Proposed Closure of Williams Preparatory Academy Middle School and Relocation of John B. Drake Elementary School
- iii. Proposed Closure of Granville T. Woods Math & Science Academy Elementary School
- jjj. Proposed Closure of Elihu Yale Elementary School

6. On information and belief, in connection with the recently announced proposals of the Chief Executive Officer to close, phase-out, and co-locate schools, copies of the notice letters addressed to parents or guardians, administrators, faculty, staff, Local School Council members and draft transition plans were published on the CPS website on March 22, 2013 at <http://cps.edu/qualityschools/Pages/qualityschools.aspx>. Notice letters and draft transition plans were published for the following proposals:
 - a. Proposed Closure of John P. Altgeld Elementary School and Relocation of Daniel S. Wentworth Elementary School
 - b. Proposed Closure of Elaine O. Goodlow Elementary Magnet School and Relocation of Charles W. Earle Elementary School

7. On information and belief, in connection with the Chief Executive Officer's proposals, summaries of the April 6, 2013 community meetings detailed below were published on the CPS website on or before April 11, 2013 at <http://cps.edu/qualityschools/pages/schools.aspx>:
 - a. Proposed Co-Location of Noble Street Charter – Gary Comer College Prep with Paul Revere Elementary School, Meeting at Kenwood Academy High School from 10:00am-12:00pm
 - b. Proposed Closure of Louis Armstrong Math & Science Elementary School and the Relocation of George Leland Elementary School and Proposed Closure of Horatio May Elementary Community Academy and Relocation of George Leland Elementary School, Meeting at Austin Business and Entrepreneurship Academy High School from 10:00am-1:00pm
 - c. Proposed Closure of Leif Ericson Elementary Scholastic Academy, Meeting at Manley Career Academy High School from 12:30pm-2:30pm
 - d. Proposed Closure of William H. King Elementary School, Meeting at Whitney M. Young Magnet High School from 10:00am-12:00pm
 - e. Proposed Closure of Garfield Park Preparatory Academy Elementary School, Meeting at Whitney M. Young Magnet High School from 12:30pm-2:30pm
 - f. Proposed Co-Location of Richard T. Crane Medical Preparatory High School with Chicago Talent Development High School and Richard T. Crane Technical Preparatory High School, Meeting at Whitney M. Young Magnet High School from 3:00pm-5:00pm
 - g. Proposed Co-Location of Belmont-Cragin Elementary School with Northwest Middle School, Meeting at Charles Allen Prosser Career Academy High School from 10:00am-12:00pm
 - h. Proposed Co-Location of The Montessori School of Englewood Charter with Luke O'Toole Elementary School, Meeting at TEAM Englewood Community Academy High School from 10:00am-12:00pm
 - i. Proposed Co-Location of a new KIPP Middle School campus with Hope College Preparatory High School, Meeting at TEAM Englewood Community Academy High School from 12:30pm-2:30pm
 - j. Proposed Closure of Elihu Yale Elementary School, Meeting at TEAM Englewood Community Academy High School from 3:00pm-5:00pm
 - k. Proposed Closure of Songhai Elementary Learning Institute, Meeting at John M. Harlan Community Academy High School from 10:00am-12:00pm
 - l. Proposed Closure of Kate S. Buckingham Special Education Center, Meeting at John M. Harlan Community Academy High School from 12:30pm-2:30pm

- m. Proposed Co-Location of Kwame Nkrumah Academy Elementary School with Walter Q. Gresham Elementary School, Meeting at John M. Harlan Community Academy High School from 3:00pm-5:00pm
8. On information and belief, in connection with the Chief Executive Officer's proposals, summaries of the April 8, 2013 community meetings detailed below were published on the CPS website on or before April 13, 2013 at <http://cps.edu/qualityschools/pages/schools.aspx>:
- a. Proposed Closure of Pershing West Middle School and Relocation of John J. Pershing Elementary Humanities Magnet, Meeting at Paul Laurence Dunbar Career Academy High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
 - b. Proposed Closure of Anthony Overton Elementary School, Meeting at Paul Laurence Dunbar Career Academy High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
 - c. Proposed Closure of Miriam G. Canter Middle School, Meeting at Kenwood Academy High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
 - d. Proposed Closure of Betsy Ross Elementary School, Meeting at Kenwood Academy High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
 - e. Proposed Closure of Martin A. Ryerson Elementary School and Relocation of Laura S. Ward Elementary School, Meeting at Al Raby High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
 - f. Proposed Co-Location of Mary Mapes Dodge Elementary Renaissance Academy with Morton School of Excellence, Meeting at Al Raby High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
 - g. Proposed Closure of Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School, Meeting at Manley Career Academy High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
 - h. Proposed Closure of Matthew A. Henson Elementary School, Meeting at Manley Career Academy High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
 - i. Proposed Closure of Elizabeth Peabody Elementary School, Meeting at Roberto Clemente Community Academy High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
 - j. Proposed Closure of Jean D. Lafayette Elementary School, Meeting at Roberto Clemente Community Academy High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
 - k. Proposed Closure of Graeme Stewart Elementary School, Meeting at Roald Amundsen High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
 - l. Proposed Closure of Joseph Stockton Elementary School and Relocation of Mary E. Courtenay Elementary Language Arts Center, Meeting at Roald Amundsen High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
 - m. Proposed Closure of Mahalia Jackson Elementary School, Meeting at William Rainey Harper High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
 - n. Proposed Closure of Garrett A. Morgan Elementary School, Meeting at William Rainey Harper High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
 - o. Proposed Closure of Jesse Owens Elementary Community Academy, Meeting at John M. Harlan Community Academy High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
 - p. Proposed Closure of West Pullman Elementary School, Meeting at John M. Harlan Community Academy High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
9. On information and belief, in connection with the Chief Executive Officer's proposals, summaries of the April 9, 2013 community meetings detailed below were published on the CPS website on or before April 14, 2013 at <http://cps.edu/qualityschools/pages/schools.aspx>:
- a. Proposed Closure of Francis Parkman Elementary School, Meeting at Paul Laurence Dunbar Career Academy High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
 - b. Proposed Phase-Out and Closure of Crispus Attucks Elementary School, Meeting at Paul Laurence Dunbar Career Academy High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
 - c. Proposed Closure of William J. & Charles H. Mayo Elementary School and Relocation of Ida B. Wells Preparatory Elementary Academy, Meeting at Kenwood Academy High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
 - d. Proposed Closure of Austin O. Sexton Elementary School and Relocation of John Fiske Elementary School, Meeting at Kenwood Academy High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm

- e. Proposed Closure of John Calhoun North Elementary School, Meeting at Al Raby High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
- f. Proposed Closure of Guglielmo Marconi Elementary Community Academy, Meeting at Al Raby High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
- g. Proposed Closure of Nathaniel Pope Elementary School, Meeting at Manley Career Academy High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
- h. Proposed Closure of Ignance Paderewski Elementary Learning Academy, Meeting at Manley Career Academy High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
- i. Proposed Closure of Victor Herbert Elementary School and Relocation of Robert Nathaniel Dett Elementary School, Meeting at Whitney M. Young Magnet High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
- j. Proposed Closure of Alexander von Humboldt Elementary School and Proposed Closure of Ana Roque de Duprey Elementary School, meeting at Roberto Clemente Community Academy High School from 5:00pm-8:00pm
- k. Proposed Closure of Lyman Trumbull Elementary School, Meeting at Roald Amundsen High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
- l. Proposed Closure of Granville T. Woods Math & Science Academy Elementary School, Meeting at William Rainey Harper High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
- m. Proposed Closure of Arna Wendell Bontemps Elementary School, Meeting at William Rainey Harper High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
- n. Proposed Closure of Alfred David Kohn Elementary School, Meeting at John M. Harlan Community Academy High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
- o. Proposed Closure of Marcus Moziah Garvey Elementary School, Meeting at John M. Harlan Community Academy High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
- p. Proposed Closure of Elaine O. Goodlow Elementary Magnet School and Relocation of Charles W. Earle Elementary School, Meeting at Robert Lindblom Math & Science Academy High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm

10. On information and belief, in connection with the Chief Executive Officer's proposals, summaries of the April 10, 2013 community meetings detailed below were published on the CPS website on or before April 15, 2013 at <http://cps.edu/qualityschools/pages/schools.aspx>:

- a. Proposed Closure of Williams Multiplex Elementary School and Relocation of John B. Drake Elementary School, Proposed Closure of Williams Preparatory Academy Middle School and Relocation of John B. Drake Elementary School, and Proposed Co-Location of John B. Drake Elementary School with Urban Prep Academy for Young Men – Bronzeville, Meeting at Paul Laurence Dunbar Career Academy High School from 5:00pm-8:00pm
- b. Proposed Closure of Dumas Technology Academy and Relocation of James Wadsworth Elementary School, Meeting at Kenwood Academy High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
- c. Proposed Closure of Enrico Fermi Elementary School, Meeting at Kenwood Academy High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
- d. Proposed Closure of Nathan R. Goldblatt Elementary School, Meeting at Al Raby High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
- e. Proposed Closure of Edward C. Delano Elementary School and Relocation of Genevieve Melody Elementary School, Meeting at Al Raby High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
- f. Proposed Closure of Francis Scott Key Elementary School, Meeting at Austin Business and Entrepreneurship Academy High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
- g. Proposed Closure of Robert Emmet Elementary School, Meeting at Austin Business and Entrepreneurship Academy High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
- h. Proposed Co-Location of Disney II Magnet School with Thurgood Marshall Middle School, Meeting at Carl Schurz High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
- i. Proposed Closure of George Manierre Elementary School, Meeting at Lincoln Park High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
- j. Proposed Closure of Near North Elementary School, Meeting at Lincoln Park High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm

- k. Proposed Co-Location of a new Noble Street Charter School campus with George H. Corliss High School, Meeting at Chicago Vocational Career Academy High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
 - l. Proposed Co-Location of a new Noble Street Charter School campus with Bowen High School, Meeting at Chicago Vocational Career Academy High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
 - m. Proposed Closure of Benjamin Banneker Elementary School and Relocation of Benjamin E. Mays Elementary Academy, Meeting at William Rainey Harper High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
 - n. Proposed Closure of John P. Altgeld Elementary School and Relocation of Daniel S. Wentworth Elementary School, Meeting at William Rainey Harper High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
 - o. Proposed Closure of Robert H. Lawrence Elementary School and Relocation of Burnham Elementary Inclusive Academy, Meeting at John M. Harlan Community Academy High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
11. On information and belief, in connection with the Chief Executive Officer's proposals, summaries of the April 11, 2013 community meetings detailed below were published on the CPS website on or before April 16, 2013 at <http://cps.edu/qualityschools/pages/schools.aspx>:
- a. Proposed Co-Location of Noble Street Charter – Gary Comer College Prep with Paul Revere Elementary School, Meeting at Kenwood Academy High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
 - b. Proposed Closure of Louis Armstrong Math & Science Elementary School and the Relocation of George Leland Elementary School and Proposed Closure of Horatio May Elementary Community Academy and Relocation of George Leland Elementary School, Meeting at Austin Business and Entrepreneurship Academy High School from 5:00pm-8:00pm
 - c. Proposed Closure of Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School, Meeting at Manley Career Academy High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
 - d. Proposed Closure of Matthew A. Henson Elementary School, Meeting at Manley Career Academy High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
 - e. Proposed Closure of William H. King Elementary School, Meeting at Whitney M. Young Magnet High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
 - f. Proposed Closure of Garfield Park Preparatory Academy Elementary School, Meeting at Whitney M. Young Magnet High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
 - g. Proposed Co-Location of Belmont-Cragin Elementary School with Northwest Middle School, Meeting at Charles Allen Prosser Career Academy High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
 - h. Proposed Closure of Graeme Stewart Elementary School, Meeting at Roald Amundsen High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
 - i. Proposed Closure of Joseph Stockton Elementary School and Relocation of Mary E. Courtenay Elementary Language Arts Center, Meeting at Roald Amundsen High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
 - j. Proposed Closure of Elaine O. Goodlow Elementary Magnet School and Relocation of Charles W. Earle Elementary School, Meeting at William Rainey Harper High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
 - k. Proposed Closure of Jesse Owens Elementary Community Academy, Meeting at John M. Harlan Community Academy High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
 - l. Proposed Closure of West Pullman Elementary School, Meeting at John M. Harlan Community Academy High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
12. On information and belief, in connection with the Chief Executive Officer's proposals, summaries of the April 12, 2013 community meetings detailed below were published on the CPS website on or before April 17, 2013 at <http://cps.edu/qualityschools/pages/schools.aspx>:
- a. Proposed Closure of Pershing West Middle School and Relocation of John J. Pershing Elementary Humanities Magnet, Meeting at Paul Laurence Dunbar Career Academy High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
 - b. Proposed Closure of Anthony Overton Elementary School, Meeting at Paul Laurence Dunbar Career Academy High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
 - c. Proposed Closure of Miriam G. Canter Middle School, Meeting at Kenwood Academy High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm

- d. Proposed Closure of Betsy Ross Elementary School, Meeting at Kenwood Academy High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
- e. Proposed Closure of Martin A. Ryerson Elementary School and Relocation of Laura S. Ward Elementary School, Meeting at Al Raby High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
- f. Proposed Co-Location of Mary Mapes Dodge Elementary Renaissance Academy with Morton School of Excellence, Meeting at Al Raby High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
- g. Proposed Closure of Leif Ericson Elementary Scholastic Academy, Meeting at Manley Career Academy High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
- h. Proposed Closure of Victor Herbert Elementary School and Relocation of Robert Nathaniel Dett Elementary School, Meeting at Whitney M. Young Magnet High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
- i. Proposed Closure of Elizabeth Peabody Elementary School, Meeting at Roberto Clemente Community Academy High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
- j. Proposed Closure of Jean D. Lafayette Elementary School, Meeting at Roberto Clemente Community Academy High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
- k. Proposed Closure of Lyman Trumbull Elementary School, Meeting at Roald Amundsen High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
- l. Proposed Closure of Mahalia Jackson Elementary School, Meeting at William Rainey Harper High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
- m. Proposed Closure of Garrett A. Morgan Elementary School, Meeting at William Rainey Harper High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm
- n. Proposed Closure of Songhai Elementary Learning Institute, Meeting at John M. Harlan Community Academy High School from 5:00pm-7:00pm
- o. Proposed Closure of Kate S. Buckingham Special Education Center, Meeting at John M. Harlan Community Academy High School from 7:30pm-9:30pm

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West's Smith-Hurd Illinois Compiled Statutes Annotated CurrentnessChapter 105. Schools (Refs & Annos)

Common Schools

Act 5. School Code (Refs & Annos)Article 34. Cities of Over 500,000 Inhabitants--Board of Education (Refs & Annos)

→→ 5/34-18. Powers of the board

§ 34-18. Powers of the board. The board shall exercise general supervision and jurisdiction over the public education and the public school system of the city, and, except as otherwise provided by this Article, shall have power:

1. To make suitable provision for the establishment and maintenance throughout the year or for such portion thereof as it may direct, not less than 9 months, of schools of all grades and kinds, including normal schools, high schools, night schools, schools for defectives and delinquents, parental and truant schools, schools for the blind, the deaf and the physically disabled, schools or classes in manual training, constructural and vocational teaching, domestic arts and physical culture, vocation and extension schools and lecture courses, and all other educational courses and facilities, including establishing, equipping, maintaining and operating playgrounds and recreational programs, when such programs are conducted in, adjacent to, or connected with any public school under the general supervision and jurisdiction of the board; provided that the calendar for the school term and any changes must be submitted to and approved by the State Board of Education before the calendar or changes may take effect, and provided that in allocating funds from year to year for the operation of all attendance centers within the district, the board shall ensure that supplemental general State aid funds are allocated and applied in accordance with Section 18-8 or 18-8.05. To admit to such schools without charge foreign exchange students who are participants in an organized exchange student program which is authorized by the board. The board shall permit all students to enroll in apprenticeship programs in trade schools operated by the board, whether those programs are union-sponsored or not. No student shall be refused admission into or be excluded from any course of instruction offered in the common schools by reason of that student's sex. No student shall be denied equal access to physical education and interscholastic athletic programs supported from school district funds or denied participation in comparable physical education and athletic programs solely by reason of the student's sex. Equal access to programs supported from school district funds and comparable programs will be defined in rules promulgated by the State Board of Education in consultation with the Illinois High School Association. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, neither the board of education nor any local school council or other school official shall recommend that children with disabilities be placed into regular education classrooms unless those children with disabilities are provided with supplementary services to assist them so that they benefit from the regular classroom instruction and are included on the teacher's regular education class register;

2. To furnish lunches to pupils, to make a reasonable charge therefor, and to use school funds for the payment of such expenses as the board may determine are necessary in conducting the school lunch program;

3. To co-operate with the circuit court;

4. To make arrangements with the public or quasi-public libraries and museums for the use of their facilities by

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teachers and pupils of the public schools;

5. To employ dentists and prescribe their duties for the purpose of treating the pupils in the schools, but accepting such treatment shall be optional with parents or guardians;

6. To grant the use of assembly halls and classrooms when not otherwise needed, including light, heat, and attendants, for free public lectures, concerts, and other educational and social interests, free of charge, under such provisions and control as the principal of the affected attendance center may prescribe;

7. To apportion the pupils to the several schools; provided that no pupil shall be excluded from or segregated in any such school on account of his color, race, sex, or nationality. The board shall take into consideration the prevention of segregation and the elimination of separation of children in public schools because of color, race, sex, or nationality. Except that children may be committed to or attend parental and social adjustment schools established and maintained either for boys or girls only. All records pertaining to the creation, alteration or revision of attendance areas shall be open to the public. Nothing herein shall limit the board's authority to establish multi-area attendance centers or other student assignment systems for desegregation purposes or otherwise, and to apportion the pupils to the several schools. Furthermore, beginning on a phased-in basis, the opportunity for families within the school district to apply for enrollment of their children in any attendance center within the school district which does not have selective admission requirements approved by the board. The appropriate geographical area in which such open enrollment may be exercised shall be determined by the board of education. Such children may be admitted to any such attendance center on a space available basis after all children residing within such attendance center's area have been accommodated. If the number of applicants from outside the attendance area exceed the space available, then successful applicants shall be selected by lottery. The board of education's open enrollment plan must include provisions that allow low income students to have access to transportation needed to exercise school choice. Open enrollment shall be in compliance with the provisions of the Consent Decree and Desegregation Plan cited in Section 34-1.01;

8. To approve programs and policies for providing transportation services to students. Nothing herein shall be construed to permit or empower the State Board of Education to order, mandate, or require busing or other transportation of pupils for the purpose of achieving racial balance in any school;

9. Subject to the limitations in this Article, to establish and approve system-wide curriculum objectives and standards, including graduation standards, which reflect the multi-cultural diversity in the city and are consistent with State law, provided that for all purposes of this Article courses or proficiency in American Sign Language shall be deemed to constitute courses or proficiency in a foreign language; and to employ principals and teachers, appointed as provided in this Article, and fix their compensation. The board shall prepare such reports related to minimal competency testing as may be requested by the State Board of Education, and in addition shall monitor and approve special education and bilingual education programs and policies within the district to assure that appropriate services are provided in accordance with applicable State and federal laws to children requiring services and education in those areas;

10. To employ non-teaching personnel or utilize volunteer personnel for: (i) non-teaching duties not requiring instructional judgment or evaluation of pupils, including library duties; and (ii) supervising study halls, long distance teaching reception areas used incident to instructional programs transmitted by electronic media such as computers, video, and audio, detention and discipline areas, and school-sponsored extracurricular activities. The board may further utilize volunteer non-certificated personnel or employ non-certificated personnel to assist in the instruction of pupils under the immediate supervision of a teacher holding a valid certificate, directly engaged in teaching subject matter or conducting activities; provided that the teacher shall be continuously aware of the non-certificated persons' activities and shall be able to control or modify them. The general superintendent shall determine qualifications of such personnel and shall prescribe rules for determining the duties and activities to be as-

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signed to such personnel;

10.5. To utilize volunteer personnel from a regional School Crisis Assistance Team (S.C.A.T.), created as part of the Safe to Learn Program established pursuant to Section 25 of the Illinois Violence Prevention Act of 1995, [FN1] to provide assistance to schools in times of violence or other traumatic incidents within a school community by providing crisis intervention services to lessen the effects of emotional trauma on individuals and the community; the School Crisis Assistance Team Steering Committee shall determine the qualifications for volunteers;

11. To provide television studio facilities in not to exceed one school building and to provide programs for educational purposes, provided, however, that the board shall not construct, acquire, operate, or maintain a television transmitter; to grant the use of its studio facilities to a licensed television station located in the school district; and to maintain and operate not to exceed one school radio transmitting station and provide programs for educational purposes;

12. To offer, if deemed appropriate, outdoor education courses, including field trips within the State of Illinois, or adjacent states, and to use school educational funds for the expense of the said outdoor educational programs, whether within the school district or not;

13. During that period of the calendar year not embraced within the regular school term, to provide and conduct courses in subject matters normally embraced in the program of the schools during the regular school term and to give regular school credit for satisfactory completion by the student of such courses as may be approved for credit by the State Board of Education;

14. To insure against any loss or liability of the board, the former School Board Nominating Commission, Local School Councils, the Chicago Schools Academic Accountability Council, or the former Subdistrict Councils or of any member, officer, agent or employee thereof, resulting from alleged violations of civil rights arising from incidents occurring on or after September 5, 1967 or from the wrongful or negligent act or omission of any such person whether occurring within or without the school premises, provided the officer, agent or employee was, at the time of the alleged violation of civil rights or wrongful act or omission, acting within the scope of his employment or under direction of the board, the former School Board Nominating Commission, the Chicago Schools Academic Accountability Council, Local School Councils, or the former Subdistrict Councils; and to provide for or participate in insurance plans for its officers and employees, including but not limited to retirement annuities, medical, surgical and hospitalization benefits in such types and amounts as may be determined by the board; provided, however, that the board shall contract for such insurance only with an insurance company authorized to do business in this State. Such insurance may include provision for employees who rely on treatment by prayer or spiritual means alone for healing, in accordance with the tenets and practice of a recognized religious denomination;

15. To contract with the corporate authorities of any municipality or the county board of any county, as the case may be, to provide for the regulation of traffic in parking areas of property used for school purposes, in such manner as is provided by Section 11-209 of The Illinois Vehicle Code, approved September 29, 1969, [FN2] as amended;

16. (a) To provide, on an equal basis, access to a high school campus and student directory information to the official recruiting representatives of the armed forces of Illinois and the United States for the purposes of informing students of the educational and career opportunities available in the military if the board has provided such access to persons or groups whose purpose is to acquaint students with educational or occupational opportunities available to them. The board is not required to give greater notice regarding the right of access to recruiting representatives than is given to other persons and groups. In this paragraph 16, "directory information" means a high school student's name, address, and telephone number.

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(b) If a student or his or her parent or guardian submits a signed, written request to the high school before the end of the student's sophomore year (or if the student is a transfer student, by another time set by the high school) that indicates that the student or his or her parent or guardian does not want the student's directory information to be provided to official recruiting representatives under subsection (a) of this Section, the high school may not provide access to the student's directory information to these recruiting representatives. The high school shall notify its students and their parents or guardians of the provisions of this subsection (b).

(c) A high school may require official recruiting representatives of the armed forces of Illinois and the United States to pay a fee for copying and mailing a student's directory information in an amount that is not more than the actual costs incurred by the high school.

(d) Information received by an official recruiting representative under this Section may be used only to provide information to students concerning educational and career opportunities available in the military and may not be released to a person who is not involved in recruiting students for the armed forces of Illinois or the United States;

17. (a) To sell or market any computer program developed by an employee of the school district, provided that such employee developed the computer program as a direct result of his or her duties with the school district or through the utilization of the school district resources or facilities. The employee who developed the computer program shall be entitled to share in the proceeds of such sale or marketing of the computer program. The distribution of such proceeds between the employee and the school district shall be as agreed upon by the employee and the school district, except that neither the employee nor the school district may receive more than 90% of such proceeds. The negotiation for an employee who is represented by an exclusive bargaining representative may be conducted by such bargaining representative at the employee's request.

(b) For the purpose of this paragraph 17:

(1) "Computer" means an internally programmed, general purpose digital device capable of automatically accepting data, processing data and supplying the results of the operation.

(2) "Computer program" means a series of coded instructions or statements in a form acceptable to a computer, which causes the computer to process data in order to achieve a certain result.

(3) "Proceeds" means profits derived from marketing or sale of a product after deducting the expenses of developing and marketing such product;

18. To delegate to the general superintendent of schools, by resolution, the authority to approve contracts and expenditures in amounts of \$10,000 or less;

19. Upon the written request of an employee, to withhold from the compensation of that employee any dues, payments or contributions payable by such employee to any labor organization as defined in the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. [FN3] Under such arrangement, an amount shall be withheld from each regular payroll period which is equal to the pro rata share of the annual dues plus any payments or contributions, and the board shall transmit such withholdings to the specified labor organization within 10 working days from the time of the withholding;

19a. Upon receipt of notice from the comptroller of a municipality with a population of 500,000 or more, a county with a population of 3,000,000 or more, the Cook County Forest Preserve District, the Chicago Park District, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, the Chicago Transit Authority, or a housing authority of a municipality with a population of 500,000 or more that a debt is due and owing the municipality, the county, the Cook County Forest Preserve District, the Chicago Park District, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, the Chicago

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Transit Authority, or the housing authority by an employee of the Chicago Board of Education, to withhold, from the compensation of that employee, the amount of the debt that is due and owing and pay the amount withheld to the municipality, the county, the Cook County Forest Preserve District, the Chicago Park District, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, the Chicago Transit Authority, or the housing authority; provided, however, that the amount deducted from any one salary or wage payment shall not exceed 25% of the net amount of the payment. Before the Board deducts any amount from any salary or wage of an employee under this paragraph, the municipality, the county, the Cook County Forest Preserve District, the Chicago Park District, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, the Chicago Transit Authority, or the housing authority shall certify that (i) the employee has been afforded an opportunity for a hearing to dispute the debt that is due and owing the municipality, the county, the Cook County Forest Preserve District, the Chicago Park District, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, the Chicago Transit Authority, or the housing authority and (ii) the employee has received notice of a wage deduction order and has been afforded an opportunity for a hearing to object to the order. For purposes of this paragraph, "net amount" means that part of the salary or wage payment remaining after the deduction of any amounts required by law to be deducted and "debt due and owing" means (i) a specified sum of money owed to the municipality, the county, the Cook County Forest Preserve District, the Chicago Park District, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, the Chicago Transit Authority, or the housing authority for services, work, or goods, after the period granted for payment has expired, or (ii) a specified sum of money owed to the municipality, the county, the Cook County Forest Preserve District, the Chicago Park District, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, the Chicago Transit Authority, or the housing authority pursuant to a court order or order of an administrative hearing officer after the exhaustion of, or the failure to exhaust, judicial review;

20. The board is encouraged to employ a sufficient number of certified school counselors to maintain a student/counselor ratio of 250 to 1 by July 1, 1990. Each counselor shall spend at least 75% of his work time in direct contact with students and shall maintain a record of such time;

21. To make available to students vocational and career counseling and to establish 5 special career counseling days for students and parents. On these days representatives of local businesses and industries shall be invited to the school campus and shall inform students of career opportunities available to them in the various businesses and industries. Special consideration shall be given to counseling minority students as to career opportunities available to them in various fields. For the purposes of this paragraph, minority student means a person who is any of the following:

(a) American Indian or Alaska Native (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America, including Central America, and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment).

(b) Asian (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, including, but not limited to, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam).

(c) Black or African American (a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa). Terms such as "Haitian" or "Negro" can be used in addition to "Black or African American".

(d) Hispanic or Latino (a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race).

(e) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands).

Counseling days shall not be in lieu of regular school days;

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22. To report to the State Board of Education the annual student dropout rate and number of students who graduate from, transfer from or otherwise leave bilingual programs;
23. Except as otherwise provided in the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act [FN4] or other applicable State or federal law, to permit school officials to withhold, from any person, information on the whereabouts of any child removed from school premises when the child has been taken into protective custody as a victim of suspected child abuse. School officials shall direct such person to the Department of Children and Family Services, or to the local law enforcement agency if appropriate;
24. To develop a policy, based on the current state of existing school facilities, projected enrollment and efficient utilization of available resources, for capital improvement of schools and school buildings within the district, addressing in that policy both the relative priority for major repairs, renovations and additions to school facilities, and the advisability or necessity of building new school facilities or closing existing schools to meet current or projected demographic patterns within the district;
25. To make available to the students in every high school attendance center the ability to take all courses necessary to comply with the Board of Higher Education's college entrance criteria effective in 1993;
26. To encourage mid-career changes into the teaching profession, whereby qualified professionals become certified teachers, by allowing credit for professional employment in related fields when determining point of entry on teacher pay scale;
27. To provide or contract out training programs for administrative personnel and principals with revised or expanded duties pursuant to this Act in order to assure they have the knowledge and skills to perform their duties;
28. To establish a fund for the prioritized special needs programs, and to allocate such funds and other lump sum amounts to each attendance center in a manner consistent with the provisions of part 4 of Section 34-2.3. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to require any additional appropriations of State funds for this purpose;
29. (Blank);
30. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act or any other law to the contrary, to contract with third parties for services otherwise performed by employees, including those in a bargaining unit, and to layoff those employees upon 14 days written notice to the affected employees. Those contracts may be for a period not to exceed 5 years and may be awarded on a system-wide basis. The board may not operate more than 30 contract schools, provided that the board may operate an additional 5 contract turnaround schools pursuant to item (5.5) of subsection (d) of Section 34-8.3 of this Code;
31. To promulgate rules establishing procedures governing the layoff or reduction in force of employees and the recall of such employees, including, but not limited to, criteria for such layoffs, reductions in force or recall rights of such employees and the weight to be given to any particular criterion. Such criteria shall take into account factors including, but not be limited to, qualifications, certifications, experience, performance ratings or evaluations, and any other factors relating to an employee's job performance;
32. To develop a policy to prevent nepotism in the hiring of personnel or the selection of contractors;
33. To enter into a partnership agreement, as required by Section 34-3.5 of this Code, and, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, to promulgate policies, enter into contracts, and take any other action necessary to accomplish the objectives and implement the requirements of that agreement; and

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34. To establish a Labor Management Council to the board comprised of representatives of the board, the chief executive officer, and those labor organizations that are the exclusive representatives of employees of the board and to promulgate policies and procedures for the operation of the Council.

The specifications of the powers herein granted are not to be construed as exclusive but the board shall also exercise all other powers that they may be requisite or proper for the maintenance and the development of a public school system, not inconsistent with the other provisions of this Article or provisions of this Code which apply to all school districts.

In addition to the powers herein granted and authorized to be exercised by the board, it shall be the duty of the board to review or to direct independent reviews of special education expenditures and services. The board shall file a report of such review with the General Assembly on or before May 1, 1990.

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[FN1] 20 ILCS 4027/25 (Repealed)

[FN2] 625 ILCS 5/11-209

[FN3] 115 ILCS 5/1 et. seq.

[FN4] 325 ILCS 5/1 et. seq.

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Section 2 of P.A. 77-717, provided:

"If any provision of this amendatory Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this amendatory Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this amendatory Act are severable."

Section 90 of P.A. 96-105, provided:

"Section 90. The non-State agency parties that engaged in the negotiation of this Act shall, within 30 days after the effective date of this Act, enter into a memorandum of understanding, which shall include without limitation language whereby, through June 30, 2013, and subject to any legislative changes required by federal law, such parties shall not propose any changes to Article 27A of the School Code other than legislation to establish an independent, State-level, charter school authorizing entity".

P.A. 97-813, the First 2012 General Revisory Act, amended various Acts to delete obsolete text, to correct patent and technical errors, to revise cross references, to resolve multiple actions in the 96th and 97th General Assemblies and to make certain technical corrections in P.A. 96-1480 through P.A. 97-625.

Source. Laws 1909, p. 342, §§ 136, 137, 139; Laws 1917, p. 723, § 1; Laws 1929, p. 704, § 1; Laws 1931-32, 1st Sp.Sess., p. 128, § 1; Laws 1935, p. 1331, § 1; S.H.A., ch. 122, ¶¶ 159, 160, 162.

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

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1. Constitutional issues

Act which removed from nonteacher school employees' unions their exclusive bargaining power with school district did not violate contract clause by impairing union constitutions and bylaws, assuming that constitutions and bylaws constituted contracts between unions and employees for purposes of contract clause analysis; although act substantially impaired contractual obligation by removing unions as employees' exclusive bargaining agent, such impairment was rationally related to legitimate interest of eliminating inefficiency and waste in school system. Bricklayers Union Local 21 v. Edgar, N.D. Ill.1996, 922 F.Supp. 100. Constitutional Law  2664; Constitutional Law  2671; Constitutional Law  2751; Labor And Employment  1154

Act that removed unions' exclusive bargaining power with school district as to nonteacher employees did not violate equal protection guarantees since, in distinguishing certificated from noncertificated employees, and third parties contracting with state from unions, act did not discriminate against similarly situated individuals, and, even if equal protection clause did apply, act was rationally related to legitimate goal of bringing financial stability to system. Bricklayers Union Local 21 v. Edgar, N.D. Ill.1996, 922 F.Supp. 100. Constitutional Law  3599; Labor And Employment  1154

Act that removed from nonteacher school employees' unions their exclusive bargaining power with school district did not violate employees' substantive due process rights; eliminating civil service status of nonteachers in order to

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avoid expensive hearings was rationally related to legitimate purpose of improving efficiency of school system. Bricklayers Union Local 21 v. Edgar, N.D. Ill.1996, 922 F.Supp. 100, Constitutional Law 4184; Labor And Employment 1154

Although nonteacher school employees had property interest in continued employment absent cause based on state law that conferred civil service status on union employees, they were not deprived of such interest without due process by act that removed unions' exclusive bargaining power with school district; legislative process created all procedural safeguards necessary to provide employees with due process. Bricklayers Union Local 21 v. Edgar, N.D. Ill.1996, 922 F.Supp. 100, Constitutional Law 4184; Constitutional Law 4185

Nonteacher school employees had no property rights to continued employment absent cause based in contract, for purposes of determining whether act that removed unions' exclusive bargaining power with school district violated employees' procedural due process rights; although employees had had property rights in collective bargaining agreements, those property rights ended when collective bargaining agreements expired. Bricklayers Union Local 21 v. Edgar, N.D. Ill.1996, 922 F.Supp. 100, Constitutional Law 4184; Labor And Employment 1302

Section of School Code governing school board's power to promulgate layoff procedures and recall procedures did not provide laid-off tenured teachers with any procedural rights during rehiring process following economic layoff; section merely provided board with authority to promulgate such procedures as it saw fit, but section contained no mandatory language. Chicago Teachers Union, Local No. 1 v. Board of Educ. of City of Chicago, 2012, 357 Ill.Dec. 520, 963 N.E.2d 918, answer to certified question conformed to 476 Fed.Appx. 83, 2012 WL 1355610, Schools 147.48

2. Legislative intent

Specific powers granted by legislature to board of education are not intended to exclude others requisite and proper to the development of a public school system, so long as exercise of assertedly requisite and proper power is not inconsistent with the code that governs school administration. Board of Ed. of City of Chicago v. Chicago Teachers Union, Local 1, Am. Federation of Teachers, App. 1 Dist.1975, 26 Ill.App.3d 806, 326 N.E.2d 158, Schools 55

3. Nature and scope of powers

Under Illinois law, school board has final policymaking authority regarding decisions to hire and fire teachers, for purposes of determining whether there was action by persons with that authority, for purposes of finding entity liable for civil rights violations under §§ 1983. Bogosian v. Board of Educ. of Community Unit School Dist. 200, N.D. Ill.2001, 134 F.Supp.2d 952, Civil Rights 1351(5)

Power vested in a school board and its superintendent by the school code is not absolute. Stasica v. Hannon, App. 1 Dist.1979, 27 Ill.Dec. 147, 70 Ill.App.3d 785, 388 N.E.2d 1110, Schools 55

The Board of Education of the City of Chicago is a body politic and corporate, created to carry out certain governmental functions in connection with the education of children of the School District of Chicago, and has only such powers as are expressly conferred upon it by the Legislature or such as may be necessary to carry into effect granted powers. Rosenheim, First Securities Co. of Chicago, Intervener v. City of Chicago, App.1956, 12 Ill.App.2d 382, 139 N.E.2d 856, Schools 55

A board of education can exercise no greater power than the legislature can confer upon it. Adams v. Brennan, 1898, 52 N.E. 314, 177 Ill. 194, 69 Am.St.Rep. 222, Schools 55

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Chicago Board of Education, like all municipal bodies has only such powers as are expressly given to it, or as result by fair implication from powers granted by statute giving board power to furnish schools with necessary fixtures, furniture and apparatus to maintain schools, and supply funds for salaries from school taxes, etc. Harris v. Kill, 1903, 108 Ill.App. 305.

4. Delegation of powers

Powers of a school board to control budgetary considerations and to set earlier closing dates are discretionary unto itself and may not be delegated. Board of Ed. of City of Chicago v. Chicago Teachers Union, Local 1, 1981, 58 Ill.Dec. 860, 88 Ill.2d 63, 430 N.E.2d 1111. Schools 162.1

Board of Education of City of Chicago did not improperly delegate its discretionary power to fix salaries of teachers when it entered into collective bargaining agreement and adopted specific annual salaries set forth therein and also adopted a budget. Board of Ed. of City of Chicago v. Chicago Teachers Union, Local No. 1, 1981, 56 Ill.Dec. 653, 86 Ill.2d 469, 427 N.E.2d 1199.

Authority of board of education to contract for teachers' services is a discretionary power that cannot be delegated, through collective bargaining agreement or otherwise, to third party such as an arbitrator. Board of Ed. of City of Chicago v. Chicago Teachers Union, Local 1, American Federation of Teachers, App. 1 Dist.1980, 45 Ill.Dec. 236, 89 Ill.App.3d 861, 412 N.E.2d 587, reversed on other grounds 58 Ill.Dec. 860, 88 Ill.2d 63, 430 N.E.2d 1111. Labor And Employment 1542; Schools 55

5. Maintenance and development of schools

Power of board of education of city of Chicago to control and manage schools and to adopt rules and regulations necessary for that purpose as authorized by Const. 1870, Art. 8, § 1, and legislation adopted pursuant thereto, is ample and full, and exercise of discretion by board in determining what rules and by-laws are necessary to proper conduct and management of schools will not be interfered with or set aside by courts, in absence of clear abuse of power and discretion conferred. Favorite v. Board of Education of Chicago, 1908, 235 Ill. 314, 85 N.E. 402; Wilson v. Board of Education of Chicago, 1908, 233 Ill. 464, 84 N.E. 697, 13 Ann.Cas. 330.

Acquisition of funds for operation of school system is proper for maintenance and fullest development of an efficient school system. Loeb v. Board of Ed. of City of Chicago, N.D. Ill.1952, 103 F.Supp. 876, reversed on other grounds 203 F.2d 775. Schools 17

Under ¶ 162 of former chapter 122, incorporated in § 34-17, School Code of 1945, providing that a board of education shall exercise all powers that may be requisite or proper for maintenance and fullest development of an efficient public school system, Board of Education of Chicago was empowered to issue tax anticipation warrants. Loeb v. Board of Ed. of City of Chicago, N.D. Ill.1952, 103 F.Supp. 876, reversed on other grounds 203 F.2d 775. Schools 95(1)

This paragraph, that permits school board to exercise powers requisite or proper for maintenance and development of public school system, authorized board to make whatever provisions were necessary for appointment of district supervising engineer in compliance with civil service law, and, thus, inapplicability of city personnel code to school board and abolition of civil service commission did not make it legally impossible to make appointments in compliance with civil service law. Local 143 Intern. Union of Operating Engineers v. Board of Educ. of City of Chicago, App. 1 Dist.1987, 108 Ill.Dec. 816, 156 Ill.App.3d 431, 509 N.E.2d 512, appeal denied 113 Ill.Dec. 301, 116 Ill.2d 560, 515 N.E.2d 110. Officers And Public Employees 11.1

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Employment of personnel to operate and maintain physical plants of school buildings is necessary for proper maintenance and development of school system within meaning of this paragraph, that permits school board to exercise powers requisite or proper for maintenance and development of public school system. Local 143 Intern. Union of Operating Engineers v. Board of Educ. of City of Chicago, App. 1 Dist.1987, 108 Ill.Dec. 816, 156 Ill.App.3d 431, 509 N.E.2d 512, appeal denied 113 Ill.Dec. 301, 116 Ill.2d 560, 515 N.E.2d 110. Schools 63(1)

6. Budget

School board had discretionary power under the School Code to control budgetary considerations and to set a closing date earlier than that set on the annual calendar so long as the minimum number of days had been met. Board of Ed. of City of Chicago v. Chicago Teachers Union, Local 1, 1981, 58 Ill.Dec. 860, 88 Ill.2d 63, 430 N.E.2d 1111. Schools 162.1

Not only is Board of Education of City of Chicago obligated by law to honor its contracts as would an individual, but it must practice sound management in planning its budget and in entering into contract and that duty necessitates setting duration of school year within financial limitations of the Board, entailing financial predictions by Board in setting of its school calendar and in contract drafting. Board of Ed. of City of Chicago v. Chicago Teachers Union, Local 1, American Federation of Teachers, App. 1 Dist.1980, 45 Ill.Dec. 236, 89 Ill.App.3d 861, 412 N.E.2d 587, reversed on other grounds 58 Ill.Dec. 860, 88 Ill.2d 63, 430 N.E.2d 1111. Schools 80(1)

In light of a huge accumulated deficit and a reduction in anticipated revenue from both state aid and local property taxes, action of school board in closing schools one day early pursuant to its statutory authority, on a day when students were scheduled for only two hours, was neither arbitrary, discriminatory, nor unreasonable. Board of Ed. of City of Chicago v. Chicago Teachers Union, Local 1, American Federation of Teachers, App. 1 Dist.1980, 45 Ill.Dec. 236, 89 Ill.App.3d 861, 412 N.E.2d 587, reversed on other grounds 58 Ill.Dec. 860, 88 Ill.2d 63, 430 N.E.2d 1111.

Collective bargaining agreement requirement that salary schedules for teachers be subject to terms of appropriations contained in school budgets did not subject agreement to budget provision that no employee had right to continuous employment if it became necessary to lay him off for lack of funds and, once board made appropriation in budget, thereby implementing salary provisions of the agreement, board's contractual obligation to provide annual salaries was fixed. Board of Ed. of City of Chicago v. Chicago Teachers Union, Local 1, American Federation of Teachers, App. 1 Dist.1980, 45 Ill.Dec. 236, 89 Ill.App.3d 861, 412 N.E.2d 587, reversed on other grounds 58 Ill.Dec. 860, 88 Ill.2d 63, 430 N.E.2d 1111. Labor And Employment 1279

7. Employment contracts

Act which removed from nonteacher school employees' unions their exclusive bargaining power with school district did not violate contract clause by impairing union constitutions and bylaws, assuming that constitutions and bylaws constituted contracts between unions and employees for purposes of contract clause analysis; although act substantially impaired contractual obligation by removing unions as employees' exclusive bargaining agent, such impairment was rationally related to legitimate interest of eliminating inefficiency and waste in school system. Bricklayers Union Local 21 v. Edgar, N.D. Ill.1996, 922 F.Supp. 100. Constitutional Law 2664; Constitutional Law 2671; Constitutional Law 2751; Labor And Employment 1154

Nonteacher school employees had no property rights to continued employment absent cause based in contract, for purposes of determining whether act that removed unions' exclusive bargaining power with school district violated employees' procedural due process rights; although employees had had property rights in collective bargaining agreements, those property rights ended when collective bargaining agreements expired. Bricklayers Union Local 21 v. Edgar, N.D. Ill.1996, 922 F.Supp. 100. Constitutional Law 4184; Labor And Employment 1302

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Although nonteacher school employees had property interest in continued employment absent cause based on state law that conferred civil service status on union employees, they were not deprived of such interest without due process by act that removed unions' exclusive bargaining power with school district; legislative process created all procedural safeguards necessary to provide employees with due process. Bricklayers Union Local 21 v. Edgar, N.D. Ill.1996, 922 F.Supp. 100. Constitutional Law 4184; Constitutional Law 4185

Act that removed from nonteacher school employees' unions their exclusive bargaining power with school district did not violate employees' substantive due process rights; eliminating civil service status of nonteachers in order to avoid expensive hearings was rationally related to legitimate purpose of improving efficiency of school system. Bricklayers Union Local 21 v. Edgar, N.D. Ill.1996, 922 F.Supp. 100. Constitutional Law 4184; Labor And Employment 1154

Act that removed unions' exclusive bargaining power with school district as to nonteacher employees did not violate equal protection guarantees since, in distinguishing certificated from noncertificated employees, and third parties contracting with state from unions, act did not discriminate against similarly situated individuals, and, even if equal protection clause did apply, act was rationally related to legitimate goal of bringing financial stability to system. Bricklayers Union Local 21 v. Edgar, N.D. Ill.1996, 922 F.Supp. 100. Constitutional Law 3599; Labor And Employment 1154

8. Bus contracts

School board's two percent local business preference for bus contracts had no proper legislative authority and was unconstitutionally arbitrary and capricious delegation of power to municipal unit. Best Bus Joint Venture v. Board of Educ. of City of Chicago, App. 1 Dist.1997, 224 Ill.Dec. 255, 288 Ill.App.3d 770, 681 N.E.2d 570. Constitutional Law 2437; Public Contracts 129

9. Subdistricts

A suit in mandamus to compel admission of colored children to certain school on ground that subdistricts established by board of education had been gerrymandered for racial reasons, was properly dismissed, where evidence showed no gerrymandering or racial discrimination. People ex rel. Warfield v. Board of Education of City of Chicago, App.1944, 55 N.E.2d 297, 323 Ill.App. 294. Mandamus 168(4)

10. Curriculum

Under this paragraph, Chicago School Board has power to create and maintain experimental education programs for Chicago public school children so long as methods so adopted are otherwise consistent with provisions of school code. Morton v. Board of Ed. of City of Chicago, App.1966, 69 Ill.App.2d 38, 216 N.E.2d 305. Schools 55

11. Textbooks

A resolution of the board of education of the city of Chicago, providing for free text-books for children of the first four grades of the elementary schools, was illegal and unauthorized, and enjoined at the petition of a taxpayer. Harris v. Kill, 1903, 108 Ill.App. 305.

12. Discipline of students

Even though student was not regularly employed, this paragraph and other paragraphs of School Code were not

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shown to prevent school board from transferring her to continuation school as disciplinary measure in case where her conduct could have been visited with suspension or expulsion. Betts v. Board of Ed. of City of Chicago, C.A.7 (Ill.)1972, 466 F.2d 629, Schools 169.

13. School property, use of

Contracts involving the rental of school lands vitally affect the public interest and are to be construed liberally in favor of the public. Board of Ed. of City of Chicago v. Crilly, App.1941, 37 N.E.2d 873, 312 Ill.App. 16, Schools 65

14. Racial discrimination

Allegation, in complaint by school board and superintendent, that effect of statutory reduction in state aid was to discriminate against relatively poorer school districts such as Chicago merited consideration, but board did not have standing to protest alleged racial discrimination inasmuch as board was not member of the protected class of pupils, nor was superintendent of the board in any better position. Cronin v. Lindberg, 1976, 4 Ill.Dec. 424, 66 Ill.2d 47, 360 N.E.2d 360, Schools 114

Discrimination on account of color by establishing separate schools not allowed. People ex rel. Bibb v. Mayor of City of Alton, 1901, 61 N.E. 1077, 193 Ill. 309.

The free schools in the state are public institutions, and in their management and control the law contemplates that they should be so managed that all the children within the district, regardless of race or color, shall have equal and the same rights to participate in the benefits to be derived therefrom. Chase v. Stephenson, 1874, 71 Ill. 383, Schools 151

15. Desegregation plans

School desegregation decree would be terminated since consequences of segregation had been eliminated; there was no showing that unequal educational attainment was due to school board's past illegalities rather than other factors such as poverty, parents' education and employment, family size, parental attitudes and behavior, prenatal, neonatal, and child health care, peer-group pressures, and ethnic culture, and no showing that minority students were enrolling in advanced classes at a lower rate than white students because of school segregation. People Who Care v. Rockford Bd. of Educ., School Dist. 205, C.A.7 (Ill.)2001, 246 F.3d 1073, rehearing and rehearing en banc denied, on remand 2001 WL 755306, Schools 13(20)

Article 10, § 2 of the 1970 Constitution which grants Board of Education authority to establish goals, determine policies, and provide for planning and evaluating education programs did not authorize Board to enact rules relating to desegregation where legislature placed duty to prevent segregation in hands of local school boards. Aurora East Public School Dist. No. 131 v. Cronin, 1982, 66 Ill.Dec. 85, 92 Ill.2d 313, 442 N.E.2d 511, Schools 13(8)

Though prospect of white flight and consequent resegregation could not justify failure to comply with a court decree ordering integration, where it was evident that voluntary action of school board was motivated by a good-faith effort to stabilize enrollments at high schools and to promote integration not only at those schools but also at alternative high schools designated under the segregation plans, racial quotas imposed were not intended to retard integration and to create racial imbalance at subject high schools. Aurora East Public School Dist. No. 131 v. Cronin, 1982, 66 Ill.Dec. 85, 92 Ill.2d 313, 442 N.E.2d 511.

Provision of the Illinois School Code investing the board of education with sufficient discretionary authority to

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achieve the prevention of segregation and the elimination of separation of children in public schools because of color, race, sex or nationality must not be read as foreclosing the board from restricting the racial composition of the enrollment at a school within a particular attendance area where such a remedial measure achieves the prevention of de facto segregation in the public schools. Aurora East Public School Dist. No. 131 v. Cronin, 1982, 66 Ill.Dec. 85, 92 Ill.2d 313, 442 N.E.2d 511.

Student racial stabilization code instituted by board of education at high schools in district to prevent de facto racial segregation were statutorily and constitutionally permissible where, prior to implementation of plans, attendance areas for schools were rapidly changing in residential occupancy from white to black and trend in enrollments was toward segregated student bodies, whereas plans successfully arrested trend so that all high school students living in those attendance areas were provided with a meaningful and viable opportunity to attend an integrated high school. Aurora East Public School Dist. No. 131 v. Cronin, 1982, 66 Ill.Dec. 85, 92 Ill.2d 313, 442 N.E.2d 511.

16. Religious instruction

Pupils cannot be compelled to join in religious worship. Reading Bible barred. People ex rel. Ring v. Board of Education of Dist. 24, 1910, 92 N.E. 251, 245 Ill. 334, 19 Am. Ann. Cas. 220.

The reading of the Bible, singing of hymns, and repeating of the Lord's Prayer in a public school constitutes the giving of sectarian instruction and was forbidden by the Constitution of the State. People ex rel. Ring v. Board of Education of Dist. 24, 1910, 92 N.E. 251, 245 Ill. 334, 19 Am. Ann. Cas. 220.

Mandamus against the board of directors of a school district is a proper method to compel the board to refrain from conducting religious exercises in the public schools. People ex rel. Ring v. Board of Education of Dist. 24, 1910, 92 N.E. 251, 245 Ill. 334, 19 Am. Ann. Cas. 220.

17. Fraternities or sororities

"Anti fraternity rule" of Board of Education of city of Chicago was valid exercise of board's power. Favorite v. Board of Education of Chicago, 1908, 85 N.E. 402, 235 Ill. 314.

Rule adopted by board of education of city of Chicago on recommendation of superintendent of schools after thorough investigation, requiring teachers to refuse public recognition to secret fraternities and sororities, to refuse to permit their meetings in school buildings, to allow name of school to be used by such organizations, and to refuse to allow any member of such societies to represent schools in any literary or athletic contest, or in any public capacity, and to inform parents of pupils that such societies were condemned, but not withdrawing from pupils who were members thereof any public school privileges, was neither unlawful nor unreasonable. Wilson v. Board of Education of Chicago, 1908, 84 N.E. 697, 233 Ill. 464, 13 Am. Ann. Cas. 330. Schools ↪ 172

18. Lay-offs

Section of School Code governing school board's power to promulgate layoff procedures and recall procedures did not provide laid-off tenured teachers with a substantive right to be rehired after an economic layoff; section was plainly an authorizing or enabling provision and did not contain any mandatory terms, and the legislature intended merely to confer a power which the board could exercise or not, as it saw fit, accordingly, section could not be the basis of a substantive right to be rehired after an economic layoff. Chicago Teachers Union, Local No. 1 v. Board of Educ. of City of Chicago, 2012, 357 Ill.Dec. 520, 963 N.E.2d 918, answer to certified question conformed to 476 Fed.Appx. 83, 2012 WL 1355610. Schools ↪ 147.48

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Genuine issue of material fact as to whether school board properly delegated responsibility for making any or all of the determinations required by its policy in laying off tenured public school teachers and, if so, whether the party to whom authority was delegated acted in accordance with the policy, precluded summary judgment in favor of board in action brought by teachers challenging their terminations. Land v. Board of Educ. of City of Chicago, 2002, 269 Ill.Dec. 452, 202 Ill.2d 414, 781 N.E.2d 249. Judgment 181(27)

Legislature clearly empowered the school board to lay off "employees." Land v. Board of Educ. of City of Chicago, App. 1 Dist.2001, 259 Ill.Dec. 49, 325 Ill.App.3d 294, 757 N.E.2d 912, rehearing denied, appeal allowed 262 Ill.Dec. 620, 198 Ill.2d 593, 766 N.E.2d 240, affirmed in part, reversed in part 269 Ill.Dec. 452, 202 Ill.2d 414, 781 N.E.2d 249. Schools 63(1)

"Employees," as used in statute empowering school board to lay off employees, embodies all persons who work for and are compensated by public schools, including tenured teachers. Land v. Board of Educ. of City of Chicago, App. 1 Dist.2001, 259 Ill.Dec. 49, 325 Ill.App.3d 294, 757 N.E.2d 912, rehearing denied, appeal allowed 262 Ill.Dec. 620, 198 Ill.2d 593, 766 N.E.2d 240, affirmed in part, reversed in part 269 Ill.Dec. 452, 202 Ill.2d 414, 781 N.E.2d 249. Schools 147.10

Five "honorably terminated" tenured public school teachers waived appellate review of claim that school board violated tenure laws by failing to first lay off temporary teachers, probationary teachers, or newly hired teachers, due to their failing to present any competent evidentiary matter to support assertion that they were laid off while temporary teachers, probationary teachers, or newly hired teachers were retained. Land v. Board of Educ. of City of Chicago, App. 1 Dist.2001, 259 Ill.Dec. 49, 325 Ill.App.3d 294, 757 N.E.2d 912, rehearing denied, appeal allowed 262 Ill.Dec. 620, 198 Ill.2d 593, 766 N.E.2d 240, affirmed in part, reversed in part 269 Ill.Dec. 452, 202 Ill.2d 414, 781 N.E.2d 249. Appeal And Error 179(2)

Although school board could establish a layoff policy, as authorized by section of School Code, it could not through that policy delegate its absolute layoff power to school administrators. Land v. Board of Educ. of City of Chicago, App. 1 Dist.2001, 259 Ill.Dec. 49, 325 Ill.App.3d 294, 757 N.E.2d 912, rehearing denied, appeal allowed 262 Ill.Dec. 620, 198 Ill.2d 593, 766 N.E.2d 240, affirmed in part, reversed in part 269 Ill.Dec. 452, 202 Ill.2d 414, 781 N.E.2d 249. Schools 63(1)

Genuine issue of material fact as to whether school board or some other entity or person determined that tenured teachers should have been laid off precluded summary judgment in favor of board in action brought by teachers challenging their "honorable terminations." Land v. Board of Educ. of City of Chicago, App. 1 Dist.2001, 259 Ill.Dec. 49, 325 Ill.App.3d 294, 757 N.E.2d 912, rehearing denied, appeal allowed 262 Ill.Dec. 620, 198 Ill.2d 593, 766 N.E.2d 240, affirmed in part, reversed in part 269 Ill.Dec. 452, 202 Ill.2d 414, 781 N.E.2d 249. Judgment 181(27)

Tenured teachers were properly notified of their termination, as was required under due process clause and school board's layoff policy; terminations were not "for cause," so as to trigger hearing procedures contained in tenure statutes, and teachers conceded that they received written notice of termination from board within the prescribed 14-day period. Land v. Board of Educ. of City of Chicago, App. 1 Dist.2001, 259 Ill.Dec. 49, 325 Ill.App.3d 294, 757 N.E.2d 912, rehearing denied, appeal allowed 262 Ill.Dec. 620, 198 Ill.2d 593, 766 N.E.2d 240, affirmed in part, reversed in part 269 Ill.Dec. 452, 202 Ill.2d 414, 781 N.E.2d 249. Constitutional Law 4202; Schools 147.34(1)

Included in powers of school board is authority to lay off employees in good faith for lack of work or purposes of economy, but board's actions may not be arbitrary, discriminatory or unreasonable, and board must act in good faith in ordering layoff of employees. Perlin v. Board of Ed. of City of Chicago, App. 1 Dist.1980, 41 Ill.Dec. 294, 86 Ill.App.3d 108, 407 N.E.2d 792. Schools 63(1)

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19. Termination

Male elementary school teacher could claim that school district wrongfully terminated him, under Illinois law, based on false charges that he improperly touched female first grade students, even though he sent letter of resignation, when letter came after district told him not to report for fall term and stopped paying him. Bogosian v. Board of Educ. of Community Unit School Dist. 200, N.D. Ill.2001, 134 F.Supp.2d 952. Schools 139

Failure of school board to explain why tenured physical education teacher was terminated precluded claim that he was validly dismissed for one of the reasons set forth in school termination policy. Chandler v. Board of Educ. of City of Chicago, N.D. Ill.2000, 92 F.Supp.2d 760. Schools 147.9

Failure of terminated physical education instructor to allege that school officers terminated him in deliberate or reckless disregard of his constitutional rights, or that conduct causing deprivation took place at their direction or with their knowledge and consent, precluded wrongful termination suit against officers in their individual capacities. Chandler v. Board of Educ. of City of Chicago, N.D. Ill.2000, 92 F.Supp.2d 760. Schools 63(3)

Public school district complied with procedures for "honorably terminating" tenured public school teachers; teachers were laid off because their teaching positions were closed and they received notification of the closings within the prescribed period. Land v. Board of Educ. of City of Chicago, App. 1 Dist.2001, 259 Ill.Dec. 49, 325 Ill.App.3d 294, 757 N.E.2d 912, rehearing denied, appeal allowed 262 Ill.Dec. 620, 198 Ill.2d 593, 766 N.E.2d 240, affirmed in part, reversed in part 269 Ill.Dec. 452, 202 Ill.2d 414, 781 N.E.2d 249. Schools 147.34(1)

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School Action and Facility Master Planning

→ → 5/34-200. Definitions

§ 34-200. Definitions. For the purposes of Sections 34-200 through 34-235 of this Article:

“Capital improvement plan” means a plan that identifies capital projects to be started or finished within the designated period, excluding projects funded by locally raised capital not exceeding \$10,000.

“Community area” means a geographic area of the City of Chicago defined by the chief executive officer as part of the development of the educational facilities master plan.

“Space utilization” means the percentage achieved by dividing the school's actual enrollment by its design capacity.

“School closing” or “school closure” means the closing of a school, the effect of which is the assignment and transfer of all students enrolled at that school to one or more designated receiving schools.

“School consolidation” means the consolidation of 2 or more schools by closing one or more schools and reassigning the students to another school.

“Phase-out” means the gradual cessation of enrollment in certain grades each school year until a school closes or is consolidated with another school.

“School action” means any school closing; school consolidation; co-location; boundary change that requires reassignment of students, unless the reassignment is to a new school with an attendance area boundary and is made to relieve overcrowding; or phase-out.

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§ 34-225. School transition plans.

(a) If the Board approves a school action, the chief executive officer or his or her designee shall work collaboratively with local school educators and families of students attending a school that is the subject of a school action to ensure successful integration of affected students into new learning environments.

(b) The chief executive officer or his or her designee shall prepare and implement a school transition plan to support students attending a school that is the subject of a school action that accomplishes the goals of this Section. The chief executive must identify and commit specific resources for implementation of the school transition plan for a minimum of the full first academic year after the board approves a school action.

(c) The school transition plan shall include the following:

(1) services to support the academic, social, and emotional needs of students; supports for students with disabilities, homeless students, and English language learners; and support to address security and safety issues;

(2) options to enroll in higher performing schools;

(3) informational briefings regarding the choice of schools that include all pertinent information to enable the parent or guardian and child to make an informed choice, including the option to visit the schools of choice prior to making a decision; and

(4) the provision of appropriate transportation where practicable.

(d) When implementing a school action, the Board must make reasonable and demonstrated efforts to ensure that:

(1) Affected students receive a comparable level of social support services provided by Chicago Public Schools that were available at the previous school, provided that the need for such social support services continue to exist; and

(2) Class sizes of any receiving school do not exceed those established under the Chicago Public Schools policy regarding class size, subject to principal discretion.

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School Action and Facility Master Planning

→→ 5/34-230. School action public meetings and hearings

§ 34-230. School action public meetings and hearings.

- (a) By November 1 of each year, the chief executive officer shall prepare and publish guidelines for school actions. The guidelines shall outline the academic and non-academic criteria for a school action. These guidelines, and each subsequent revision, shall be subject to a public comment period of at least 21 days before their approval.
- (b) The chief executive officer shall announce all proposed school actions to be taken at the close of the current academic year consistent with the guidelines by December 1 of each year.
- (c) On or before December 1 of each year, the chief executive officer shall publish notice of the proposed school actions.
- (1) Notice of the proposal for a school action shall include a written statement of the basis for the school action, an explanation of how the school action meets the criteria set forth in the guidelines, and a draft School Transition Plan identifying the items required in Section 34-225 of this Code for all schools affected by the school action. The notice shall state the date, time, and place of the hearing or meeting.
- (2) The chief executive officer or his or her designee shall provide notice to the principal, staff, local school council, and parents or guardians of any school that is subject to the proposed school action.
- (3) The chief executive officer shall provide written notice of any proposed school action to the State Senator, State Representative, and alderman for the school or schools that are subject to the proposed school action.
- (4) The chief executive officer shall publish notice of proposed school actions on the district's Internet website.
- (5) The chief executive officer shall provide notice of proposed school actions at least 30 calendar days in advance of a public hearing or meeting. No Board decision regarding a proposed school action may take place less than 60 days after the announcement of the proposed school action.
- (d) The chief executive officer shall publish a brief summary of the proposed school actions and the date, time, and place of the hearings or meetings in a newspaper of general circulation.
- (e) The chief executive officer shall designate at least 3 opportunities to elicit public comment at a hearing or meeting on a proposed school action and shall do the following:

- (1) Convene at least one public hearing at the centrally located office of the Board.
- (2) Convene at least 2 additional public hearings or meetings at a location convenient to the school community subject to the proposed school action.
- (f) Public hearings shall be conducted by a qualified independent hearing officer chosen from a list of independent hearing officers. The general counsel shall compile and publish a list of independent hearing officers by November 1 of each school year. The independent hearing officer shall have the following qualifications:
 - (1) he or she must be a licensed attorney eligible to practice law in Illinois;
 - (2) he or she must not be an employee of the Board; and
 - (3) he or she must not have represented the Board, its employees or any labor organization representing its employees, any local school council, or any charter or contract school in any capacity within the last year.
 - (4) The independent hearing officer shall issue a written report that summarizes the hearing and determines whether the chief executive officer complied with the requirements of this Section and the guidelines.
 - (5) The chief executive officer shall publish the report on the district's Internet website within 5 calendar days after receiving the report and at least 15 days prior to any Board action being taken.
- (g) Public meetings shall be conducted by a representative of the chief executive officer. A summary of the public meeting shall be published on the district's Internet website within 5 calendar days after the meeting.
- (h) If the chief executive officer proposes a school action without following the mandates set forth in this Section, the proposed school action shall not be approved by the Board during the school year in which the school action was proposed.

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"Section 97. Control over other Act. Senate Bill 620 of the 97th General Assembly passed both houses on May 31, 2011. Thus, this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly (Senate Bill 630) is the one last acted upon by the General Assembly. If Senate Bill 620 becomes law and this amendatory Act (Senate Bill 630) becomes law, then this amendatory Act (Senate Bill 630) controls as provided in Section 6 of the Statute on Statutes (5 ILCS 70/6).

P.A. 97-473 and P.A. 97-474 added identical versions of this section.

105 I.L.C.S. 5/34-230, IL ST CH 105 § 5/34-230

Current through P.A. 97-615 of the 2011 Reg. Sess.

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Chapter 105. Schools (Refs & Annos)

Common Schools

Act 5. School Code (Refs & Annos)

Article 34. Cities of Over 500,000 Inhabitants--Board of Education (Refs & Annos)

School Action and Facility Master Planning

→→ 5/34-232. Proposed school action announcement and notice; 2012-2013 school year

§ 34-232. Proposed school action announcement and notice; 2012-2013 school year. The following apply for school actions proposed during the 2012-2013 school year:

- (1) On or before March 31, 2013, the chief executive officer shall announce all proposed school actions to be taken at the close of the current academic year consistent with the guidelines published under Section 34-230 of this Code.
- (2) On or before March 31, 2013, the chief executive officer shall publish notice of the proposed school actions.
- (3) The chief executive officer shall provide notice of proposed school actions at least 15 calendar days in advance of a public hearing or meeting.

All other provisions of Section 34-230 of this Code that do not conflict with this Section must be followed when proposing school actions.

CREDIT(S)

Laws 1961, p. 31, § 34-232, added by P.A. 97-1133, § 5, eff. Nov. 30, 2012.

105 IL.C.S. 5/34-232, IL ST CH 105 § 5/34-232

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Chicago Public Schools Policy Manual

Title: SCHOOL PERFORMANCE, REMEDIATION AND PROBATION POLICY FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

Section: 302.6A

Board Report: 10-0728-PO4

Date Adopted: July 28, 2010

Policy:

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Chicago Board of Education adopt a School Performance, Remediation and Probation Policy for the 2011-2012 School Year.

POLICY TEXT:

I. Purpose and Goals

This policy shall establish the standards and criteria for placing a school on Remediation or Probation for the 2011-2012 school year based on assessments administered in Spring 2011 and other performance data from prior school years. A school's accountability status from the 2010-2011 school year shall remain in effect until such time as the school is notified of their new status issued in accordance with this policy.

This policy sets out a systematic means for identifying schools in need of remedial assistance and increased oversight due to insufficient levels of achievement. Section 5/34-8.3 of the Illinois School Code provides for the remediation and probation of attendance centers and requires the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") to monitor the performance of each school using the criteria and rating system established by the Board to identify those schools in which: (1) there is a failure to develop, implement, or comply with the school improvement plan; (2) there is a pervasive breakdown in the educational program as indicated by various factors such as the absence of improvement in reading and math achievement scores, an increased drop-out rate, a decreased graduation rate, or a decrease in the rate of student attendance, or (3) there is a failure or refusal to comply with the provisions of the School Code, other applicable laws, collective bargaining agreements, court orders, or with applicable Board rules and policies.

The Board recognizes that an effective and fair school remediation and probation system considers student test score performance, student growth and progress trends. Therefore, this policy establishes a comprehensive system to assess school performance in order to identify, monitor and assist schools with low student test scores as well as schools with stagnant or insufficient rates of student improvement.

II. Scope of the Policy

All Chicago Public Schools ("CPS") shall be subject to this policy, except charter schools under contract with the Board. A charter school shall receive an accountability designation using the criteria hereunder for purposes of comparison to other CPS schools and public reporting. A decision to renew or revoke a school's charter is governed by the terms of a school's applicable performance agreement and accountability plan with the Board.

Schools newly established by the Board shall receive an accountability designation after the third year of operation or at such time as adequate measures of student achievement become available.

III. Definitions

Remediation: An accountability designation assigned to schools where the CEO determines that a school's budget or any amendment thereto may compromise the implementation of the school's No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) Corrective Action measures or Restructuring Plan.

Probation: An accountability designation assigned to non-performing schools where the CEO determines, utilizing the criteria set out in this policy, that a school requires remedial probation measures as described in this policy, including increased oversight, to address performance deficiencies.

Good Standing: An accountability designation assigned to schools where the CEO determines, based on the criteria set out in this policy, that student performance and improvement meets or exceeds district standards.

Adequate Yearly Progress: School rating issued by the Illinois State Board of Education that identifies if students are improving their performance based on the established annual targets.

Achievement Level 1: Shall mean the rating for:

- an elementary school that obtains a total performance score of thirty (30) or above or with at least 71% of the available performance points; or
- a high school that obtains a total performance score of twenty-eight (28) or above or with at least 66.7% of the available performance points.

Achievement Level 2: Shall mean the rating for:

- an elementary school that obtains a total performance score of twenty-one (21) to twenty-nine (29) or with 50%-70.9% of the available performance points; or
- a high school that obtains a total performance score of eighteen and two-thirds (18.67) to twenty-seven and two-thirds (27.67) or with 44%-66.6% of the available performance points.

Achievement Level 3: Shall mean the rating for:

- an elementary school that obtains a total performance score of twenty (20) or below or with less than 50% of the available performance points; or
- a high school that obtains a total performance score of eighteen and one-third (18.33) or below or with less than 44% of the available performance points.

Value-Added: Shall mean the metric that assesses school effects on students' academic growth, controlling for student characteristics, grade level, and prior performance through a regression methodology. Academic growth is measured by the change in scale score points on the ISAT from one year to the next.

ISAT: means the Illinois Standards Achievement Test.

ISAT Composite: means the composite score from ISAT Reading, Mathematics and Science test results.

PSAE: means the Prairie State Achievement Examination.

PSAE Composite: means the composite score from PSAE Reading, Mathematics and Science test results.

EPAS: means the series of three assessments (EXPLORE, PLAN and ACT) that are administered to high school students in the following order: (1) EXPLORE – administered to high school freshmen, (2) PLAN – administered to high school sophomores, and (3) ACT – administered to high school juniors.

Freshmen On-Track: Shall mean the percentage of first-time freshmen students who earn five credits in their freshman year and fail no more than one semester core course (English, Mathematics, Science and Social Science).

One-Year Drop-out Rate: Shall mean the percentage of students who drop-out in a given year who have not previously dropped out.

Membership Days: Shall mean the number of days that the students on a school's enrollment register should be in attendance. Membership days will end for 8th and 12th graders on the date of graduation authorized by the Board and shall be adjusted for students with medically fragile conditions.

Attendance Rate: Shall mean the total number of actual student attendance days divided by the number of total student membership days.

Advanced Placement (AP) Class: Shall mean a college-level course approved by the College Board to be designated as AP in accordance with established requirements.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Class: Shall mean a college-level course approved by the International Baccalaureate Organization to be designated as an IB class in accordance with established requirements.

AP Exam: Shall mean the end of course exam established by the College Board that is administered upon completion of an AP class.

IB Exam: Shall mean the end of course exam established by the International Baccalaureate Organization that is administered upon completion of an IB class.

IV. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION SYSTEM

A. Calculation of Score

Every school shall receive a performance score based upon its level of current performance, trend over time and student growth as described in Section V below. A school will be evaluated on each of the accountability indicators identified in Section V using best available data and will receive a score for each indicator as well as a total performance score that accounts for the school's overall performance on all accountability indicators. The total performance score will be used to determine whether a school qualifies for an Achievement Level 1, 2 or 3 rating. A school shall receive an accountability status hereunder whereby the school shall be identified as either on Probation, in Good Standing or in Remediation, as further described herein.

B. Determinations

1. Scoring Exceptions: Schools that do not qualify for all points hereunder due to the following circumstances shall have their Achievement level determinations based on the percentage of available points earned rather than the actual points earned: (a) if data for two previous years is not available for a particular metric measuring change over time, the school will not get a score for that metric; (b) if data is available but not reliable due to no fault of the school, the CEO may remove the affected metric from consideration and the school will not get a score for that metric. ISAT and PSAE scores of students who are English Language Learners in program years 0-5 will not be factored into current status or trend scores hereunder.

2. Accountability Status Determination: A school with an Achievement Level 3 score hereunder shall receive Probation status. A school with an Achievement Level 1 score or an Achievement Level 2 score hereunder shall receive Good Standing status, except for the following which shall receive Probation status hereunder:

- a. A school that has not satisfied the following minimum ISAT or PSAE composite score requirement:
 - i. Elementary school minimum 2011 ISAT Composite score - 50% meeting or exceeding state standards
 - ii. High school minimum 2011 PSAE Composite score - 10% meeting or exceeding state standards.
- b. A school that has not satisfied all applicable sustained academic improvement requirements set out in Section VII as follows:
 - i. A school that has been on Probation status for 2 or more consecutive years must receive a Level 1 or Level 2 rating for 2 consecutive years to be removed from Probation; or
 - ii. A school where the Board has taken an action under 105 ILCS 5/34-8.3(d)(2) or (4) must remain on Probation for a minimum of 5 years or until the school has made Adequate Yearly Progress for 2 consecutive years, whichever occurs later.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a school with Good Standing status may be placed in Remediation in accordance with Section IV.B.3.

3. NCLB School Improvement Status: For schools not on Probation but that have either "Corrective Action", "Restructuring Planning" or "Restructuring Implementation" status under NCLB, the CEO reserves the right to place the school in Remediation status at any time if the CEO determines that the school's budget or any amendment thereto may compromise the implementation of the school's NCLB Corrective Action or Restructuring Plan.

V. ACCOUNTABILITY INDICATORS, STANDARDS AND SCORING

A. Elementary School Indicators, Standards and Scoring

An elementary school may receive a total performance rating score ranging from zero (0) to forty (42). For the 2011-2012 school year, the current status, trend and growth indicators and standards that determine an elementary school's performance score shall be as follows:

1. ISAT Mathematics – 6 possible points

a. **Current Status** - An elementary school shall be evaluated on the percentage of students **meeting or exceeding** state standards as indicated by the school's ISAT mathematics results. Current status is determined by averaging the school's ISAT mathematics results from tests administered in Spring 2010 and Spring 2011. If the school does not have two years of data, one year of data will be used. A school shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

80% or more meeting or exceeding	=	3 points
70%-79.9% meeting or exceeding	=	2 points
50%-69.9% meeting or exceeding	=	1 point
Under 50% meeting or exceeding	=	0 points

b. **Trend** - An elementary school shall be evaluated on improvement in the percentage of students **meeting or exceeding** state standards on ISAT mathematics. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2011 score with the average score of the three previous years. If the school does not have three previous years of data, two years of data will be used. A school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with 0%-89.9% of students meeting or exceeding state standards on the 2011 ISAT mathematics assessment, points are earned as follows:

No Improvement	=	0 points
Improvement of at least 0.1 but under 3.0 percentage points	=	1 point
Improvement of at least 3.0 but under 6.0 percentage points	=	2 points
Improvement of at least 6.0 percentage points	=	3 points

- Schools with 90% or more of students meeting or exceeding state standards on the 2011 ISAT mathematics assessment automatically earn 3 points regardless of improvement.

2. ISAT Reading – 6 possible points

a. **Current Status** - An elementary school shall be evaluated on the percentage of students **meeting or exceeding** state standards as indicated by the school's ISAT reading results. Current status is determined by averaging the school's ISAT reading results from tests administered in Spring 2010 and Spring 2011. If the school does not have two years of data, one year of data will be used. A school shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

80% or more meeting or exceeding	=	3 points
70%-79.9% meeting or exceeding	=	2 points
50%-69.9% meeting or exceeding	=	1 point
Under 50% meeting or exceeding	=	0 points

b. **Trend** - An elementary school shall be evaluated on improvement in the percentage of students **meeting or exceeding** state standards on ISAT reading. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2011 score with the average score of the three previous years. If the school does not have three previous years of data, two years of data will be used. A school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with 0%-89.9% of students meeting or exceeding state standards on the 2011 ISAT reading assessment, points are earned as follows:

No Improvement	=	0 points
Improvement of at least 0.1 but under 3.0 percentage points	=	1 point

Improvement of at least 3.0 but under 6.0 percentage points	=	2 points
Improvement of at least 6.0 percentage points	=	3 points

- Schools with 90% or greater of students meeting or exceeding state standards on the 2011 ISAT reading assessment automatically earn 3 points regardless of improvement.

3. **ISAT Science – 6 possible points**

a. **Current Status** - An elementary school shall be evaluated on the percentage of students **meeting or exceeding** state standards as indicated by the school's ISAT science results. Current status is determined by averaging the school's ISAT science results from tests administered in Spring 2010 and Spring 2011. If the school does not have two years of data, one year of data will be used. A school shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

80% or more meeting or exceeding	=	3 points
70%-79.9% meeting or exceeding	=	2 points
50%-69.9% meeting or exceeding	=	1 point
Under 50% meeting or exceeding	=	0 points

b. **Trend** - An elementary school shall be evaluated on improvement in the percentage of students **meeting or exceeding** state standards on ISAT science. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2011 score with the average score of the three previous years. If the school does not have three previous years of data, two years of data will be used. A school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with 0%-89.9% of students meeting or exceeding state standards on the 2011 ISAT science assessment, points are earned as follows:

No Improvement	=	0 points
Improvement of at least 0.1 but under 3.0 percentage points	=	1 point
Improvement of at least 3.0 but under 6.0 percentage points	=	2 points
Improvement of at least 6.0 percentage points	=	3 points

- Schools with 90% or greater of students meeting or exceeding state standards on the 2011 ISAT science assessment automatically earn 3 points regardless of improvement.

4. **ISAT Composite - All Grades – 6 possible points**

a. **Current Status** - An elementary school shall be evaluated on the percentage of students in all grades who are **exceeding** state standards as indicated by the school's ISAT Composite. Current status is determined by averaging the school's ISAT Composite results from tests administered in Spring 2010 and Spring 2011. If the school does not have two years of data, one year of data will be used. A school shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

25% or more exceeding	=	3 points
15%-24.9% exceeding	=	2 points
5%-14.9% exceeding	=	1 point
Under 5% exceeding	=	0 points

b. **Trend** - An elementary school shall be evaluated on improvement in the percentage of students in all grades who are **exceeding** state standards on ISAT Composite. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2011 score for all students with the average score of the three previous years. If the school does not have three previous years of data, two years of data will be used. A school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with 0%-89.9% of students in all grades exceeding state standards on the 2011 ISAT Composite, points are earned as follows:

No Improvement	=	0 points
Improvement of at least 0.1 but under 3.0 percentage points	=	1 point

Improvement of at least 3.0 but under 6.0 percentage points	=	2 points
Improvement of at least 6.0 percentage points	=	3 points

- Schools with 90% or greater of students in all grades exceeding state standards on the 2011 ISAT Composite automatically earn 3 points regardless of improvement.

5. ISAT Composite – Highest Grade Students – 6 possible points

a. Current Status - An elementary school shall be evaluated on the percentage of students in the school's highest grade level who are **exceeding** state standards as indicated by the school's ISAT Composite. Current status is determined by averaging the school's ISAT Composite results for students in the highest grade from tests administered in Spring 2010 and Spring 2011. If the school does not have two years of data, one year of data will be used. A school shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

25% or more exceeding	=	3 points
15%-24.9% exceeding	=	2 points
5%-14.9% exceeding	=	1 point
Under 5% exceeding	=	0 points

b. Trend - An elementary school shall be evaluated on improvement in the percentage of students in the school's highest grade level who are **exceeding** state standards on ISAT Composite. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2011 score for students in the highest grade with the average score of the three previous years. If the school does not have three previous years of data, two years of data will be used. A school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with 0%-89.9% of students in the highest grade exceeding state standards on the 2011 ISAT Composite, points are earned as follows:

No Improvement	=	0 points
Improvement of at least 0.1 but under 3.0 percentage points	=	1 point
Improvement of at least 3.0 but under 6.0 percentage points	=	2 points
Improvement of at least 6.0 percentage points	=	3 points

- Schools with 90% or greater of students in the highest grade exceeding state standards on the 2011 ISAT Composite automatically earn 3 points regardless of improvement.

6. Attendance – 6 possible points

a. Current Status - An elementary school shall be evaluated on its average attendance rate from the two most recent school years. To determine current status, a school's average attendance rates from the 2009-2010 school year and from the 2010-2011 school year will be averaged. If two years of data are not available, one year of data will be used. A school shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

95% or more attendance rate	=	3 points
93%-94.9% attendance rate	=	2 points
90%-92.9% attendance rate	=	1 point
Under 90% attendance rate	=	0 points

b. Trend - An elementary school shall be evaluated on improvement of its average attendance rate. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2010-2011 attendance rate with the average rate of the three previous years. If the school does not have three previous years of data, two years of data will be used. A school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with a 2010-2011 attendance rate of 0%-94.9%, points are earned as follows:

No Improvement	=	0 points
Improvement of at least 0.1 but under 0.5 percentage points	=	1 point
Improvement of at least 0.5 but under 1.0 percentage points	=	2 points

Improvement of at least 1.0 percentage points = 3 points

- Schools with a 2010-2011 attendance rate of 95% or greater earn 3 points regardless of improvement.

7. Value-Added – ISAT Reading – 3 possible points

Value-Added Score – An elementary school shall be evaluated on its Value-Added scale score gain for ISAT reading and shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

At least one standard deviation above the district average in 2011	= 3 points
Greater than or equal to the district average, but less than one standard deviation above the district average in 2011	= 2 points
Below the district average, but by no more than one standard deviation in 2011	= 1 point
More than one standard deviation below the district average in 2011	= 0 points

8. Value-Added - ISAT Mathematics – 3 possible points

Value-Added Score – An elementary school shall be evaluated on its Value-Added scale score gain for ISAT mathematics and shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

At least one standard deviation above the district average in 2011	= 3 points
Greater than or equal to the district average, but less than one standard deviation above the district average in 2011	= 2 points
Below the district average, but by no more than one standard deviation in 2011	= 1 point
More than one standard deviation below the district average in 2011	= 0 points

B. High School Indicators, Standards and Scoring

A high school may receive a total performance score ranging from zero (0) to forty-two (42). For the 2011-2012 school year, the current status, trend, and growth indicators and standards that determine a high school's performance score shall be as follows:

1. One-Year Drop-Out Rate – 6 possible points

a. Current Status - A high school shall be evaluated on its one-year drop-out rate averaged from the two most recent school years. To determine current status, a school's one-year drop-out rates from the 2009-2010 school year and from the 2010-2011 school year will be averaged. If two years of data are not available, one year of data will be used. A school shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

2% or less drop out in one year	= 3 points
2.1% - 6% drop out in one year	= 2 points
6.1% - 10% drop out in one year	= 1 point
More than 10% drop out in one year	= 0 points

b. Trend – A high school shall be evaluated on improvement of its one-year drop-out rate. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2010-2011 rate with the average rate of the three previous years. If the school does not have three previous years of data, two years of data will be used. A school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with a 2010-2011 one-year drop-out rate of more than 0.5%, points are earned as follows:

No reduction	= 0 points
Reduction of at least 0.1 but under 1.0 percentage points	= 1 point
Reduction of at least 1.0 but under 3.0 percentage points	= 2 points
Reduction of at least 3.0 percentage points	= 3 points

- Schools with a 2010-2011 one-year drop-out rate of 0.5% or less automatically earn 3 points regardless of improvement

2. **Freshmen On-Track – 6 possible points**

a. **Current Status** – A high school shall be evaluated on its Freshmen On-Track rate averaged from the two most recent school years. To determine current status, a school's Freshmen On-Track rates for the 2009-2010 school year and the 2010-2011 school year will be averaged. If two years of data are not available, one year of data will be used. A school shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

80% or more on track	=	3 points
60%-79.9% on track	=	2 points
45%-59.9% on track	=	1 point
Less than 45% on track	=	0 points

b. **Trend** – A high school shall be evaluated on improvement of its Freshmen On-Track rate. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2010-2011 rate with the average rate of the three previous years. If the school does not have three previous years of data, two years of data will be used. The school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with a 2010-2011 Freshman On-Track rate of 0%-89.9%, points are earned as follows:

No Improvement	=	0 points
Improvement of at least 0.1 but under 2.5 percentage points	=	1 point
Improvement of at least 2.5 but under 5.0 percentage points	=	2 points
Improvement of at least 5.0 percentage points	=	3 points

- Schools with a 2010-2011 Freshman On-Track rate of 90% or greater automatically earn 3 points regardless of improvement.

3. **ACT Score – 6 possible points**

a. **Current Status** – A high school shall be evaluated on its average ACT score. To determine current status, a school's average ACT scores for tests administered to students in Grade 11 during the Spring 2010 PSAT administration and during the Spring 2011 PSAT administration will be averaged. If two years of data are not available, one year of data will be used. The school shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

Average ACT score is 20 or more	=	3 points
Average ACT score is at least 18, but less than 20	=	2 points
Average ACT score is at least 16, but less than 18	=	1 point
Average ACT score is less than 16	=	0 points

b. **Trend** – A high school shall be evaluated on improvement of its average ACT score. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2011 average ACT score with the average ACT score of the three previous years. If the school does not have three previous years of data, two years of data will be used. The school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with a 2011 average ACT score of 0-22.9, points are earned as follows:

No Improvement	=	0 points
Improvement of at least 0.1 but under 0.5	=	1 point
Improvement of at least 0.5 but under 1.0	=	2 points
Improvement of at least 1.0	=	3 points

- Schools with a 2011 average ACT of 23 or greater automatically earn 3 points regardless of improvement.

4. **PSAE Reading Score– 2 possible points**

a. **Current Status** - A high school shall be evaluated on the percentage of students **meeting or exceeding** state standards as indicated by the school's PSAE reading results averaged from the two most recent school years. To determine current status, the school's PSAE reading results from tests administered to students in Grade 11 in Spring 2010 and Spring 2011 shall be averaged. If two years of data are not available, one year of data will be used. A school shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

70% or more meeting or exceeding	=	1 point
50%-69.9% meeting or exceeding	=	2/3 point
30%-49.9% meeting or exceeding	=	1/3 point
Less than 30% meeting or exceeding	=	0 points

b. **Trend** - A high school shall be evaluated on improvement in the percentage of students **meeting or exceeding** state standards on PSAE reading. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2011 score with the average score of the three previous years. If the school does not have three previous years of data, two years of data will be used. A school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with 0%-89.9% of students meeting or exceeding state standards on the 2011 PSAE reading assessment, points are earned as follows:

No Improvement	=	0 points
Improvement of at least 0.1 but under 2.5 percentage points	=	1/3 point
Improvement of at least 2.5 but under 5.0 percentage points	=	2/3 point
Improvement of at least 5.0 percentage points	=	1 point

- Schools with 90% or greater of students meeting or exceeding state standards on the 2011 PSAE reading assessment automatically earn 1 point regardless of improvement.

5. **PSAE Mathematics Score– 2 possible points**

a. **Current Status** - A high school shall be evaluated on the percentage of students **meeting or exceeding** state standards as indicated by the school's PSAE mathematics results averaged from the two most recent school years. To determine current status, the school's PSAE mathematics results from tests administered to students in Grade 11 in Spring 2010 and Spring 2011 shall be averaged. If two years of data are not available, one year of data will be used. A school shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

70% or more meeting or exceeding	=	1 point
50%-69.9% meeting or exceeding	=	2/3 point
30%-49.9% meeting or exceeding	=	1/3 point
Less than 30% meeting or exceeding	=	0 points

b. **Trend** - A high school shall be evaluated on improvement in the percentage of students **meeting or exceeding** state standards on PSAE mathematics. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2011 score with the average score of the three previous years. If the school does not have three previous years of data, two years of data will be used. A school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with 0%-89.9% of students meeting or exceeding state standards on the 2011 PSAE mathematics assessment, points are earned as follows:

No Improvement	=	0 points
Improvement of at least 0.1 but under 2.5 percentage points	=	1/3 point
Improvement of at least 2.5 but under 5.0 percentage points	=	2/3 point
Improvement of at least 5.0 percentage points	=	1 point

- Schools with 90% or greater of students meeting or exceeding state standards on the 2011 PSAE mathematics assessment automatically earn 1 point regardless of improvement.

6. PSAC Science Score– 2 possible points

a. Current Status - A high school shall be evaluated on the percentage of students **meeting or exceeding** state standards as indicated by the school's PSAC science results averaged from the two most recent school years. To determine current status, the school's PSAC science results from tests administered to students in Grade 11 in Spring 2010 and Spring 2011 shall be averaged. If two years of data are not available, one year of data will be used. A school shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

70% or more meeting or exceeding	=	1 point
50%-69.9% meeting or exceeding	=	2/3 point
30%-49.9% meeting or exceeding	=	1/3 point
Less than 30% meeting or exceeding	=	0 points

b. Trend - A high school shall be evaluated on improvement in the percentage of students **meeting or exceeding** state standards on PSAC science. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2011 score with the average score of the three previous years. If the school does not have three previous years of data, two years of data will be used. A school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with 0%-89.9% of students meeting or exceeding state standards on the 2011 PSAC science assessment, points are earned as follows:

No Improvement	=	0 points
Improvement of at least 0.1 but under 2.5 percentage points	=	1/3 point
Improvement of at least 2.5 but under 5.0 percentage points	=	2/3 point
Improvement of at least 5.0 percentage points	=	1 point

- Schools with 90% or greater of students meeting or exceeding state standards on the 2011 PSAC science assessment automatically earn 1 point regardless of improvement.

7. Attendance – 6 possible points

a. Current Status - A high school shall be evaluated on its average attendance rate from the two most recent school years. To determine current status, a school's attendance rates from the 2009-2010 school year and the 2010-2011 school year will be averaged. If two years of data are not available, one year of data will be used. A school shall receive points towards its overall performance score as follows:

95% or more attendance rate	=	3 points
90%-94.9% attendance rate	=	2 points
85%-89.9% attendance rate	=	1 point
Under 85% attendance rate	=	0 points

b. Trend - A high school shall be evaluated on improvement of its average attendance rate. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2010-2011 attendance rate with the average rate of the three previous years. If the school does not have three previous years of data, two years of data will be used. A school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with a 2010-2011 attendance rate of 0%-94.9%, points are earned as follows:

No Improvement	=	0 points
Improvement of at least 0.1 but under 0.5 percentage points	=	1 point
Improvement of at least 0.5 but under 1.0 percentage points	=	2 points
Improvement of at least 1.0 percentage points	=	3 points

- Schools with a 2010-2011 attendance rate of 95% or greater earn 3 points regardless of improvement.

8. Students Enrolled in AP or IB Classes – 3 Possible Points

Trend – A high school shall be evaluated on improvement in the percentage of its students enrolled in at least one AP or IB class. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2010-2011 enrollment

percentage with the average percentage of the three previous years. If the school does not have three previous years of data, two years of data will be used. A school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with a 2010-2011 AP/IB enrollment rate of 0%-34.9%, points are earned as follows:

No Improvement	=	0 points
Improvement of at least 0.1 but under 2.5 percentage points	=	1 point
Improvement of at least 2.5 but under 5.0 percentage points	=	2 points
Improvement of at least 5.0 percentage points	=	3 points
- Schools with a 2010-2011 AP/IB enrollment rate of 35% or greater earn 3 points regardless of improvement.

9. ***Students Scoring 3+ on AP Exams or 4+ on IB Exams – 3 Possible Points***

Trend – A high school shall be evaluated on improvement on the percentage of its students who are enrolled in AP classes that score 3+ on at least one AP exam, or are enrolled in IB classes that score 4+ on at least one IB exam. Improvement trend is determined by comparing the 2010-2011 AP/IB success percentage with the average percentage of the three previous years. If the school does not have three previous years of data, two years of data will be used. A school shall receive points as follows:

- For schools with 0%-89.9% of AP/IB enrolled students scoring 3+ on AP exams or 4+ on IB exams in 2010-2011, points are earned as follows:

No Improvement	=	0 points
Improvement of at least 0.1 but under 1.0 percentage points	=	1 point
Improvement of at least 1.0 but under 3.0 percentage points	=	2 points
Improvement of at least 3.0 percentage points	=	3 points
- Schools with 90% or greater of AP/IB enrolled students scoring 3+ on AP exams or 4+ on IB exams in 2010-2011 earn 3 points regardless of improvement.

10. ***Students Making Expected EPAS Reading Gains – 3 possible points***

Current Status - A high school shall be evaluated on the percentage of its students making expected gains in reading from one year to the next on the EPAS assessment series as follows:

Schools with an EPAS Reading Gains score at or above the 85 th district-wide percentile	=	3 points
Schools with an EPAS Reading Gains score at or above the 50 th district-wide percentile, but below the 85 th district-wide percentile	=	2 points
Schools with an EPAS Reading Gains score at or above the 15 th district-wide percentile, but below the 50 th district-wide percentile	=	1 point
Schools with an EPAS Reading Gains score below the 15 th district-wide percentile	=	0 points

11. ***Students Making Expected EPAS Mathematics Gains – 3 possible points***

Current Status - A high school shall be evaluated on the percentage of its students making expected gains in mathematics from one year to the next on the EPAS assessment series as follows:

Schools with an EPAS Mathematics Gains score at or above the 85 th district-wide percentile	=	3 points
Schools with an EPAS Mathematics Gains score at or above the 50 th district-wide percentile, but below the 85 th district-wide percentile	=	2 points
Schools with an EPAS Mathematics Gains score at or above the 15 th district-wide percentile, but below the 50 th district-wide percentile	=	1 point
Schools with an EPAS Mathematics Gains score below the 15 th district-wide percentile	=	0 points

VI. SCHOOLS IDENTIFIED AS NEEDING REMEDIAL ASSISTANCE

On a date to be determined by the CEO or his designee, after school performance data is available, schools will be notified as to their accountability designation hereunder.

A. Schools Placed on Remediation

Any school that receives a Remediation status as described in Section IV.B. hereunder shall participate in a remedial program in which a Remediation Plan is developed by the CEO. A Remediation Plan may include one or more of the following components:

1. Drafting a new school improvement plan;
2. Additional training for the local school council;
3. Directing the implementation of the school improvement plan; and
4. Mediating disputes or other obstacles to reform or improvement at the school.

In creating a Remediation Plan, the CEO or designee shall monitor and give assistance to these schools to ensure that all aspects of the plan, including the school budget, address the educational deficiencies at these schools and ensure the development and full implementation of a school's NCLB Corrective Action measures and/or Restructuring plan.

For all schools placed on Remediation, the CEO or designee shall approve the final Remediation Plan, including the school budget.

B. Schools Placed on Probation

1. **School Improvement Plan and Budget:** Each school placed on Probation shall have a school improvement plan and a school budget for correcting deficiencies identified by the Board. The CEO or designee shall develop a school improvement plan that shall contain specific steps that the local school council and the school staff must take to correct identified deficiencies. The school budget shall include specific expenditures directly calculated to correct educational and operational deficiencies identified at the school.

In creating or updating the required plan, the CEO or designee shall give assistance to Probation schools to ensure that all aspects of the plan, including the school budget, reflect and are tailored to the individual needs of the school and that the plan addresses the educational deficiencies at these schools. For schools with a federal school improvement status for failure to make adequate yearly progress (AYP), the school improvement plan shall also include strategies and activities to achieve AYP and ensure the development and full implementation of the school's NCLB Corrective Action measures and/or Restructuring plan, as applicable.

The Board shall approve school improvement plans and budget for all schools, including schools placed on Probation, as part of the annual school fiscal year budget resolution. Any updates to such school improvement plan or school budget to address new data on the deficiencies at Probation schools and schools with a federal school improvement status shall be approved by the Board in accordance with the state's timeline for Board approval of federal school improvement plans. Thereafter, any amendments to the school improvement plan or budget shall be approved by the CEO or designee.

Except when otherwise specified by the CEO, the Chief Area Officer (CAO) and CAO designees shall serve as the probation team that will identify the educational and operational deficiencies at Probation schools in their Area to be addressed in the school improvement plan and budget presented to the Board for approval.

2. **Monitoring:** The CEO or designee shall monitor each Probation school's implementation of the final plan and the progress the school makes toward implementation of the plan and the correction of its educational deficiencies.

3. Additional Corrective Measures: Schools placed on Probation that, after at least one year, fail to make adequate progress in correcting deficiencies are subject to the following actions by the approval of the Board, after an opportunity for a hearing:

- a. Ordering new local school council elections;
- b. Removing and replacing the principal;
- c. Replacement of faculty members, subject to the provisions of Section 24A-5 of the Illinois School Code;
- d. Reconstitution of the attendance center and replacement and reassignment by the CEO of all employees of the attendance center;
- e. Intervention under Section 34-8.4 of the Illinois School Code;
- f. Operating an attendance center as a contract turnaround school;
- g. Closing of the school; or
- h. Any other action authorized under Section 34-8.3 of the Illinois School Code

The Law Department shall develop and disseminate hearing procedures for hearings required before taking any of the corrective actions specified above.

VII. REMOVAL FROM PROBATION STATUS – SUSTAINED ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENTS

A. The Chief Executive Officer shall remove from Probation any school that no longer meets the criteria established by the Board for a Probation status as follows:

1. Except as provided in Section VII.B below, schools in their first year of Probation status during the 2010-2011 school year shall be removed from probation if they achieve Achievement Level 1 or Achievement Level 2 rating hereunder.

2. Except as provided in Section VII.B below, schools in their second or later year of probation status during the 2010-2011 school year must show sustained academic improvement with two consecutive years of Achievement Level 1 or Achievement Level 2 ratings to be removed from Probation.

B. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, for schools where the Board has taken action under 105 ILCS 5/34-8.3(d)(2) or (4), the school will remain on Probation until such time as the school makes Adequate Yearly Progress for two consecutive years or until a period of five (5) years has passed since the Board took such 8.3(d)(2) or (4) action, whichever occurs later.

Amends/Rescinds:	Adopted 10-0728-PO4 (2011-2012 School Year)
Cross References:	10-0728-PO3; 09-0624-PO1; 08-0602-PO2; 07-0328-PO1; 06-0823-PO2; 06-0322-PO2; 04-0225-PO3; 03-0423-PO03; 02-1218-PO01; 99-0825-PO2
Legal References:	105 ILCS 5/34-8.3; 105 ILCS 5/34-8.4; 105 ILCS 5/24A-5.

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Chicago Public Schools Policy Manual

Title: REVIEW AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES

Section: 703.2

Board Report: 05-0622-PO1

Date Adopted: June 22, 2005

Policy:

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

Adopt a policy for the review and establishment of school attendance boundaries.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish a process and procedures for the establishment of attendance boundaries for new schools and for the review and revision of attendance boundaries that the Board may determine are necessary from time to time.

POLICY TEXT:

I. Annual Review of Attendance Boundaries

The Department of School Demographics and Planning (DSP) shall review the enrollment at existing schools to determine if there is a need to revise existing boundaries as necessary. If it is determined that there is a need to revise any existing boundaries, DSP shall develop and recommend any proposed changes to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the beginning of the school year in which the changes will take effect. In addition, DSP shall have responsibility for developing and recommending proposed boundaries for new schools to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the beginning of the school year in which the new school boundaries will take effect.

II. Factors to be Considered

In reviewing and proposing revisions to boundaries for existing schools and proposing attendance boundaries for new schools, DSP shall consider a range of factors, including the following:

A. Capacities of Each of the Schools Involved in the Proposed Boundary Revisions

In considering whether to revise attendance boundaries at existing schools, DSP will consider the extent to which a school is overcrowded or underutilized. Where feasible, the goal is for elementary schools to be utilized at not more than eighty percent of design capacity, and for high schools at not more than one hundred percent of program capacity. Schools will be considered severely overcrowded if they are operating in excess of 100% utilization and significantly underutilized if they are less than thirty percent. DSP also shall consider these utilization rates when proposing revisions to attendance boundaries for existing schools and when proposing attendance boundaries for new schools.

B. Current and Projected Racial and Ethnic Composition of the Schools Affected

Where feasible, DSP shall propose establishing or revising attendance boundaries to maintain or promote stably desegregated enrollments in each of the affected schools and to avoid the creation of one-race schools.

C. Geographic Barriers

In proposing new or revised attendance boundaries, DSP shall consider geographical barriers so as to promote safety and minimize transportation burdens, to the extent feasible.

D. Travel Time and Distance

In proposing new or revised attendance boundaries, DSP will seek to minimize travel time and distance, to the extent feasible.

E. Program Considerations

In proposing new or revised boundaries, DSP shall consider the placement of programs, such as programs for English Language Learners and for special education students. In addition, DSP shall consider the impact of magnet schools and programs and the requirements of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*.

III. Process

As necessary, DSP shall provide a report to the CEO regarding whether there is a need for changes to existing boundaries or for developing boundaries for new schools. For each proposed attendance boundary, DSP shall develop at least two alternatives. For each alternative, DSP shall prepare a report for the CEO showing three-year enrollment projections by racial/ethnic group for all schools affected by the proposed change pursuant to each alternative. The report shall document for each alternative the impact on the affected schools for the factors of capacity, geographic barriers, travel time and program considerations. In developing alternatives, DSP shall consider whether any feasible alternatives would better maintain or promote stably desegregated enrollments in each of the affected schools and/or better avoid the creation of one-race schools. The CEO shall review the report and may suggest additional alternatives.

As necessary, the CEO shall report to the Board if he/she is recommending any changes to existing boundaries and boundaries for new schools. If the CEO is recommending any changes to existing boundaries or any boundaries for new schools, the CEO will provide the Board with the report of the alternatives considered, including data on the factors of capacity, geographic barriers, travel time and program considerations and will recommend the alternative that is being recommended.

Prior to taking action on the establishment or revision of any attendance boundaries, the Board shall conduct public hearings on the proposed changes and the CEO's recommendation. Prior to the public hearing, the Board will make available data on the factors of capacity, geographic barriers, travel time and program considerations. In making its decision, the Board shall consider the factors of capacity, geographic barriers, travel time and distance and program considerations.

Amends/Rescinds: Amends 04-0526-PO4, Adopted 04-0526-PO4
Cross References:
Legal References:

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CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS SPACE UTILIZATION STANDARDS

December 28, 2011

I. Executive Summary

A. *Rationale and Importance for Space Utilization Standards*

1. *Education*

It is important for CPS to codify space utilization standards so that it can clearly define what is adequate teaching and learning space within all of the school facilities it operates. These standards will help to ensure that all students have equal access to a learning environment that effectively supports strong instructional programs. At the early childhood, primary, intermediate, middle and high school levels, the foundation for success is a facility where the amount of existing space and its utilization enables the broad array of instructional programs available and is sufficient to accommodate superior new programs.

CPS is focused on introducing a capacity and space utilization methodology that principals, parents and guardians and community stakeholders can understand. Rather than narrowly prescribe the manner of classroom use, the standards were developed to promote flexibility and to ensure that the space can be programmed to fit student needs.

2. *Operations*

In an effort to achieve its educational goals, the space utilization standards will also help ensure that each school facility is utilized in a manner that improves efficiency, thereby ensuring that the district's limited resources are deployed and operated in an effective manner. Optimizing efficiency can only be accomplished when the district, in partnership with families, local school council members, and community agencies, can rely upon a comprehensive set of measurable indicators that portray the availability and usage of classrooms spaces.

B. *Summary of P.A. 097-0474*

On August 22, 2011, Governor Quinn signed Public Act 097-0474, amending the Illinois School Code by adding requirements for School Action and Facility Master Planning. Public Act 097-0474 requires that the Chicago Public Schools ("CPS") publish space utilization standards by January 1, 2012. Space utilization standards shall include:

(1) the method by which design capacity is calculated, including consideration of the requirements of elementary and secondary programs, shared campuses, after school programming, the facility needs, grade and age ranges of the attending students, and use of school buildings by governmental agencies and community organizations; (2) the method to determine efficient use of a school building based upon educational program design capacity; (3) the rate of utilization; and (4) the standards for overcrowding and underutilization.

105 ILCS 5/34-205 (a)(1)-(4).

CPS must also publish a space utilization report for each school building operated by CPS by December 31 of each year.

C. *Summary of Standards*

For elementary schools, CPS provides an enrollment efficiency range based primarily upon the total number of instructional classrooms available in the main/permanent school building. Each elementary school building is allotted a number of dedicated general education homeroom classrooms, equaling approximately 76% of the total classrooms available. Each elementary school building is also allotted a number of ancillary classrooms equal to approximately 24% of the total classrooms available. As an elementary school's enrollment increases above the efficiency range, a school may be considered overcrowded as programming options are reduced and/or compromised. As an elementary school's enrollment decreases below the efficiency range, a school may be considered underutilized as classrooms are unused and/or poorly programmed making the use of limited resources less effective.

For high schools, CPS provides an enrollment efficiency range based primarily upon the total number of instructional classrooms available in the main/permanent building. Each high school's design capacity, aka maximum capacity, is identified as function of the total number of instructional classrooms multiplied by 30. A high school's enrollment that remains within the 75-80% of design capacity is considered efficiently enrolled, while a high school's enrollment that decreases below 75% of design capacity is considered underutilized and a high school's enrollment that increases above 80% is considered overcrowded.

II. Core Concepts

A. *Elementary Schools - Definitions*

The proposed changes to the way the district calculates space utilization and capacity provides a greater level of detail and will allow principals to better align instructional programming to physical capacity. The new space utilization standards rely upon both familiar defined concepts from the historical methodology and new concepts defined below.

Maximum Capacity is defined as the number of classroom spaces designed as such in a given facility multiplied by 30.

Allotted Dedicated General Education Homerooms Classrooms ("Allotted Homeroom Classrooms") is defined as the number of classrooms spaces required for homeroom use derived as a consistent and adequate proportion of the total number of classrooms present in a given facility.

Allotted Ancillary Classrooms is defined as the number of classrooms spaces required for non-homeroom uses, such as science labs, computer labs, art rooms, music rooms, resource rooms,

special education rooms, governmental agencies and/or community organization special programs, after school programs, and other appropriate uses.

Ideal Program Enrollment is defined as allotted homerooms multiplied by 30¹.

Enrollment Efficiency is defined as an enrollment range defined as Ideal Enrollment less 20% to Ideal Enrollment plus 20%.

Overcrowded status is defined as an enrollment range greater than Enrollment Efficiency.

Underutilization is defined as an enrollment range less than Enrollment Efficiency.

The proposed space utilization standards for elementary school essentially creates a range of efficiency based primarily upon a school facility's total number of classrooms, estimated requirements for dedicated homeroom use, and estimated requirements for ancillary, non-dedicated homerooms use.

¹ See Board of Education of the City of Chicago Policy on Class Size 10-0615-PO1

B. Elementary Schools - Calculations

The baseline efficiency ranges are derived from the district's new construction prototype schools.

The prototype new construction school elementary school contains 39 classrooms: 30 dedicated general education homeroom classrooms and 9 ancillary classrooms. The 9 ancillary classrooms are generally programmed—though not required to be used—as 1 science room, 2 music/art rooms, 1 technology lab, 3 specialized education rooms, and 2 specialty classrooms.

The proportion of homeroom classrooms to ancillary classrooms in this example is roughly 3-to-1; 76.9% of total classrooms are allotted for homeroom use with remainder allotted to ancillary use.

The district will apply this proportion of homeroom-to-ancillary room use model to all elementary schools effective 2011-12 school year and plans to publish annually a list of all elementary schools with associated space use statistics referenced above by December 31 of each school year.

CPS finds this methodology to be consistent with approaches used by other K-12 school districts and resembles calculation strategies referenced by the Council of Educational Facility Planners International (CEFPI)².

² Calculating School Capacity: Local, State & National Perspectives, CEFPI Workshop, October 6, 2007

Total # of Classrooms Within Main Facility	# of Allotted Homeroom Classrooms ¹	# of Allotted Ancillary Classrooms ²	Enrollment Efficiency Range			Maximum Facility Capacity Aka Design Capacity ⁴
			-20% of Ideal	Ideal Program Enrollment ³	+20% of Ideal	
26	20	6	480	600	720	780
39	30	9	720	900	1,080	1,170
52	40	12	960	1,200	1,440	1,560

¹ equal to 76.9% of Total # of Classrooms Within Main Facility

² equal to Total # of Classrooms Within Main Facility less # of Allotted Homeroom Classrooms

³ equal to # of Allotted Homeroom Classrooms X 30

⁴ equal to Total # of Classrooms Within Main Facility X 30

C. High Schools - Definitions

A completely departmentalized high school operates a different type of instructional program from most elementary schools and thus the space utilization standards for high schools must be different than those of elementary schools. While all high school students are generally assigned to homeroom classrooms, the homeroom class size is sometimes larger than the number of students assigned for regular instructional programs.

For high school facilities, CPS will establish both a Maximum Capacity—equal to the total number of instructional classrooms X 30—and an Ideal Enrollment range where total enrollment is 80% of Maximum Capacity.

CPS will also establish the same standard elementary school definition of enrollment efficiency range, where a school's enrollment efficiency is determined to be within +/- 20% of its ideal enrollment.

CPS finds this methodology to be consistent with approaches used by other K-12 school districts and resembles calculation strategies referenced by the Council of Educational Facility Planners International (CEFPI)³.

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D. High Schools - Calculations

Total # of Classrooms Within Main Facility	Enrollment Efficiency Range			Maximum Facility Capacity Aka Design Capacity ¹
	-20% of Ideal	Ideal Program Enrollment ²	+20% of Ideal	
30	576	720	864	900
50	960	1,200	1,440	1,500
70	1,344	1,680	2,016	2,100

¹ equal to Total # of Classrooms Within Main Facility X 30

² equal to 80% of Maximum Facility Capacity

E. Alternate Approaches

Alternate approaches were considered regarding model type. Some models make distinctions for different subject matter. The conclusion was that wide variability in program type does not make such a model dependable across the entire system

CPS finds the classroom-centric methodology on which the Guidelines are based to be significantly more sound and reliable than alternative models such as Building Gross Square Footage (GSF) models, where space utilization is measured on the basis of gross square footage per enrolled student. The conclusion was that wide variability among building types and ratios of non-instructional spaces to instructional spaces does not render an equitable or reliable measure of space utilization.

For example, School A and School B have identical gross square footages of 100,000 sq. ft. but School A has 43 classroom spaces and School B has 35 classroom spaces (School B may have wider hallways or a larger auditorium). Under the Building GSF model, these schools have equal capacity despite the significant difference in instructional spaces present in each building.

III. Other Circumstances

Main/Permanent Space vs. Temporary Space

CPS defines Main/Permanent Space as classrooms present within a CPS Board-owned structure built with a fixed foundation that has permanently attached walls, roof, and floor that cannot be moved or transported either as a unit or in sections. Approximately 85 schools supplement permanent capacity with temporary capacity, typically in the form of modular classroom units or leased facilities. While these temporary classrooms are necessary in most cases to prevent overcrowding, they are not incorporated into the school's total classroom count for the purpose of establishing Ideal Enrollment.

Sharing Space

A co-location is where two or more school units co-share a single facility. In co-location facilities, efficiency is achieved when each elementary school has access to the appropriate number of allotted homerooms and ancillary classrooms as determined by its enrollment. For high schools efficiency is achieved when each high school has access to the appropriate number of total classrooms as determined by its enrollment. Identification of schools' room uses in co-location facilities is required by the Shared Facility Policy (05-0126-PO1).

This is accomplished by assigning to each school the appropriate proportion of total classroom spaces available according to the proportion of students enrolled. For example, in a 50-classroom facility shared by two schools where School A's enrollment is 600 and School B's enrollment is 300, the total number of classrooms available to School A is 33 and the total number of classrooms available to School B is 17. Homeroom and ancillary classroom allotments are then established in accordance with the existing methodology.

In-Area Enrollment vis-a-vis Out-of-Area Enrollment

For elementary and high schools with traditional geographic attendance area boundaries (e.g., neighborhood schools), CPS is compelled to measure the school's actual enrollment efficiency, based on total enrollment relative to capacity, as well as the school's notional enrollment efficiency, based on the percentage of enrollment consisting of students residing within that school's attendance area boundary. As explained further in Appendix A, the notional enrollment efficiency rating assists the District in determining the extent to which a neighborhood school's efficiency or inefficiency relates to a high or low number of out-of-area students enrolled relative to the facility's capacity.

II. Space Utilization for Each School Building

A list of the space utilization assessments for each school will be provided once enrollment data for the 2011-2012 school year has been finalized.

III. Conclusion

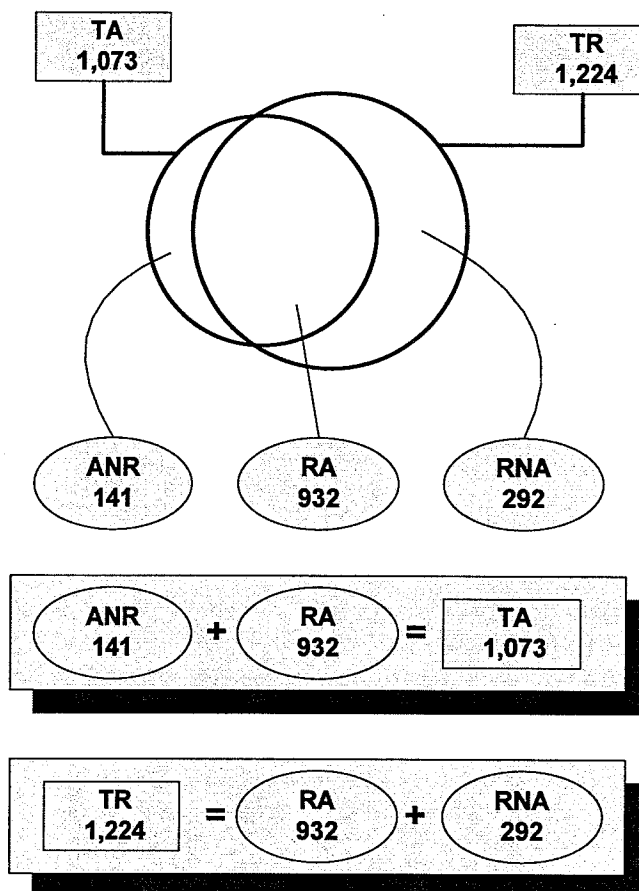
The Chicago Public Schools Space Utilization Standards and school-by-school reports will be published annually after 20th Day enrollment data is available and before December 31st of each year. These reports, which identify the ideal enrollment capacities of all Board-operated public school facilities compared to school enrollment, will better enable principals, community members, and district leadership to render solid decisions concerning the allocation of building space to meet all schools' instructional program needs.

Appendix A

Key School Demographics Statistics and Indicators

For the statistics and diagrams identified below, six examples are used to help explain the meaningful relationships between school demographics and enrollment efficiency.

Example - School A



Total Attending (TA) aka "Enrollment": The total number of students enrolled in School A is 1,073.

Total Residing (TR): The total number of public school elementary school students (grades PK-8) residing within School A's attendance boundary is 1,224.

Residing and Attending (RA): The total number of students that reside INSIDE School A's attendance area and are enrolled in School A is 932. These students are commonly referred to as "in-area" students and can be expressed either as a percentage of School A's enrollment (87%) or as a percentage of TR (76%).

Attending, Not Residing (ANR): The total number of students that reside OUTSIDE of School A's attendance area and are enrolled in School A is 141. These students are commonly referred to as "out-of-area" students and can be expressed as a percentage of School A's enrollment (13%).

Residing, Not Attending (RNA): The total number of students that reside inside of School A's attendance area and are NOT enrolled in School A is 292. These students are commonly referred to as "choice out" students and can be expressed as a percentage of School A's TR (24%).

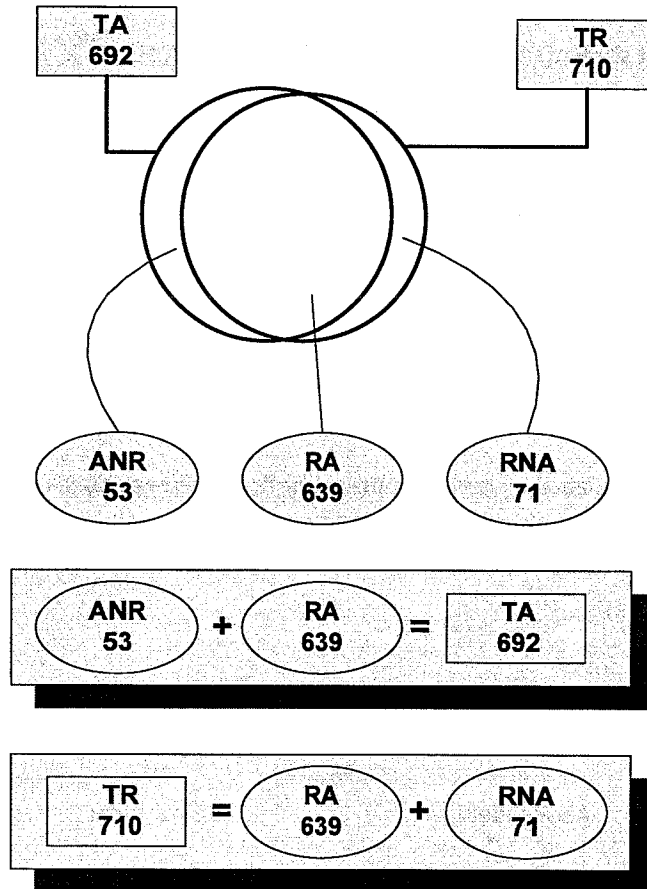
In this example, School A's design capacity is 1,440 and ideal enrollment is 1,034. Because School A's enrollment is 1,073, the actual enrollment efficiency rating for this school is +4% (efficiently enrolled-actual).

School A's notional enrollment efficiency rating is calculated by replacing the school's enrollment by RA, that is, the in-area students enrolled in School A. Because School A's RA is 932, the notional enrollment efficiency rating for this school is -10% (efficiently enrolled-notional).

<u>Design Capacity</u>	<u>Ideal Enrollment</u>	<u>Efficiency Range</u>	<u>Total Enrollment</u>	<u>Actual Utilization</u>	<u>In-Area Enrollment</u>	<u>Notional Utilization</u>
1,440	1,034	827 – 1,241	1,073	+04%	932	-10%
				Above Ideal		Below Ideal

Because both actual and notional efficiency ratings fall within the range of +/-20%, **School A is determined to be efficiently enrolled regardless** of whether the District gauges actual utilization or notional utilization. In such cases, the District finds that the presence of a relatively small number of out-of-area students enrolled relative to the facility's capacity has little to no bearing on the utilization of the school.

Example – School B



Total Attending (TA) aka “Enrollment”: The total number of students enrolled in School B is 692.

Total Residing (TR): The total number of public school elementary school students (grades PK-8) residing within School B’s attendance boundary is 710.

Residing and Attending (RA): The total number of students that reside INSIDE School B’s attendance area and are enrolled in School B is 639. These students are commonly referred to as “in-area” students and can be expressed either as a percentage of School B’s enrollment (92%) or as a percentage of TR (90%).

Attending, Not Residing (ANR): The total number of students that reside OUTSIDE of School B’s attendance area and are enrolled in School B is 53. These students are commonly referred to as “out-of-area” students and can be expressed as a percentage of School B’s enrollment (8%).

Residing, Not Attending (RNA): The total number of students that reside inside of School B's attendance area and are NOT enrolled in School B is 71. These students are commonly referred to as "choice out" students and can be expressed as a percentage of School B's TR (10%).

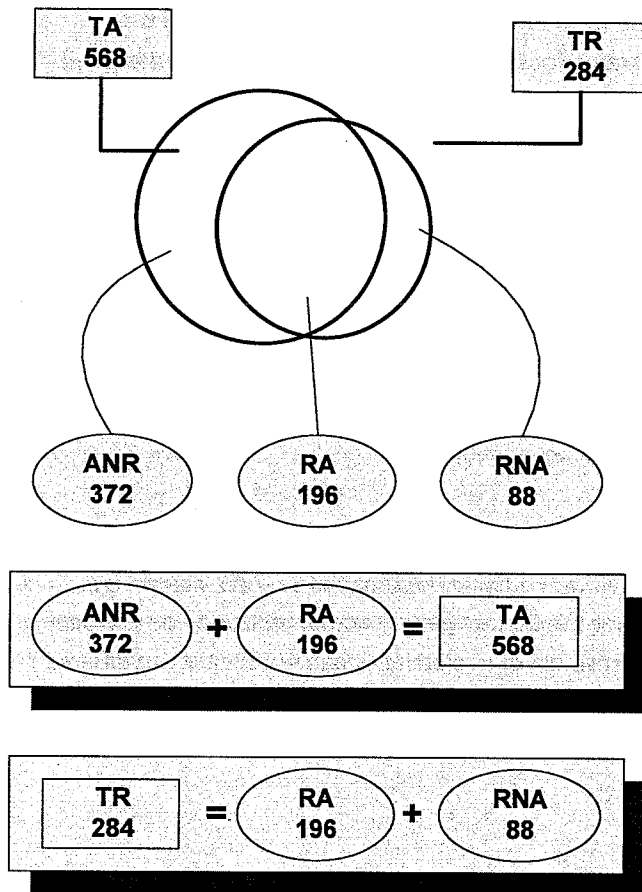
In this example, School B's design capacity is 660 and ideal enrollment is 474. Because School B's enrollment is 692, the actual enrollment efficiency rating for this school is +46% (overcrowded-actual).

School B's notional enrollment efficiency rating is calculated by replacing the school's enrollment by RA, that is, the in-area students enrolled in School B. Because School B's RA is 639, the notional enrollment efficiency rating for this school is +35% (overcrowded-notional).

<u>Design Capacity</u>	<u>Ideal Enrollment</u>	<u>Efficiency Range</u>	<u>Total Enrollment</u>	<u>Actual Utilization</u>	<u>In-Area Enrollment</u>	<u>Notional Utilization</u>
660	474	379 – 569	692	+46%	639	+35%
				Above Ideal		Above Ideal

Because both actual and notional efficiency ratings fall well outside the range of +/-20%, **School B is determined to be overcrowded regardless** of whether the District gauges actual utilization or notional utilization. In such cases, the District finds that the presence of a relatively small number of out-of-area students enrolled relative to the facility's capacity is little to no bearing on the overcrowded status of the school.

Example – School C



Total Attending (TA) aka “Enrollment”: The total number of students enrolled in School C is 568.

Total Residing (TR): The total number of public school elementary school students (grades PK-8) residing within School C’s attendance boundary is 284.

Residing and Attending (RA): The total number of students that reside INSIDE School C’s attendance area and are enrolled in School C is 196. These students are commonly referred to as “in-area” students and can be expressed either as a percentage of School C’s enrollment (35%) or as a percentage of TR (69%).

Attending, Not Residing (ANR): The total number of students that reside OUTSIDE of School C’s attendance area and are enrolled in School C is 372. These students are commonly referred to as “out-of-area” students and can be expressed as a percentage of School C’s enrollment (65%).

Residing, Not Attending (RNA): The total number of students that reside inside of School C's attendance area and are NOT enrolled in School C is 88. These students are commonly referred to as "choice out" students and can be expressed as a percentage of School C's TR (31%).

In this example, School C's design capacity is 570 and ideal enrollment is 409. Because School C's enrollment is 568, the actual enrollment efficiency rating for this school is +39% (overcrowded-actual).

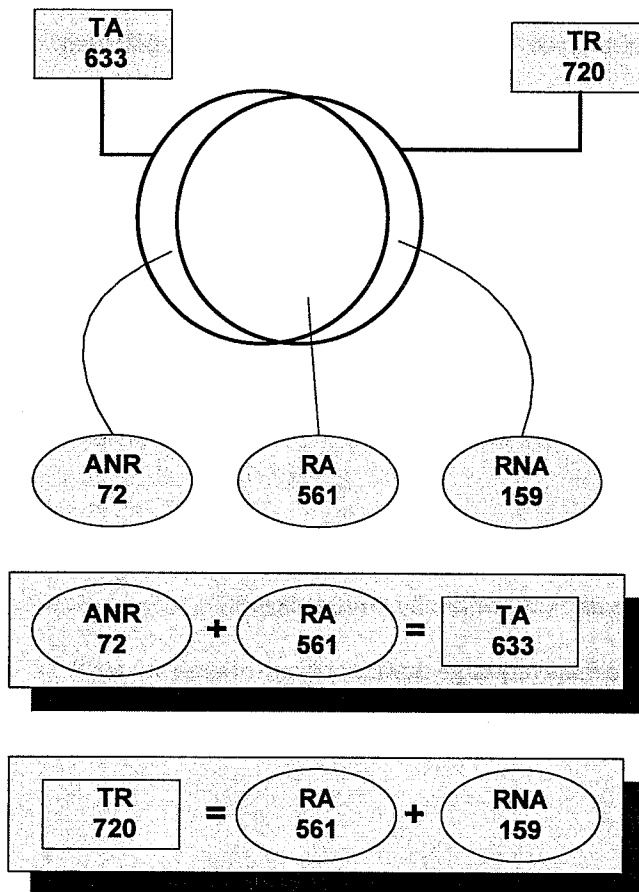
School C's notional enrollment efficiency rating is calculated by replacing the school's enrollment by RA, that is, the in-area students enrolled in School C. Because School C's RA is 196, the notional enrollment efficiency rating for this school is -52% (underutilized-notional).

<u>Design Capacity</u>	<u>Ideal Enrollment</u>	<u>Efficiency Range</u>	<u>Total Enrollment</u>	<u>Actual Utilization</u>	<u>In-Area Enrollment</u>	<u>Notional Utilization</u>
570	409	327 – 491	568	+39%	196	-52%
				Above Ideal		Below Ideal

Because actual and notional efficiency ratings yield two different statuses, both outside the range of +/- 20%, **School C is determined to be actually overcrowded yet notionally underutilized.**

In such cases, the District finds that the presence of a relatively large number of out-of-area students enrolled relative to the facility's capacity has a meaningfully negative impact on the utilization of the school.

Example – School D



Total Attending (TA) aka “Enrollment”: The total number of students enrolled in School D is 633.

Total Residing (TR): The total number of public school elementary school students (grades PK-8) residing within School D’s attendance boundary is 720.

Residing and Attending (RA): The total number of students that reside INSIDE School D’s attendance area and are enrolled in School D is 561. These students are commonly referred to as “in-area” students and can be expressed either as a percentage of School D’s enrollment (89%) or as a percentage of TR (78%).

Attending, Not Residing (ANR): The total number of students that reside OUTSIDE of School D’s attendance area and are enrolled in School D is 72. These students are commonly referred to as “out-of-area” students and can be expressed as a percentage of School D’s enrollment (11%).

Residing, Not Attending (RNA): The total number of students that reside inside of School D's attendance area and are NOT enrolled in School D is 159. These students are commonly referred to as "choice out" students and can be expressed as a percentage of School D's TR (22%).

In this example, School D's design capacity is 690 ideal enrollment is 495. Because School D's enrollment is 633, the actual enrollment efficiency rating for this school is +28% (overcrowded-actual).

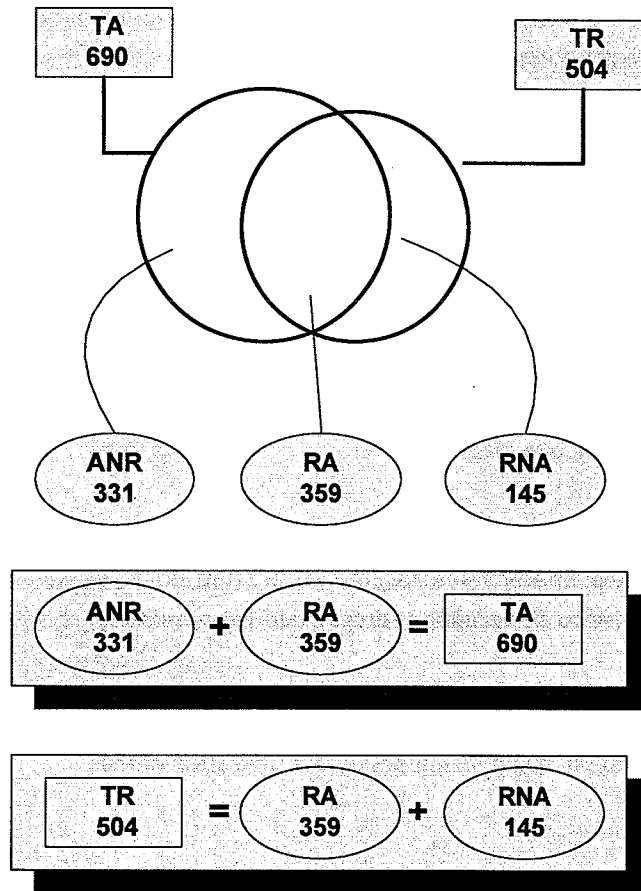
School D's notional enrollment efficiency rating is calculated by replacing the school's enrollment by RA, that is, the in-area students enrolled in School D. Because School D's RA is 561, the notional enrollment efficiency rating for this school is +13% (efficiently enrolled-notional).

<u>Design</u> <u>Capacity</u>	<u>Ideal</u> <u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Efficiency</u> <u>Range</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Utilization</u>	<u>In-Area</u> <u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Notional</u> <u>Utilization</u>
690	495	396 – 594	633	+28%	196	+13%
				Above Ideal		Above Ideal

Because actual and notional efficiency ratings yield two different statuses, the former outside the range of +/-20% and the latter within, **School D is determined to be actually overcrowded yet notionally efficiently enrolled.**

In such cases, the District finds that the presence of a relatively large number of out-of-area students enrolled relative to the facility's capacity has a meaningful negative impact on the utilization of the school.

Example – School E



Total Attending (TA) aka “Enrollment”: The total number of students enrolled in School E is 690.

Total Residing (TR): The total number of public school elementary school students (grades PK-8) residing within School E’s attendance boundary is 504.

Residing and Attending (RA): The total number of students that reside INSIDE School E’s attendance area and are enrolled in School E is 359. These students are commonly referred to as “in-area” students and can be expressed either as a percentage of School E’s enrollment (52%) or as a percentage of TR (71%).

Attending, Not Residing (ANR): The total number of students that reside OUTSIDE of School E’s attendance area and are enrolled in School E is 331. These students are commonly referred to as “out-of-area” students and can be expressed as a percentage of School E’s enrollment (48%).

Residing, Not Attending (RNA): The total number of students that reside inside of School E’s attendance area and are NOT enrolled in School E is 145. These students are commonly referred to as “choice out” students and can be expressed as a percentage of School E’s TR (29%).

In this example, School E's design capacity is 915 and ideal enrollment is 657. Because School E's enrollment is 690, the actual enrollment efficiency rating for this school is +5% (efficiently enrolled-actual).

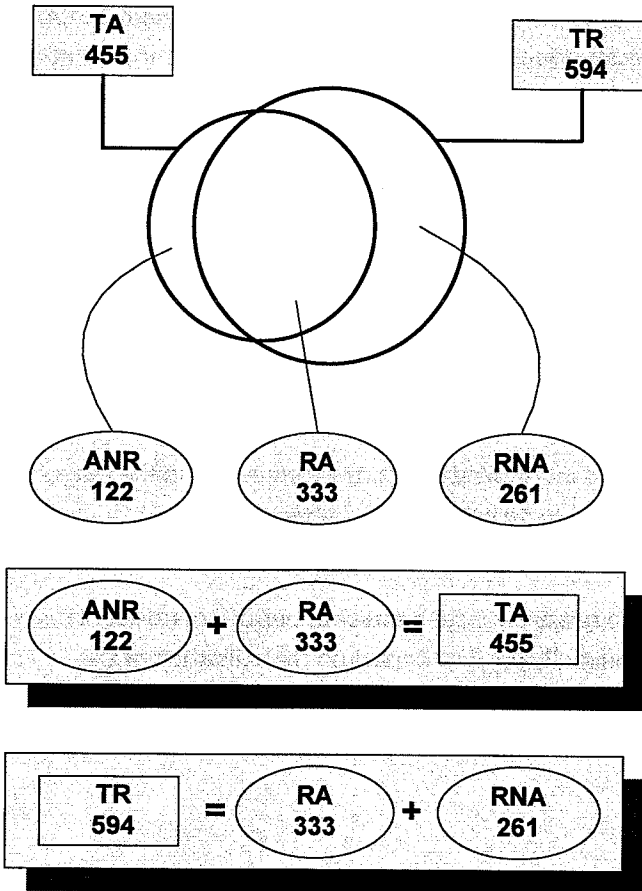
School E's notional enrollment efficiency rating is calculated by replacing the school's enrollment by RA, that is, the in-area students enrolled in School E. Because School E's RA is 326, the notional enrollment efficiency rating for this school is -35% (underutilized-notional).

<u>Design Capacity</u>	<u>Ideal Enrollment</u>	<u>Efficiency Range</u>	<u>Total Enrollment</u>	<u>Actual Utilization</u>	<u>In-Area Enrollment</u>	<u>Notional Utilization</u>
915	657	526 – 788	690	+5%	359	-45%
				Above Ideal		Below Ideal

Because actual and notional efficiency ratings yield two different statuses, the former within the range of +/-20% and the latter outside, **School E is determined to be actually efficiently enrolled yet notionally underutilized.**

In such cases, the District finds that the presence of a relatively large number of out-of-area students enrolled relative to the facility's capacity has a meaningfully positive impact on the utilization of the school as long as the school remains efficiently enrolled.

Example - School F



Total Attending (TA) aka "Enrollment": The total number of students enrolled in School F is 455.

Total Residing (TR): The total number of public school elementary school students (grades PK-8) residing within School F's attendance boundary is 594.

Residing and Attending (RA): The total number of students that reside INSIDE School F's attendance area and are enrolled in School F is 333. These students are commonly referred to as "in-area" students and can be expressed either as a percentage of School F's enrollment (73%) or as a percentage of TR (56%).

Attending, Not Residing (ANR): The total number of students that reside OUTSIDE of School F's attendance area and are enrolled in School F is 122. These students are commonly referred to as "out-of-area" students and can be expressed as a percentage of School F's enrollment (27%).

Residing, Not Attending (RNA): The total number of students that reside inside of School F’s attendance area and are NOT enrolled in School F is 261. These students are commonly referred to as “choice out” students and can be expressed as a percentage of School F’s TR (44%).

In this example, School F’s design capacity is 1,200 and ideal enrollment is 861. Because School F’s enrollment is 455, the actual enrollment efficiency rating for this school is -47% (underutilized-actual).

School F’s notional enrollment efficiency rating is calculated by replacing the school’s enrollment by RA, that is, the in-area students enrolled in School F. Because School F’s RA is 333, the notional enrollment efficiency rating for this school is -62% (underutilized-notional).

<u>Design Capacity</u>	<u>Ideal Enrollment</u>	<u>Efficiency Range</u>	<u>Total Enrollment</u>	<u>Actual Utilization</u>	<u>In-Area Enrollment</u>	<u>Notional Utilization</u>
1,200	861	689 – 1,033	455	-47%	333	-61%
				Below Ideal		Below Ideal

Because both actual and notional efficiency ratings fall outside the range of +/-20%, **School F is determined to be underutilized regardless** of whether the District gauges actual utilization or notional utilization. In such cases, the District finds that the presence of a relatively small or large number of out-of-area students enrolled relative to the facility’s capacity has little to no bearing on the underutilization the school.

Summary

As the District proposes to establish standard (actual) efficiency ratings for all elementary schools, to help better portray the relationship between school demographics (in-area vs. out-of-area enrolled) and utilization, the District further proposes to establish notional efficiency ratings in addition to standard efficiency ratings for all elementary schools with established traditional geographic attendance boundaries (e.g., neighborhood elementary schools).

For all neighborhood elementary schools one of the following six status ratings is possible:

1. Efficiently enrolled-actual / efficiently enrolled-notional [Example –School A]
2. Overcrowded-actual / overcrowded-notional [Example –School B]
3. Overcrowded-actual / underutilized-notional [Example –School C]
4. Overcrowded-actual / efficiently enrolled-notional [Example—School D]
5. Efficiently enrolled / underutilized-notional [Example—School E]

6. Underutilized-actual / underutilized-notional

[Example—School F]

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GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL ACTIONS¹

2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

("Guidelines")

Chicago Public Schools' ("CPS") Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") publishes the following Guidelines to help the public and all interested stakeholders understand the criteria for school actions. CPS is committed to providing every child in every community with access to a high quality education that prepares them for college and career. To that end, CPS must take every step possible to focus our resources on investments that will improve schools for all students. School action proposals will be presented to the Chicago Board of Education ("Board") to help CPS meet this commitment to all its students so that they may access higher quality school options. All proposals presented to the Board for consideration will reflect a commitment to provide impacted students with the option to enroll in a higher performing school.

For the 2012-2013 school year, the CEO will consider the criteria specified below when recommending any of the following school actions:

- closure,
- consolidation,
- reassignment boundary change,
- phase-out, or
- co-location.

I. CRITERIA

A. Criteria for Closure, Consolidation, Reassignment Boundary Change, or Phase-Out

The CEO may propose a closure, consolidation, reassignment boundary change or phase-out using the criteria outlined below.

1. Space Utilization or Grade Alignment

Space Utilization

A school may be considered for a closure, consolidation, reassignment boundary change, or phase-out if it is underutilized or overcrowded based on CPS' Space Utilization Standards and student enrollment numbers recorded on the 20th attendance day for the 2012-2013 school year.

Grade Alignment

A school may be considered for a closure, consolidation, reassignment boundary change, or phase-out if two elementary schools, sharing some part of each other's attendance area, individually offer less than Kindergarten through eighth grades and can be reconfigured to a single Kindergarten through eighth grade school.

2. Constraining Factors

¹ Issuing these Guidelines is consistent with the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/34-230) requiring that the CEO publish guidelines outlining the criteria for school actions.

The CEO may only propose a closure, consolidation, or reassignment boundary change if:

- (a) the students impacted by a closure, consolidation, or reassignment boundary change have the option to enroll in a higher performing school; and,
- (b) the resulting space utilization after closure, consolidation, or reassignment boundary change will not exceed the facility's enrollment efficiency range as defined by the CPS' Space Utilization Standards.

The CEO may only propose a phase-out if the resulting space utilization after considering a closure, consolidation, or reassignment boundary change would exceed the contemplated receiving facility's enrollment efficiency range as defined by the CPS' Space Utilization Standards.

3. Additional Information to Consider

In determining whether to propose a closure, consolidation, reassignment boundary change, or phase-out, the CEO may consider other information including, but not limited to: safety and security, school culture and climate, school leadership, quality of the school facility, school type and programming, family and community feedback received throughout the school year independent from the process described below, analysis of transition planning costs, neighborhood development plans, whether the school has recently been affected by any school actions, changes in academic focus or actions taken pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-8.3, or proximity, capacity and performance of other schools in the community.

B. Criteria for Co-location

The CEO may propose a co-location of two schools within the same facility if:

- (1) the combined projected enrollment is within the facility's enrollment efficiency range as defined by the CPS' Space Utilization Standards; and
- (2) the facility can support the academic programming of both schools.

Furthermore, in determining whether to propose a co-location, the CEO may consider other information, including, but not limited to: safety and security, school culture and climate, school leadership, quality of the facility, and an analysis of transition planning costs.

II. NOTICE AND SCHOOL TRANSITION PLANS

Notice of any proposed school action will be provided to the principal, staff, local school council, parents or guardians, Illinois State Senator, Illinois State Representative, and Alderman for the school or schools that are subject to the proposed school action. Notice will include the date, time, and place of public meetings being held to elicit public comment on the proposal.

Along with notice of the CEO's proposal, the CEO will issue a draft school transition plan dependent on the unique circumstances of the proposed school action. The draft school transition plan will include, but is not limited to, the following: (1) services to support the academic, social, and emotional needs of students; supports for students with disabilities, homeless students, and English language learners; and support to address security and safety

issues; (2) options to enroll in higher performing schools; (3) informational briefings regarding the choice of schools that include all pertinent information to enable the parent or guardian and child to make an informed choice, including the option to visit the schools of choice prior to making a decision; and (4) the provision of appropriate transportation where practicable.

III. DEFINITIONS

“Closing” or “closure” means closing a school and assigning all of the students enrolled at that school to one or more designated receiving schools.

“Co-location” means two separate, independent schools with their own school leader(s) co-existing within a Chicago Public School facility.

“Consolidation” means the consolidation of two or more schools by closing one or more schools and reassigning the students to another school.

“Higher performing school” means:

- (1) receiving a higher level on the Performance Policy for the 2011-2012 school year, or
- (2) if the 2011-2012 school year level on the Performance Policy is equal, higher performing means performing higher on the majority of the following metrics:
 - for elementary schools – for the 2011-2012 school year, percentage of points on the Performance Policy, ISAT composite meets or exceeds score, Value Added reading, and Value Added math,
 - for high schools – for the 2011-2012 school year, percentage of points on the Performance Policy, PSAT composite meets or exceeds score, EPAS gains percentile in reading, and EPAS gains percentile in math, or
- (3) for elementary schools, if the 2011-2012 school year level on the Performance Policy is equal and the school does not have Value Added metrics, higher performing means a higher percentage of points on the Performance Policy and a higher ISAT meets or exceeds score for the 2011-2012 school year, or
- (4) for high schools, if the 2011-2012 school year level on the Performance Policy is equal and the school does not have EPAS metrics, higher performing means a higher percentage of points on the Performance Policy and a higher PSAT composite meets or exceeds score.

“ISAT” stands for Illinois Standard Achievement Test.

“ISAT composite” means the score of the combined ISAT reading, math and science tests.

“EPAS” stands for Educational Planning and Assessment System and includes the EXPLORE test for freshmen, the PLAN test for sophomores, and the ACT test for juniors.

“Performance Policy” means the Board of Education of the City of Chicago’s School Performance, Remediation and Probation Policy, 12-0725-PO2, establishing standards and criteria for placing a school on Remediation or Probation for the 2012-2013 school year based on assessments administered in Spring 2012 and other performance data from prior school years.

The score and status are determined by evaluating key indicators that assess a school's current performance, trend over time and student growth.

"Phase-out" means the gradual cessation of enrollment in certain grades each school year until a school closes or is consolidated with another school.

"PSAE" stands for Prairie State Achievement Examination.

"Reassignment boundary change" means an attendance area boundary change that involves the reassignment of currently enrolled students.

"School action" means any school closing; school consolidation; co-location; boundary change that requires reassignment of students, unless the reassignment is to a new school with an attendance area boundary and is made to relieve overcrowding; or phase-out.

"Space Utilization Standards" mean the Chicago Public Schools' Space Utilization Standards, found at:

http://www.cps.edu/About_CPS/Policies_and_guidelines/Documents/SpaceUtilizationStandards.pdf, establishing standards for determining enrollment efficiency, overcrowding, and underutilization.

"Value Added" means the metric that assesses school effects on students' academic growth, controlling for student characteristics (including, but not limited to, student mobility rates, poverty rates, special education status and bilingual education status), grade level, and prior performance through a regression methodology. Academic growth is measured by the change in scale score points on the ISAT from one year to the next.

END OF DOCUMENT

**THE CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED SCHOOL CLOSURE, CONSOLIDATION, CO-LOCATION, PHASE-OUT, OR REASSIGNMENT BOUNDARY CHANGE

1. Upon considering to recommend to the Chicago Board of Education ("Board") that a school be closed, consolidated, co-located, phased-out, or subject to reassignment boundary change, an independent hearing officer shall be appointed consistent with 105 ILCS 5/34-230(f) to conduct a public hearing.
 - a. The hearing will commence and conclude at the time designated in the notice of hearing;
 - b. The hearing will be transcribed; and
 - c. The hearing officer will be solely responsible for conducting the hearing and will conduct the hearing in an efficient and impartial manner.
2. Chief Executive Officer's Presentation
 - a. An attorney will present the Chief Executive Officer's proposal by making an opening statement and submitting evidence in support of the proposal to be considered by the hearing officer.
 - b. The attorney may also introduce witnesses, who will present statements regarding the proposal. The hearing officer may ask the witnesses questions to clarify any statements they make.
3. Public Participation
 - a. The hearing officer will receive relevant statements, comments, documents or written proposals from members of the public. Written comments will be accepted at the hearing, hearing registration table, and on the next business day, before 5:00p.m., if delivered by hand to the CPS Law Department (125 S. Clark, Suite 700) or electronic mail (Qualityschools@cps.edu).
 - b. All those wishing to comment on the matter being considered will be required to sign up to do so as provided in the notice of hearing.
 - i. Registration must be made in person by the individual who will be commenting on the proposal; and
 - ii. An individual may not sign in to speak on behalf of another person.
 - c. The number of individuals in each hearing room will be limited based on room capacity.
 - d. The hearing officer will determine the order of speakers.
 - e. When called by the hearing officer to speak, the speaker shall proceed promptly to the microphone area where s/he will have two minutes to present his/her remarks and materials to the hearing officer.
 - f. The total number of people speaking at the hearing will be subject to the sole discretion of the hearing officer.
 - g. The hearing officer and the Board's Office of Safety and Security may impose any other reasonable procedures or limitations necessary to ensure that the proceedings are orderly and efficient.
 - h. Courteous, respectful, and civil behavior is expected from all speakers and all people attending a hearing. Disruptive individuals may be removed from the hearing.
4. Hearing Officer's Written Report
 - a. Following the hearing, the hearing officer will prepare and submit to the Chief Executive Officer a written report summarizing the public comments and the documents received at the hearing.
 - b. The hearing officer's report will also determine whether the Chief Executive Officer complied with the requirements of 105 ILCS 5/34-230 and the Chief Executive Officer's Guidelines for School Actions.

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CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
For the Proposed Closure of Altgeld Elementary
School and Wentworth Elementary School
Public Hearing

STENOGRAPHIC REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had in
the above-entitled matter held on April 10, 2013,
at Harper High School, 6520 South Wood Street,
Chicago, Illinois, commencing at 7:34 p.m.

CPS STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

MR. LEONARD MOODY

MS. ELIZABETH MASCITTI-MILLER

ALSO PRESENT:

MR. ADRIAN WILLIS, Chief of Schools
Englewood-Gresham Network

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Chicago Police Department

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2	Shirley Arnold	9
3	Mark Rund	13, 22
4	Corey Allen	18, 34
5	Charnette Marshall	20
6	David Moor	23
7	Samaria Stewart	25
8	Belinda McKinney	27, 37
9	Alderman Latasha Thomas	30
10	Kendal Gibson	39

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1 MR. MOODY: Good evening. I want to
2 start out first of all by saying thank you for
3 coming and making your voice heard. I want to
4 make sure you're aware this is a continuation of a
5 process that we're going through in order to get
6 input on school actions and that over 20,000
7 people have had their opinion heard so far and
8 that this process will continue.

9 I want to start out by introducing
10 myself. I'm Leonard Moody. I'm the Director of
11 Internal Audit for Chicago Public Schools.
12 Facilitating with me is Elizabeth Mascitti. She's
13 the Chief Officer of Early Childhood. And we're
14 going to be facilitating the meeting tonight.

15 Now we're here on behalf of the CEO
16 of Chicago Public Schools. That's Barbara
17 Byrd-Bennett. And we're here to share some basic
18 information. But for the most part, we're here to
19 get your input. And our job is to get your input
20 and to take it back to the CEO and to the Board.

21 I want to also at this point
22 introduce the network chief for this area of the
23 city. And that is Mr. Adrian Willis, who is here
24 to my right.

1 And at this time if there are any
2 principals in the audience, I would like to
3 acknowledge them. So if any of the principals are
4 present, please stand and let us know that you're
5 here.

6 Thanks for coming.

7 Now in order to capture, in order to
8 capture your input, we have some people here to
9 help us. We've got a court reporter who is
10 recording all the words that are being shared at
11 this hearing. We've also got a note taker from
12 Barbara Byrd-Bennett's office who is taking notes
13 specifically for her. So we've got two people
14 here capturing everything that's being said.

15 In addition to that, if anyone needs
16 foreign language translation, we have Spanish
17 translation available. Our translator is here.

18 And also as part of the team here
19 tonight we've got one of the, an official from the
20 Chicago Police Department. That would be Captain
21 Colvitta (phonetic), who is here to my right with
22 us as well.

23 So again, I want to remind you that
24 this is part of a process. And this is the first

1 hearing of three. There will be another hearing
2 here on April 15th, Monday night, at 7:30 where
3 you can also have your concerns heard.

4 And then in addition to that, there
5 will be a public hearing on the 17th, which will
6 be at the Board office of the Chicago Public
7 Schools, 125 South Clark Street. That's going to
8 be at 5:30 that evening.

9 Now let me share with you the
10 proposal that the CEO has made to the Board. And
11 that proposal is that Altgeld be closed. And the
12 students from Altgeld would be welcomed at
13 Wentworth Elementary. And then Wentworth
14 Elementary would then relocate to the Altgeld
15 building.

16 So that is the proposal that's been
17 put before the Board. And the details -- some of
18 the details of that proposal are in this handout.
19 I want to make sure everybody is aware of this
20 handout. It's got more details regarding the
21 actions that are being taken.

22 These were being given out at the
23 registration desk out front. If you don't have
24 one, it would be very helpful to get one.

1 And if you find you've got questions
2 beyond what's shared in the handout, we have an
3 information number you can call, which is 311.

4 And then we also have a website that
5 you can visit. And the address for the website is
6 at the bottom of the handout.

7 So I'm going to very briefly go
8 through a few of the details in the handout,
9 because really our purpose here is to get your
10 input and to hear from you your concerns regarding
11 the change.

12 Now on page one, you'll see a map in
13 the center that shows the location of both of the
14 schools that are involved. On the left-hand side
15 you'll see some historical enrollment data. On
16 the right-hand side you'll see some of the
17 benefits that will accrue to all the students in
18 the new school -- one of those being that there
19 will be a new STEM program for the students in
20 this school.

21 If you take a look at page two,
22 you'll find answers to frequently asked questions.
23 Some of those questions being, how can I enroll in
24 a different school if I'm not satisfied with this

1 change? How can I enroll in a different school?

2 There's answers to that on page two.

3 In addition, page two gives some
4 details of the Safe Passage Plan. It will talk
5 about how CPS plans to work with the community and
6 with the police department to ensure safe passage
7 for the students.

8 And then it also talks about how
9 teachers will be reassigned and how programs will
10 potentially be transferred from the old school to
11 the new.

12 Now page three also lists some of
13 the investments that are being made in the new
14 school to benefit all of the students. Some of
15 those investments are air conditioning, full air
16 conditioning in the building. There are going to
17 be interior improvements. There's going to be a
18 new preK program. There will be new engineering
19 in media labs. And there will be upgraded
20 computer labs. Those are some of the investments
21 that are being made in the new school.

22 So again, I want to thank you for
23 coming out tonight. And we really want to get to
24 public participation so that we can start getting

1 your input.

2 My co-leader is going to facilitate
3 the public participation portion of our time here.
4 So I'm going to hand it over to her.

5 MS. MASCITTI-MILLER: Good evening.
6 Thank you again for coming.

7 I want to review a couple of items
8 for you so we can facilitate our time here
9 together and make sure all your comments are
10 recorded to share back with our CEO, Barbara
11 Byrd-Bennett, and our Board.

12 We have here, as Mr. Moody said, a
13 note taker. But also we have a court reporter
14 recorder who will take down your testimony and
15 make sure that it gets back to, as I said, our
16 CEO.

17 So when you come up to the
18 microphone, please make sure to identify yourself
19 and who your affiliation is with so we can have it
20 on the record for feedback back to our offices.

21 Also included, to let you know, you
22 have two minutes per speaker; but you can -- we
23 are here the entire time. If you find at any time
24 you'd like to come back up, just make sure you go

1 to the registration table, sign up again, and come
2 back out to the podium when we call you up. And
3 we'll give you reminders about that throughout our
4 time together.

5 When you get up to the microphone,
6 we have a time keeper here to help you know when
7 you have 30 seconds, 15 seconds, and we'll let you
8 know when your time is up. And I can help you
9 with that as well.

10 If we don't get through all the
11 speakers this evening or at the end of the night
12 you feel like you'd like to share again, there is
13 a next hearing, as we said, on Monday evening for
14 you to come back.

15 So I will call up the speakers.
16 I'll try to start with three so that you know
17 who's going to be next and be ready for that. And
18 then I'll keep announcing as we move forward.

19 So with that, I'm going to begin.
20 And again if you want to continue to speak
21 throughout the time, we're happy to have you do
22 that. We're here for you, to hear your comments.
23 Just go back up to the registration table to do
24 that.

1 So let me start with Shirley Arnold,
2 followed by Andrea Young, and then Mark Rund. So
3 we'll start with Shirley Arnold. You can come up.
4 And you can use either microphone, whichever one
5 fits better for you.

6 MS. ARNOLD: Good evening. My name is
7 Shirley Arnold, and I'm representing the Altgeld
8 School.

9 And I think it's very unfair that
10 y'all bringing Wentworth and Bonds to Altgeld.

11 MS. MASCITTI-MILLER: You know what? If
12 you can, you can go right there. That might be
13 better, so we can get all your remarks.

14 MS. ARNOLD: Okay. Because how can the
15 teachers teach 50 to 60 kids in the classroom?
16 Y'all bringing two schools in with extra kids.

17 Our teachers here, we've got
18 qualified teachers. I think we've got the best
19 teachers that's here. Because my grand kids'
20 teachers are their hero. And I feel like y'all
21 shouldn't take them from them.

22 Two. I'm going to read this, and
23 then I'm going to let it go.

24 Let me put my glasses on. Excuse

1 me. I'm kind of a little nervous. But that's all
2 right.

3 Okay. On the first day of school my
4 grandson kindergarten teacher took him back to his
5 old classroom, took him back to his old classroom
6 and said he wasn't qualified, you know, for
7 kindergarten. But if it wasn't for that teacher,
8 my daughter would have never stepped up to the
9 plate.

10 It's not the teachers. It's us as
11 parents. If we don't help our children, no one
12 else will.

13 And I think it's us as parents to do
14 our job. Our teachers are qualified. I think
15 we've got the best teachers that a school district
16 can have. Because they're patient with our
17 children. They love our children.

18 If y'all step in that classroom with
19 them, you'll see it.

20 All these teachers are qualified.
21 We don't want these teachers to leave. We don't
22 want Wentworth here. We do not want Bond here.
23 Y'all crossing that borderline with gangs. Don't
24 nobody want to hear that. But that's the truth.

1 I don't want nothing to happen to my
2 grand babies. I grew up in Altgeld. I come from
3 Altgeld. My daughter went to Altgeld.

4 In 30 years y'all going to tell us
5 this school is unqualified? Then 30 years y'all
6 should have put computers there. 30 years y'all
7 should have gave us air conditioners. We
8 suffered.

9 So now you're talking about this
10 what y'all going to do for our children. Don't
11 let me stand up and suck up some of the air y'all
12 fixing to give our children.

13 So I don't understand what y'all
14 doing. They want our community back. But we're
15 not willing to give up our community. We're
16 willing to fight for our community and give it our
17 all.

18 So tell our mayor and all them, that
19 we're not fixing to let this go -- not right now,
20 not right now. We're here to fight. And we're
21 going to fight until the end. And that's it.
22 That's all.

23 MS. MASCITTI-MILLER: Thank you.

24 Before we get to our next speaker,

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1 we have Alderman Thomas here who would like to
2 come up and make a couple of remarks.

3 (Inaudible remarks.)

4 MS. MASCITTI-MILLER: You may.

5 Absolutely.

6 So let's go to our next speaker.

7 Andrea Young is our next speaker followed by Mark
8 Rund and then Corey Allen. So our next speaker is
9 Andrea Young.

10 Is Andrea Young here?

11 Okay. We can come back if she comes
12 back in the room.

13 Then our next speaker is Mark Rund
14 followed by Corey Allen and then Charnette
15 Marshall.

16 MR. RUND: Hi. My name is Mark Rund.
17 I'm a licensed clinical social worker. I work
18 with the Salvation Army Family and Community
19 Services. And just to preface it, I'm going to be
20 a little windy. I've already signed up for
21 another two minutes. So when it's up, just tell
22 me, time's up; because I'm not going to be looking
23 over there.

24 What I want you to know is that I

1 work with the at-risk youth counseling services
2 with the Family and Community Services, which is
3 at the 945 West 69th Street building. And I've
4 worked there for the last eight years.

5 And we have worked inside of
6 Wentworth all of that time with those students and
7 their parents and the teachers and come to
8 meetings when kids are having big problems. The
9 kids are often being suspended.

10 There's no one paying for those
11 services. The Salvation Army, in their mission,
12 has come to them and said, we will provide this.

13 And in fact, the principal that was
14 there for 30 years, not too long ago, maybe five
15 or six years ago stayed there past her retirement
16 so that she made sure that the building, the Red
17 Shield building, which was built after we bought
18 the 945 building, made sure that it was there for
19 her kids.

20 So one of the things that I have to
21 say, just a comment. We're inundated with spend.
22 And I can certainly appreciate air conditioning in
23 classrooms, because I'm in those classrooms
24 sometimes teaching social/emotional learning

1 classes.

2 But I think it would be much smarter
3 for CPS to simply to say from the very beginning,
4 it's about the money. You know, we can't operate
5 these buildings half full -- instead of saying,
6 this is to take care of your kids and make things
7 better.

8 It may also do that. That would be
9 fine. But I think it would be much smarter just
10 to simply lay it down that way. That's simply a
11 comment that I have.

12 A question I have for you is, how
13 many children are you expecting to have per
14 classroom?

15 Can I ask that?

16 MS. MASCITTI-MILLER: We're here to
17 collect your comments at this point.

18 MR. RUND: Well, okay. But here's the
19 thing. I have, you know, four pages that are
20 telling me about everything else but how many kids
21 are in the classroom.

22 So I would be concerned. I'm a
23 grandfather. My kids, they've grown up; but I
24 would be concerned, and I can tell you, being in

1 those classrooms with 28 kids at Wentworth is way
2 too big to begin with, not with the problems that
3 they bring.

4 So where am I at on time?

5 45 seconds?

6 Okay. Where should I start? Okay.

7 So we're there dedicated to being part of that
8 whole campus. We walk back and forth from our
9 offices over to Wentworth and back.

10 And I'm just wondering who made the
11 decision to close Wentworth? We have this big,
12 huge, beautiful building right next to it for the
13 kids. We have counseling services. We have a
14 number of other services. We actually own
15 property from Morgan to Peoria to Green along 69th
16 Street.

17 Wouldn't you think somebody would
18 have at least come and said, you know, we're
19 thinking about doing this. And you know, maybe we
20 need to talk about it.

21 MS. MASCITTI-MILLER: Thank you,
22 Mr. Rund.

23 The next speaker is -- did Andrea
24 Young happen to come back in?

1 Okay. Corey Allen.

2 The next speaker is Corey Allen
3 followed by Charnette Marshall then Mark Rund then
4 David Moor.

5 While you're bringing that up --
6 thank you -- no, please. Just as a reminder, if
7 you do have materials you'd like to leave, please
8 feel free to bring them up and give them to one of
9 the tables over here. We'll make sure they get to
10 our CEO.

11 Make sure when you drop it off that
12 you drop it off at that table so that we can make
13 sure that it's recorded properly. Thank you.

14 Okay. Mr. Allen.

15 You ready? Okay. Good. Thank you.

16 MR. ALLEN: Let me just start by saying
17 good evening to everyone. Good evening to
18 Altgeld. Good evening to the facilitators and
19 network leadership.

20 Good evening to --

21 MS. MASCITTI-MILLER: I'm sorry. We'll
22 give you one more moment. Let's get set up, and
23 then we'll let you get started.

24 Okay. Great. You can go ahead.

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1 Oh. One more time. Hold on one
2 moment.

3 Okay. All right. Thank you.

4 Okay. Mr. Allen. You may begin.

5 MR. ALLEN: Good evening again. So the
6 title of our Power Point is Keep Awesome Altgeld
7 Open.

8 Is it performance? From 2007 to
9 2012 Altgeld is performing at a higher level than
10 Wentworth on the ISAT for the percentages of
11 students meeting or exceeding State standards.

12 Just a couple of notes. 2008
13 Altgeld had 60, Wentworth had 49 in reading. In
14 math also in the same year Altgeld had 77,
15 Wentworth had 48.

16 Fast forward a little bit to 2012.
17 Altgeld in reading had 63. Wentworth had 54. In
18 math Altgeld had 68, and Wentworth had 68.

19 In science -- which is what I teach,
20 I'm a seventh and eighth science teacher at the
21 Awesome John P. Altgeld Math and Science
22 Academy -- Altgeld in science 41, Wentworth 36.

23 When I started there, Altgeld
24 science scores have continuously gone up -- 47,

1 Wentworth had 38. 57 in 2009 for Altgeld,
2 Wentworth had 48.

3 Go on to the next slide.

4 Is it AYP? Wentworth has never made
5 AYP from 2007 to 2012 in reading or math. Altgeld
6 made AYP for reading in 2011. Altgeld made AYP
7 for math in 2008 and 2010.

8 These are just a couple of
9 statistics for you. 2011 Altgeld made AYP,
10 Wentworth didn't in reading.

11 Is it attendance? Altgeld has met
12 AYP attendance requirements for the years of 2007
13 and 2012. Wentworth did not meet the AYP
14 attendance requirement for 2011. Additionally,
15 Altgeld has a higher attendance percentage than
16 Wentworth for the years of 2007 through 2012.

17 MS. MASCITTI-MILLER: Mr. Allen, your
18 time is up. My guess is you might be going back
19 to sign up again to come back. That would be
20 fine.

21 MR. ALLEN: That's fine. Thank you.

22 MS. MASCITTI-MILLER: Okay. Thank you.
23 So you can leave it right up there.

24 So we're going to Charnette Marshall

1 then Mark Rund then David Moor.

2 So, Ms. Marshall. Thank you.

3 MS. MARSHALL: Good evening. My name is
4 Charnette Marshall. I am a parent of a fourth
5 grade student at John P. Altgeld Elementary School
6 as well as the third and fourth grade math teacher
7 at Altgeld Elementary School. And I just want to
8 speak to you guys on behalf of my son.

9 When I had a conversation with him
10 regarding Altgeld closing and him receiving a new
11 staff, he was hysterical. When I had this
12 conversation he asked me, many questions -- why
13 are my teachers leaving? Did they do something
14 wrong? What happened? I don't have those answers
15 for him.

16 So I want to ask you guys -- what
17 was the protocol for choosing Altgeld staff to run
18 these merging schools? I mean, what was the
19 protocol that you went through? What steps did
20 you take in order to choose Wentworth staff or
21 Altgeld staff?

22 As you can see, Altgeld is
23 excelling; and Wentworth is -- I can see that they
24 have a slight rise gradually. But Altgeld has

1 consistently been at a 70 average percent of kids
2 meeting and exceeding the standards.

3 I just really want to know why did
4 you choose Wentworth?

5 Any answers?

6 I mean, I need to go home and tell
7 him, my son. I don't understand. I mean, I know
8 that the staff at Altgeld works many long hours;
9 and I don't know exactly what's going on at
10 Wentworth, because I'm not there. But I do know
11 the blood sweat and tears that go into preparing
12 lessons and executing lessons and reflecting on
13 lessons and figuring out ways for our students to
14 be reached wherever they are academically.

15 Because I -- I'm up at 12:00 and
16 1:00 in the morning doing lesson plans and unit
17 plans and power points and, you know, designing
18 projects for my students.

19 I'm just really concerned about, are
20 you guys putting the right people in front of
21 those kids?

22 MS. MASCITTI-MILLER: Okay. Thank you
23 Ms. Marshall.

24 The next speaker is Mark Rund

1 followed by David Moor then Ms. Johnson.

2 Mr. Rund.

3 MR. RUND: Okay. I don't have much more.

4 But I do want to encourage you that
5 if you've never been in the Red Shield Center at
6 945 West 69th Street, I would encourage you to go
7 in there and take a look at it. Rahm Emanuel has
8 been in there already. As a matter of fact, he's
9 on the cover of our program services guide.

10 As well Mayor Daley was there as
11 part of the groundbreaking crew before the
12 building itself was built.

13 Finally, what I want to say is this.
14 The Salvation Army Family and Community Services
15 will not be able to provide in-school services to
16 Wentworth at Altgeld, because it is too far. It's
17 over a mile away. It will -- our costs will go
18 way up. We'd have to have an office there.

19 I work with master's level students
20 from the major universities here in Chicago. And
21 they need someone who is available to them. And
22 if that's within walking distance, fine. But if
23 it's a mile away, it's a long ways away.

24 So just as a consideration, I would

22

1 hope that someone gives a little bit more thought,
2 not only to what's happening for the Salvation
3 Army, but the entire neighborhood there.

4 In the last eight years the number
5 of houses that have been boarded up is just --
6 much larger than anywhere I would ever think.
7 Green Street along our east side is now blighted.
8 And if there are not plans for the Wentworth
9 building, and it's going to sit vacant for any
10 period of time, that entire neighborhood is going
11 to be in bad shape.

12 MS. MASCITTI-MILLER: Thank you,
13 Mr. Rund.

14 David Moor is next followed by Marya
15 Johnson, Samaria Stewart, and Belinda McKinney.

16 MR. MOOR: Thank you all, today.

17 I was here yesterday with the staff
18 that was here from the other schools. And for
19 full disclosure, my name is David Moor. And I'm
20 with Citizens For Moor.

21 I, for full disclosure, ran for the
22 alderman of the 17th Ward in 2011 and fell short
23 in runoff election by 321 votes against Alderman
24 Latasha Thomas, who brings -- I'm here to say

1 that, because she's the Chairman of the Education
2 Committee on City Council. And to this day she
3 has not had any public hearings calling you all
4 out and to support what you all are doing.

5 Okay. And so at the end of the day,
6 they're moving forward with what they're going to
7 do. My suggest is not to them. It's to you.

8 Nothing is over. Okay. Even if
9 people say it's the law, even if people say it's
10 done, it's up to you. You have the last word.

11 But at the end of the day, what are
12 you willing to do?

13 And what we're proposing and what
14 CTU is proposing and the families are coming
15 together -- when they open these schools back up
16 next fall, you all have to -- do not take your
17 kids to the new school. Come to your school, and
18 demand them to open those schools up.

19 And I'm telling you the pressure
20 will do it. This is a civil rights issue, you
21 all. And so it was a law that we could not vote.
22 It was a law that we could not sit at the
23 counters. But they fought for that.

24 So either you're going to lay down,

1 or you're going to fight; because if you don't,
2 the next school closing rounds, you know what
3 they're going to say then, it's going to be for
4 performance. Because the school is going to be so
5 overcrowded that the kids are not going to learn
6 well.

7 Do you understand what I'm saying?

8 Then they're going to close for
9 performance. And then it's about privatization.
10 It's a pipeline to prison concept, you all. And
11 it gets deeper. I don't have time. I want to
12 respect people's time. That's why we passed out
13 flyers.

14 There will be a meeting this
15 Saturday. Please come out. It's up to you. If
16 you are not willing to do the hard stuff, then
17 it's just going to continue. Thank you so much.

18 MS. MASCITTI-MILLER: Thank you,
19 Mr. Moor.

20 Ms. Johnson, Samaria Stewart, and
21 then Belinda McKinney.

22 Samaria Stewart.

23 MS. STEWART: Good evening. I am an
24 eighth grader at John P. Altgeld. My name is

1 Samaria Stewart. I am the class president at
2 Altgeld.

3 Mr. Willis, I know that you visited
4 Altgeld earlier. I didn't get a chance to speak
5 with you. But I just wanted to let you know that
6 I don't understand what you're doing. Because the
7 students at Wentworth, I know that they wouldn't
8 like this either. And I know they don't.

9 But I just want to let you know that
10 I have my eighth grade teacher sitting back there
11 and my kindergarten teacher. And I don't think
12 that it's fair to them. And I don't think that
13 the students that are coming up under me will be
14 able to adapt to what you all are doing.

15 So if you all could do anything to
16 change it, I would be happy. But if you don't,
17 then we're just going to have to change it
18 ourselves. Thank you.

19 MS. MASCITTI-MILLER: Thank you. Our
20 next speaker is Belinda McKinney.

21 Again just a reminder, if you'd like
22 to come up again, you can go register at the
23 table. This is currently the last speaker for the
24 moment. Thank you.

1 MS. McKINNEY: Good afternoon. My name
2 is Belinda McKinney. I'm a proud teacher at
3 Altgeld School.

4 I was first hearing about the
5 utilization of our building -- I'm sorry, the
6 underutilization of our building. And now it's
7 become an unperforming school. I'm kind of
8 confused right now. Because underutilized. We
9 have two science labs. We have two computer
10 rooms. We have a library. We have a music room.
11 We have a gym. We have technology in each
12 classroom. We have basketball team, grades five
13 through eight. We have a track team. We have
14 published poets. We have an advanced science
15 program in which Monarch donated a grant for
16 \$1,000 which the kids will work on a bona fide
17 garden this summer.

18 We have a beautiful autism program.
19 And I'm one of the proud teachers of that program,
20 which change is not going to be easy for them.
21 And if you know anything about a special needs
22 child, as well as any child, change is not good.

23 To sweep two schools together and
24 bring about a transitioning team is not the

1 answer. The answer is to keep us both open. We
2 have come here to ask you to do that.

3 What's being -- what's happening now
4 is schools are being pitted against school, which
5 is definitely wrong. We teach our children to be
6 competitive. What we're doing right now is going
7 to boil down to pettiness. And I have a whole
8 list of issues here.

9 But we have programs in our school.
10 We have DEA. We have RIF. We have Box Tops. We
11 have the Six Flags Reading, which the kids get
12 coupons to go to Six Flags at a discount. We have
13 the Book It program. We have the Salvation Army.
14 We have the Children's Home Aid. We have Real Men
15 Charities. We have the Book Worm Angels. And we
16 have RIF, which is Reading is Fundamental.

17 We at our school -- and our teachers
18 at our school, we're dedicated. We're
19 professional. We're very supportive. We're the
20 moms, the dads, the sisters and brothers that they
21 don't have. And to change for them for financial
22 gain, it's not right. It's not about a dollar
23 sign. It's about the best practices for kids,
24 again not a dollar sign, but what's best for our

1 kids.

2 Concerns.

3 Gang violence. High schools were on
4 the list. And then all of a sudden high schools
5 weren't on the list. Because we heard it was
6 about them crossing gang lines.

7 Gangs starts in third grade.

8 I had a third grade, a couple of
9 third grade students flashing gang signs in
10 after-school. And I had to sit them down as their
11 counselor, as their mother, their sister, their
12 aunt and explain to them that wasn't the right way
13 to go.

14 MS. MASCITTI-MILLER: Thank you. Thank
15 you for your remarks.

16 MS. McKINNEY: I have to come back? I
17 only have two others.

18 Counseling is emotional -- it's an
19 emotional stability that your about to affect on
20 these children as far as the overcrowding, too.

21 Thank you.

22 MS. MASCITTI-MILLER: Thank you.

23 Now we're going to have Alderman
24 Thomas come up.

1 Thank you.

2 ALDERMAN THOMAS: Good evening.

3 Good evening.

4 As you know, I do not support these
5 actions. I've talked with the Board on different
6 ways that they can resolve whatever issues they
7 considered for Altgeld, but I do not support these
8 actions.

9 There are several reasons why.

10 When -- and I know that there's no
11 Board representation here, only CPS. So CPS, when
12 you considered Altgeld on the list, you could not
13 have been considering the number of special needs
14 children and the low number of classroom --
15 classroom size that's needed in the way Altgeld
16 uses the classrooms. You couldn't have considered
17 that.

18 You couldn't have considered the
19 parent rooms that the Altgeld school uses, that
20 used to be classrooms in the past, but now they're
21 being used to help the student as a whole to
22 better learn in the classroom.

23 You couldn't have been considering
24 the wraparound services that Altgeld is now using, 30

1 because they have more space to use it, which
2 makes the students' environment to learn better.
3 You couldn't have been considering that. Because
4 you wouldn't have Altgeld as an action.

5 You couldn't have been
6 considering -- and I hope you heard the last
7 teacher -- the library, the computer lab, the
8 other uses of the classrooms that actually allows
9 the students in Altgeld to grow. You couldn't
10 have been considering that -- or the mobility of
11 the students or the homeless population that is
12 here. You just could not have been considering
13 that and have Altgeld on this list of actions.

14 Another reason why this, this action
15 does not work is because it puts our children in
16 harm's way -- not just in the walk to Altgeld but
17 also the climate in the building.

18 In this day and time, walking from
19 somewhere around Peoria, Sangamon to Loomis, you
20 are crossing three to four gang territories --
21 three to four gang territories. Three of them are
22 facets of the GDs. And then there's another gang
23 that's battling with the GDs, and they're
24 different factions.

1 We can't have a third grader walking
2 through it and being recruited. We can't have an
3 eighth grader having to join because they are
4 being recruited and being harmed. That you didn't
5 consider.

6 The distance may technically be
7 within the recommendations for walking. But in
8 this day and time, you wouldn't even walk that
9 distance. I encourage you to walk between 69th
10 and 71st, Halsted, 800 west, to Loomis, 1400 west
11 at 8:00 o'clock in the morning, 2:30 in the
12 morning (sic) and 5:00 o'clock in the evening.
13 You wouldn't even want to make that walk. We
14 cannot send our children on that walk.

15 And it's not just the children at
16 Wentworth currently that are affected. It's the
17 children that are in that, that area, that don't
18 live there yet but will be there two years from
19 now that will be affected.

20 It is the area. It's three areas
21 that you're trying to put in one school.

22 Let's talk about Bond.

23 Bond was a receiving school last
24 year. That means they already had two different

1 areas, populations in the school. Now you're
2 asking for Bond to also be a receiving school for
3 some of the Altgeld students and some of the
4 Wentworth students.

5 Now you have three populations in
6 the Bond school. How is that school going to
7 improve when you're constantly changing the
8 culture and the environment for those students?

9 Wentworth. Wentworth, in addition
10 to the safety issues of bringing the students
11 here, Wentworth has community partners, strong
12 community partners that are east of Racine. And
13 you're sending them west of Racine.

14 For all of these reasons and more, I
15 do not support these actions. And you know that I
16 don't support these actions.

17 And to the parents. We are meeting
18 so that you make sure that all of our arguments
19 are directed towards the issues that they are --
20 and the reasons that the Board would say they
21 support these actions.

22 They're not saying that this action
23 is up because of the grades of Altgeld or that
24 it's not improving. They're not saying that.

1 They're saying that we're not utilizing the
2 building. So let's show them how we're utilizing
3 the building. Let's show them why this is unsafe
4 for the children. Let's show them that.

5 Look forward to working with you.

6 Thank you.

7 MS. MASCITTI-MILLER: Thank you,
8 Alderman.

9 The next speaker is Corey Allen
10 followed by Randy Clark.

11 MR. ALLEN: Is it benchmark assessments?

12 MPG, grades K through 2; math,
13 grades three through eight, overall Altgeld had a
14 greater percentage of students meeting or
15 exceeding expected growth from fall to winter than
16 Wentworth on the map and MPG benchmark steps.

17 And here are just some data.

18 Reading percentage of students
19 meeting or exceeding expected growth from fall to
20 winter, we only had, we only failed on fourth
21 grade and in seventh grade.

22 We've exceeded.

23 And in the math we've only done not
24 so well in the fifth grade, sixth, and seventh;

1 but kindergarten, first, second, third, fourth,
2 and eighth, we are exceeding.

3 Is it students on track?

4 Altgeld has a greater percentage on
5 track than Wentworth. Altgeld has 30 percent on
6 track, and Wentworth has 24 percent on track.

7 These are just some numbers that we
8 received from CPS dashboard.

9 Is it unit utilization? Both
10 buildings on the Altgeld campus can hold up to
11 1,000 students. Altgeld has 443 students per the
12 CPS school locator. Wentworth has 323 students
13 per the CPS school locator.

14 If both buildings on Altgeld campus
15 are underutilized, why can't Altgeld occupy the
16 main building and Wentworth occupy the Annex?

17 Next.

18 Are promises kept? Lastly, CPS
19 promised that all students affected by school
20 closings will be sent to a higher-performing
21 school.

22 If this is the case, then the data
23 contradicts CPS' promise and most certainly speaks
24 for itself.

1 This is for the Board.

2 We all went to, went into teaching
3 for the love of children and education -- not the
4 pay.

5 We mold minds every day. Every day
6 we cooperate, and we collaborate. We summarize or
7 synthesize different lessons or topics for
8 students and parents.

9 Just to let everybody in the
10 building know, at Altgeld we're not going to make
11 excuses. Because -- like I teach my students
12 every day -- an excuse is a tool of incompetence
13 which builds monuments of nothingness. And those
14 who use them rarely amount to anything.

15 We're not making excuses at Altgeld.
16 We're producing college-rich students every day.
17 Every day we work hard at Altgeld. Every day we
18 come to work to make sure that these kids are
19 ready for life. Thank you.

20 MS. MASCITTI-MILLER: Thank you,
21 Mr. Allen.

22 The next speaker is Brandy Clark.

23 If you'd like to speak again, please
24 just make sure you register.

1 Okay.

2 MS. McKINNEY: Belinda McKinney again, I
3 left off with the financial part of it.

4 Belinda, B-e-l-i-n-d-a, McKinney,
5 M-c-K-i-n-n-e-y.

6 Financially. Is it our children's
7 fault that our neighborhoods were not rebuilt, the
8 housing was not there, the services was not there,
9 the law enforcement was not there? Is it our
10 children's fault?

11 What happened to the millions of
12 dollars that Clinton put into the Englewood
13 community years ago? What happened to it? All I
14 see is Kennedy-King. I see a Walgreen's. I see a
15 Subway, a couple new McDonalds. It's not our
16 children's fault.

17 The financial stability of CPS
18 should not be put on our children. There is no
19 way you can truly make me understand that
20 financially there's going to be a lot of money
21 saved.

22 If the money was put back into the
23 neighborhoods the way it was supposed to be, not
24 just years ago, but now, we wouldn't be having

1 this discussion. Because my school, Altgeld,
2 would be fine as well as Wentworth. Thank you.

3 MS. MASCITTI-MILLER: Thank you.

4 Now Brandy Clark.

5 No? Thank you.

6 No? Okay.

7 So the next speaker back up then is
8 David Moor.

9 So those are the last speakers that
10 I currently have.

11 If you'd like to register, we are
12 here to listen to your comments. Please feel free
13 to do so.

14 Just as a reminder, there is another
15 meeting on Monday. So that if you don't get to
16 speak tonight, or you want to speak on Monday,
17 they will be holding -- we will be holding a
18 meeting back here Monday.

19 Just as a reminder the Monday
20 meeting is at 7:30.

21 (Whereupon, a short break was
22 taken.)

23 MS. MASCITTI-MILLER: Okay. We have
24 another speaker, Kendal Gibson.

1 MR. GIBSON: Good evening. My name is
2 Kendal Gibson. I'm here for Altgeld School. I
3 graduated from Altgeld School back in 2006. I was
4 employed by Altgeld in 2012.

5 Altgeld School made me the man I am
6 today. They instilled work ethic, honesty,
7 courage -- a lot of things. If it wasn't for
8 Altgeld, I wouldn't be the man I am today, like I
9 just said.

10 I deal with these students every
11 day, and I know what they go through. Me -- still
12 living in Englewood, working in Englewood -- I
13 know what these students go through.

14 The simple fact y'all trying to
15 bring all these students from one area to another
16 area is just sad. It's sickening. Like I said, I
17 still live in Englewood. It's atrocious.

18 You can't bring these kids from
19 certain areas to certain areas. I had a student
20 tell me the other day, when these Wentworth kids
21 get here, it's going to be a problem.

22 And y'all don't see that. Y'all
23 don't work with these children every day. Like
24 the lady said, y'all don't walk these streets. So

1 y'all can't relate to them. I can relate to them.
2 Y'all feel the hurt in my voice. It's sickening.
3 It's saddening. Y'all can't do these kids like
4 that.

5 Y'all think the crime rate is high
6 right now? It starts in elementary school. Like
7 Ms. McKinney said, it starts in elementary school.
8 And I know this.

9 Like I said, I still live here in
10 Englewood. I have little cousins, nieces, nephews
11 in elementary school. So y'all can't tell me it's
12 not going to be a problem.

13 With y'all security routes, it's not
14 going to work. Where the police at when everybody
15 getting killed? Where the police at when
16 everybody getting shot, stabbed, beat up? Nowhere
17 around.

18 So where the police going to be at
19 when the kids got to go to school, walking home
20 from school, walking through these different
21 areas? The police not going to be around. And
22 y'all don't see that.

23 And y'all talking about test scores
24 and all this. I'm a pretty intellectual young

1 man. Altgeld taught me this. My principal and my
2 assistant principal, they was at Altgeld when I
3 was at Altgeld. So I know how that education. I
4 know how they educate the youth.

5 I'm just asking y'all simply, open
6 y'all eyes and see how y'all going to break the
7 community up. It's already hard enough to bring
8 them together. Now y'all trying to bring these
9 kids over here and these kids over here and bring
10 them together. Areas don't like each other. The
11 parents don't even like each other.

12 We have incidents every day. You
13 got parents want to fight students. Students want
14 to fight parents. And you want to bring these
15 kids from over here to over here. You got their
16 parents and their parents going to go at it. You
17 got their kids and their kids going to go at it.

18 Y'all don't see the cycle? Y'all
19 don't see it? Over the six years from 2006 to
20 2012 I've seen Chicago just drop, over these past
21 six years -- education-wise, crime-wise,
22 everything.

23 Can you please, just please open
24 y'all eyes and listen to these people. Y'all

1 don't have to listen to me. Just listen to
2 everybody else. Listen to these children.

3 I'm shaking up here.

4 MS. MASCITTI-MILLER: Thank you,
5 Mr. Gibson. Thank you for coming up.

6 MR. GIBSON: Y'all have a good evening.

7 MS. MASCITTI-MILLER: Thank you.

8 (Whereupon, a short pause was
9 taken.)

10 MS. MASCITTI-MILLER: We know people are
11 getting ready to leave. We will be here until
12 9:30.

13 But just as a reminder, Monday
14 evening we will be back here at 7:30. Thank you.

15 (Whereupon, a brief pause was
16 taken.)

17 MS. MASCITTI-MILLER: Thank you for
18 coming out this evening. The next meeting is at
19 Monday, the 15th, we'll see you then.

20 (Which were all the proceedings
21 had in the above-entitled
22 matter ending at 9:30 p.m.)

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Community Meeting For the Proposal to Close John P. Altgeld Elementary School and Relocate
Daniel S. Wentworth Elementary School
April 9, 2013, 7:30 – 9:30 P.M.
Location: Harper High School, 6520 S. Wood

CPS Facilitators:

Leonard Moody, Internal Audit Officer

Elizabeth Mascitti-Miller, Early Childhood Education Officer

CPS Presentation

Leonard Moody, Internal Audit Officer for CPS, welcomed those in attendance and introduced the meeting. He presented an overview of the materials available to meeting attendees, and provided information about subsequent meetings. Elizabeth Mascitti-Miller, Officer in the Department of Early Childhood Education, reviewed the meeting's purpose, rules and procedures. CPS presented the dates and locations of upcoming meetings and hearings. The facilitators opened the meeting for public comment.

Brief Summary

The purpose of the meeting was to receive public comments on the proposal to close Altgeld Elementary School and relocate Wentworth Elementary School in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-230. There were approximately 32 community members in attendance and about 12 speakers. The speakers included parents, teachers, community members, students, and Alderman Thomas. The speaker comments focused on a variety of topics including the following:

- Community concerns that the closing will create overcrowding in the new school
- Community concerns about student safety; specifically concerned that students will have to travel additional distances through dangerous communities
- The social and emotional needs of the students; concerns that CPS will not provide adequate social and emotional supports if school does not have additional counseling services and social workers
- Concern that CPS did not consult the community in designing school closings
- Information about student performance data; specifically in regards to ISAT scores and AYP designations
- Questions about the criteria that CPS used to designate which schools should close
- Concerns about whether students will be able to receive social services that they currently receive
- Requests for CPS to reconsider the proposal
- Concerns that schools that CPS is not properly defining underutilization; that classrooms at school are all being effectively used

- Testimonials about the dedication and effectiveness of Altgeld's teachers and staff
- Concerns that CPS is only interested in financial gain and not concerned about welfare of students
- Alderman Thomas voiced her opposition to the school action. The Alderman is concerned that CPS did not take into consideration the technological resources and library resources at the school. She also discussed the high rate of student mobility and homeless population at the affected schools, and voiced her concerns that school closings would potentially put student's in harm's way. She is concerned about the distance between the two schools and the gang lines that students would have to cross to attend their welcoming school. The Alderman discussed recent school closures in her community and declared that further school closures would be destabilizing. She reiterated that she does not support the school actions and asked those in attendance to remain involved
- Community questioned why the two schools couldn't both operate at Altgeld facility
- Community voiced support for Altgeld and the importance of the school to the community

CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
For the Proposed Closure of Altgeld Elementary
School and Wentworth Elementary School
Public Hearing

STENOGRAPHIC REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had in
the above-entitled matter held on April 15, 2013,
at Harper High School, 6520 South Wood Street,
Chicago, Illinois, commencing at 7:32 p.m.

CPS STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

MR. LEONARD MOODY

ALSO PRESENT:

MR. ADRIAN WILLIS, Chief of Schools
Englewood-Gresham Network

MR. DONNELL UNDERDUE, Deputy Chief
of Schools,
Englewood-Gresham Network

Reported by: Shelly White, C.S.R.

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1	SPEAKERS	
2	Dale Simmons	8
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1 MR. MOODY: Good evening.

2 Thank you for coming. Tonight's
3 meeting is a continuation of a process that's been
4 underway for over four months and has allowed for
5 over 20,000 people to have their input heard as it
6 relates to the proposed school consolidations.

7 My name is Leonard Moody. I'm the
8 Director of Audit for Chicago Public Schools. And
9 I will be facilitating tonight's meeting. I'm
10 here representing our CEO, Barbara Byrd-Bennett.
11 And primarily our purpose here tonight is to
12 gather information and to listen to any input that
13 the community has to give.

14 I'd like to introduce the CPS
15 representatives here with me today.

16 To my right is Mr. Adrian Willis.
17 He is the network chief for this area. In
18 addition, with him is his deputy, Donnell
19 Underdue.

20 We do have an official, officials
21 here from the Chicago Police Department. We also
22 have a court reporter here who will be taking down
23 every word that is shared.

24 In addition to that, just to make

1 sure we're able to capture everything, we have
2 someone here from the CEOs office who's going to
3 be taking notes specifically for her.

4 If anyone needs Spanish translation,
5 we have a translator. We also have someone to
6 sign if anyone needs that assistance.

7 And in addition we have a time
8 keeper here who is going to help keep us on
9 schedule and make sure that we're giving at least
10 two minutes for every speaker.

11 Now if this is your first time, I
12 just want to say a special thank you and just
13 reiterate that this is the second of three
14 scheduled community meetings.

15 We will have an additional
16 opportunity for your input to be heard on the
17 17th, from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Board Chambers
18 downtown, 125 South Clark Street.

19 So if anybody doesn't get a chance
20 to be heard tonight or would like to continue to
21 comment in the future, you'll have another
22 opportunity on the 17th.

23 Now as these meetings have been
24 taking place, we've been getting lots of questions

1 and input. And we've been trying to gather that
2 input. And so summaries of what's been said to
3 date are on-line on our website and can be
4 accessed there.

5 In addition to that we've got --
6 there's some frequently asked questions that come
7 up. And we put together some responses to some of
8 those. I want to share a little bit of that with
9 you right now.

10 We've got questions regarding Safe
11 Passage. And one of the things that we're
12 planning to do is to have continual meetings with
13 the community, with the parents to develop Safe
14 Passage routes.

15 In addition, every welcoming school
16 is going to get additional security. And the
17 security guard from the school that's being
18 consolidated will follow those students to the
19 welcoming school.

20 Every welcoming school is also going
21 to receive new and upgraded safety -- I'm sorry,
22 school safety supports, such as alarms and entry
23 screening equipment.

24 And CPS is going to be partnering

1 with the Chicago Police Department and the Chicago
2 Department of Streets and Sanitation to identify
3 abandoned buildings and to make sure that potholes
4 and cracked sidewalks that are along the Safe
5 Passage route are taken care of before -- taken
6 care of for that school.

7 Right now I'd like to call your
8 attention to the handout. The handouts were
9 available at the registration desk. They're still
10 there if anybody needs them.

11 But the handout gives additional
12 details regarding the actions that are being
13 proposed and the steps that CPS is planning to
14 take to facility this change.

15 At this point let me share with you
16 the actual proposal that the CEO has put forth.

17 And the proposal is this: CPS
18 proposing Altgeld Elementary and welcoming those
19 students at Wentworth Elementary. Wentworth
20 Elementary will relocate to the current Altgeld
21 Elementary building. That detail is on your
22 handout.

23 And if you need additional
24 information, we have an information line, 311,

1 that you can call. And in addition, there are
2 more details on our website. And the address of
3 the website is also on the bottom of the handout.

4 A couple things I want to bring to
5 your attention, also on page one. There is a map
6 of the boundaries for the schools. It shows both
7 schools. It also gives some enrollment
8 information regarding the schools. And it talks
9 about some of the investments that are going to be
10 made in the welcoming school for all students to
11 benefit from.

12 Some of the things that are going to
13 take place is that there will be a new STEM
14 program established at the welcoming school.
15 There's going to be a new preK program.

16 In addition, there are going to be
17 new engineering and media labs, additional
18 investments in the facilities. There will be an
19 upgraded computer lab. There will be full air
20 conditioning for every classroom that doesn't
21 already have it.

22 And so that's a listing of some of
23 the investments that CPS is planning to make in
24 the welcoming school.

1 Now at this point we're going to be
2 begin our public commentary. I just want to call
3 your attention again to the fact that we have a
4 court reporter, a note taker, a timekeeper.

5 And we're going to be here until
6 9:30. So please, if you want to comment, sign up
7 at the registration desk. I think you'll probably
8 have additional opportunities to sign up, if you
9 need to, need more than two minutes.

10 But with that we're going to go
11 ahead and get started. And I'm going to call our
12 first speaker. And as of right now we only have
13 one person signed up.

14 So if you want to speak, please take
15 this opportunity, visit the registration desk and
16 sign up.

17 But we're going to go ahead and
18 start with Dale Simmons.

19 MR. SIMMONS: Hello, my name is Captain
20 Dale Simmons. I'm with the Salvation Army, Red
21 Shield Center that's adjacent to the Wentworth
22 School.

23 When the Salvation Army decided to
24 reopen its work in the Englewood community, we met

1 with the Englewood community. And one of the
2 things that they asked us to do was to work
3 alongside one of the schools in the community.

4 So it was specifically picked to --
5 that area was specifically picked to work
6 alongside the Wentworth school when we reopened
7 about six years ago.

8 With that, we became more than just
9 a social service agency assisting the Wentworth
10 School. We became part of the school. We became
11 part of offering services not only to their, to
12 the students, but also the parents as well.

13 We offered after-school programs.
14 This is just a couple of things that we offered,
15 music programs. We offered sports activities. We
16 offered homework clubs.

17 And inside the school we offered
18 counseling, peer counseling. And we also started
19 a book club. The book club got so large that we
20 had to have two more book clubs added.

21 During the strike we offered a
22 strike camp. During the school breaks, we offered
23 a school break. So we work alongside the school,
24 the Wentworth School.

1 By moving the school, you're also
2 going to lose some of the support. You're going
3 to make it a little more difficult for us to give
4 that support that was given to the, not only the
5 teachers, but the students and their families.

6 So I wish we were kind of part of
7 the conversation. We weren't part of it. But
8 just take that in consideration before you all
9 make your final decision, that when you do that,
10 you're also affecting what we do for that school
11 as well.

12 Thank you.

13 MR. MOODY: Thank you.

14 Right now we don't have any other
15 speakers signed up. I would encourage you to take
16 advantage of this opportunity. Everything that's
17 being said is being recorded. It's going to be
18 brought back to the CEO and the Board. So this is
19 your opportunity to be heard. And we will be here
20 until 9:30.

21 (Whereupon, a brief pause was
22 taken.)

23 MR. MOODY: Again, I'd like to encourage
24 you to sign up and speak. But I also would like

1 to acknowledge Alderman Thomas who has joined us,
2 is in the room tonight.

3 (Whereupon, a brief pause was
4 taken.)

5 MR. MOODY: We'd like to continue the
6 public participation. We've got some new speakers
7 signed up. We're going to ask Antoinette McLaurin
8 to come forward, followed by Shirley Arnold and
9 then Maria Johnson.

10 Please state your name for the court
11 reporter.

12 MS. McLAURIN: Antoinette McLaurin.

13 Good evening.

14 I'm Antoinette McLaurin at Wentworth
15 School. I'm a parent. I'm the LSC president.

16 One of my main concerns, we're
17 trying to welcome the transition. But one of my
18 main concerns is the safety of our children in the
19 Englewood community as well as them walking to
20 school.

21 So my main concern -- and it is a
22 question. And I would like a response at a later
23 date.

24 I do not want our kids walking. I

1 want them to be transported with a bus service to
2 get them to school safely. We have children that
3 are five, ranging on up.

4 And it is -- I have a nine-year old
5 in third grade. I do not even let him walk to
6 Wentworth. And I live -- my radius is about two
7 minutes.

8 It is not safe. I do not feel good
9 about it. And I need something to go back to
10 secure our parents, give them that safety with our
11 children.

12 So if you all could work out, and I
13 would like something in writing -- not something
14 temporary, but something permanent -- so they can
15 get back and forth to school safely.

16 And another one of my concerns is
17 the meals or how the meals are prepared. They
18 have a, a hot kitchen as you call it. I want them
19 to continue to have a hot kitchen. I do not want
20 my son eating food that's processed, that's coming
21 in, and the staff is just warming it up. So if
22 you all could consider that, I would appreciate
23 it.

24 Thank you.

1 MR. MOODY: Thank you. We'll make sure
2 that your input gets back to the CEO and the
3 Board.

4 At this point if we could hold on a
5 second.

6 If the alderman is prepared to
7 speak?

8 ALDERMAN THOMAS: If I can let some of
9 the parents speak first.

10 MR. MOODY: Sure.

11 Shirley Arnold. I'm sorry.

12 Yeah, Shirley Arnold.

13 MS. ARNOLD: Good evening. I am a parent
14 representative for Altgeld School. And I feel
15 like it's unfair to everyone that y'all switching
16 Wentworth over to Altgeld. Because it's the
17 safety of our children.

18 When they cross Racine, it's a
19 different gang line. We got four different gang
20 line, gangs from Wentworth to Loomis. I don't
21 want my child shot down or being bullied in
22 school. Because you got new kids. They're going
23 to come in and take over. We don't want that for
24 our children. We're begging y'all, do not do

1 this. Do not do this to our children. Because
2 they are safe. We've got enough children out here
3 dying every day for nothing. We don't want this.

4 Because you're not dealing with a
5 grandparent like me. You're dealing with young
6 kids that don't care about carrying a gun, don't
7 care about shooting a child. You understand?

8 If y'all don't, bring y'all kids and
9 let them do the walking. Bring y'all children, if
10 y'all don't understand us -- without no security,
11 without anything, just let them free.

12 That's all we're asking you is the
13 safety of our children. We're begging y'all, do
14 not do this to our children.

15 Salvation Army, I wish you would
16 have gave us what you gave Wentworth.

17 MR. MOODY: Thank you.

18 Next speaker is Maria Johnson.

19 MS. JOHNSON: How y'all doing today.

20 My name is Maria Johnson. I'm a
21 parent from Wentworth Elementary School.

22 My concern is transportation. I
23 don't know -- like she stated, if any of you all
24 have actually made that transition over from

1 Wentworth walking to Loomis, I just want to know
2 that once the transition is made, will there be
3 something in writing? Will we get transportation?
4 And if so, will there be something in writing to
5 guarantee it won't stop in six months.

6 No answers?

7 MR. MOODY: I don't know the answer to
8 that. But we're going to make sure that your
9 request gets to the CEO and the Board.

10 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you.

11 MR. MOODY: At this point, the floor is
12 open for Alderman Thomas.

13 ALDERMAN THOMAS: Good evening. Good
14 evening. For most of you you have heard my
15 statements. You've read my statements. And I
16 will continue to say them.

17 I am not in support of this school
18 action for a number of reasons. First of all, I
19 don't believe that when you looked at the
20 utilization of this school, you took into
21 consideration the number of special needs children
22 in this school and the way they use the classroom,
23 the way they use the parent room, how they've made
24 their own library and computer rooms, how they're

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1 using wraparound services to improve the
2 environment for the children in the school.

3 So I know you didn't consider -- you
4 couldn't have considered those things to put this
5 on the list. I know you didn't consider, you
6 couldn't have, considered the homeless population
7 in this school and how they use the building.

8 And I don't think you really took a
9 look at how Altgeld used their building to improve
10 the education environment such that their scores
11 are improving far faster than Wentworth scores
12 even. I don't think you considered that.

13 One thing I need -- you should look
14 at on the south side of Chicago, the new proposed
15 attendance boundaries would be from Halsted to
16 Ashland. It is known, the Seventh District will
17 tell you, there are five gang territories between
18 Halsted and Ashland.

19 So the safety to and from school is
20 only one issue. The safety in the school is yet
21 another issue; because now you have five
22 territories of children who, even if they're not
23 in a gang, they're still identified with that
24 area, all in the same building.

1 That is not the kind of environment
2 that, that will allow students to learn. They
3 will be more fearful about their safety and will
4 not learn, which will indeed cause the scores at
5 Altgeld/Wentworth to go further down.

6 I'm not sure -- I'm seeing this
7 paper still as Bond being a receiving school.
8 Bond was a receiving school last year. That
9 environment cannot improve when you keep making it
10 a receiving school.

11 How about the partners at Wentworth?
12 The community partners at Wentworth are east of
13 Racine. You are asking them to come west, far
14 west of Racine into another community area.

15 Englewood ends at Racine. West
16 Englewood begins at Racine. So if you have
17 community partners who are charged with doing
18 things in the Englewood community, they're going
19 to be east of Racine. Then those partners who are
20 charged to do things in the West Englewood
21 community, which starts west of Racine.

22 There's so many reasons. You all
23 have heard them. I was not going to speak today,
24 because you've heard me so much. I am going to

1 speak on Wednesday. But there's a Board member in
2 the room. I wanted her to hear me say what you
3 all -- and I'm sure that you're taking this back
4 to the Board. But since she's here, she can tell
5 her colleagues directly what she's hearing about
6 the community.

7 And safety and educational
8 environment and the improvement that Altgeld
9 School is already doing are reasons enough not to
10 go forward with this action.

11 I look forward to working with you.

12 Thank you.

13 MR. MOODY: Thank you, Alderman.

14 Right now I'd like to open the floor
15 to anyone who would like to register and to be
16 heard. There are no other registered speakers on
17 our list. But we will be here until 9:30. So if
18 you would like to be heard, you have that
19 opportunity.

20 (Whereupon, a brief pause was
21 taken.)

22 MR. MOODY: I'd like to call up the next
23 speaker. Jennifer Harding.

24 MS. HARDING: Good evening. My name is

1 Jennifer Harding. I am currently working at
2 Altgeld Elementary.

3 About two years ago I started there
4 assisting the Department of Attendance and
5 Truancy. The program was dissolved. And now I'm
6 employed with Children's Home and Aid.

7 Through the vision of the principal
8 and the assistant principal, they allowed us to
9 come into the school -- last week I was here. And
10 I heard mention of unutilized space. But I'm here
11 to say that now I occupy part of that space.

12 Through Children's Home and Aid, we
13 bring to Altgeld a program. We're working with
14 preschool through third grade. It's a
15 peer-assistant learning program where we work with
16 them to help them in whatever way we can.

17 We help with academics. We help
18 with social skills. We help just to sit and
19 listen. Sometimes that's all it takes.

20 We also help with the parents. We
21 have a 12-step program helping the parents to
22 cope, not only the parents but the grandparents;
23 because the majority of our kids are now being
24 raised by the grandparents and the great

1 grandparents, and they need help. And we're there
2 helping. We're helping the school. We're helping
3 the school, the parents, the community. At this
4 time I am a student/family liaison. So I am still
5 in Englewood.

6 My agency is also in Englewood.
7 It's a 60th and Marshfield. And we want Altgeld
8 open. Thank you.

9 MR. MOODY: Thank you.

10 Please feel free to sign up if you'd
11 like to speak.

12 (Whereupon, a brief pause was
13 taken.)

14 MR. MOODY: We have another speaker. I'd
15 like to call up LaMonica Boynes.

16 MS. BOYNES: Good evening. My name is
17 LaMonica Boynes, representing Altgeld School. I
18 just wanted to share some information with you.

19 Altgeld School is part of the
20 Englewood-Gresham Network, under the leadership of
21 Mr. Adrian Willis, Chief of Elementary Schools.

22 Within the Englewood-Gresham Network
23 Altgeld is classified in the math, science, and
24 technology cluster. With the use of intense data

1 analysis of all available student and school data,
2 it is required that teachers delivered
3 data-driven, intentional, challenging, and
4 engaging instruction every day in every content
5 area.

6 The multi-dimensional and
7 multi-discipline nature of many school challenges
8 requires a team approach. It is the goal of
9 Altgeld to implement this approach by contributing
10 skills and coordinating efforts toward the most
11 positive, inviting, and interactive culture and
12 climate as possible.

13 John P. Altgeld envisions an
14 academic environment inclusive of motivated
15 teachers, students, involved parents, and
16 community partners striving to produce
17 success-driven, productive long life -- lifelong
18 learners by the use of technology and rigorous
19 curriculum global exposure.

20 John P. Altgeld Elementary will
21 provide a nurturing and safe environment to
22 motivate students to strive for academic
23 excellence, college and career-readiness through
24 differentiated technological and inquiry-based

1 instruction.

2 All stakeholders will be committed
3 to developing diverse learners that potential
4 independents through appropriate academic and
5 social skills to become cultured and productive
6 members of society.

7 Over the past three years Altgeld
8 has undergone several changes that have affected
9 all Altgeld stakeholders -- the students, parents,
10 staff and community.

11 My -- keep going?

12 As of 2012-2013 school year, we have
13 been able to establish a strong foundation with
14 new administrative leadership, newly-appointed
15 staff members, and community partnerships.

16 Through these changes, we as a
17 school, have been critic -- made critical but
18 necessary changes that have yielded increased
19 student performance within the first half of the
20 2012-2013 school year.

21 Altgeld adopted Balanced Literacy as
22 our reading curriculum, Everyday Math for grades
23 kindergarten through fifth grade, Mathematics
24 sixth through eighth grade as our math curriculum,

1 the Sally SePup, Foss, and It's All About Time --
2 I'm sorry -- It's About Time as our science
3 curriculums.

4 We have established a strong
5 foundation by gradually increasing in reading
6 throughout all grade levels.

7 Additionally we have incorporated
8 components of our Balanced Literacy program into
9 the math and science instruction. With this
10 approach to providing reading instruction, it
11 also -- I'm sorry, it allows us to meet the
12 individualized needs of all students.

13 Altgeld provides additional support
14 to at-risk students by implementing the following:
15 Small group or guide instruction; reading
16 interventionalist or our push-in or pull-out
17 programs; paraprofessional pull out support;
18 intercession academic enrichment; after-school
19 programs, such as, AIM High, SES, After School,
20 and Altgeld after-school programs; cluster program
21 meeting. Cluster planning meetings. And
22 scheduled data analysis on all professional
23 development days.

24 Altgeld develops the focused plan of 23

1 whole school staff professional development based
2 on the school's assessment data, priorities, and
3 growth targets.

4 MR. MOODY: Ms. Boynes, could you please
5 conclude.

6 MS. BOYNES: Okay.

7 In closing, Altgeld provides parents
8 a variety of opportunities to gain knowledge
9 regarding school performance, current goals with
10 action plans, and daily expectations of students.

11 Thank you.

12 MR. MOODY: Thank you.

13 At this point I'd like to call our
14 next speaker, Lynetta Smith.

15 MS. SMITH: Good evening. My name is
16 Lynetta Smith. And I represent Altgeld Elementary
17 School.

18 My name is Lynetta Smith, and I am
19 an educator at John P. Altgeld. I guess my
20 concern is that the Board seems to be putting
21 emphasis on the investments they are making toward
22 technology and upgrades at the welcoming school.

23 Altgeld already has three computer
24 labs. Teachers have I-pads, smart boards in the

1 classrooms, Mac computers.

2 You say you're going to have a preK
3 program. Altgeld already has an active headstart
4 program. Air conditioning? Altgeld has dedicated
5 teachers that have gave their all every day
6 without air.

7 As far as the utilization goes, even
8 once Wentworth takes over the buildings, the
9 buildings will still be underutilized. Have you
10 really solved the problem you allege is the issue?

11 I know I heard through a news
12 conference the welcoming schools will be
13 higher-performing schools. And as we showed last
14 week, that is not the case when it comes to
15 Wentworth. On average Altgeld School has
16 outperformed Wentworth in basically every
17 category. Yet the decision has been made to
18 disperse the staff at Altgeld in its entirety.

19 If it was really about the students
20 and their education, why couldn't the staff at
21 Altgeld be retained or even considered to continue
22 to educate the students that have already
23 developed relationships with those teachers.

24 It's just a lot of twisting and

1 hearsay. And the questions and the meat of the
2 information is not being answered.

3 We have a lot of questions. We're
4 here we're asking all these questions. And you
5 keep dancing around the issue and not really
6 giving true answers.

7 And just being an educator and
8 employee of CPS, I think I deserve an answer.
9 That's my livelihood. I came into education to
10 educate children. And for you to just tell me,
11 without giving me a real reason, why I'm no longer
12 able to pursue that career is crazy to me. It's
13 crazy to me.

14 And I think if nothing else, the
15 staff at Altgeld, at least, deserves some answers
16 instead of a bunch of questions and a bunch of
17 dancing around the issues.

18 And that's pretty much all I have to
19 say.

20 Thank you.

21 MR. MOODY: Thank you.

22 If anybody else would like to have
23 their voice heard, have their commentary taken
24 back to the Board and the CEO, now is your

1 opportunity. Please feel free to sign up at the
2 registration desk.

3 I'd like to call up the next
4 speaker, Deshawn Russell.

5 MR. RUSSELL: My name is Deshawn Russell.
6 I am a current student of Altgeld Elementary
7 School. I have been at Altgeld since third grade.
8 I really feel it's unfair that Altgeld is closing.
9 It shouldn't be closing.

10 Altgeld has an excellent staff. We
11 have a great principal, assistant principal. And
12 overall we have a great school. Altgeld really
13 should not be closing.

14 We now have a great student council.
15 Please hear me out. Altgeld should not be
16 closing. Don't close Altgeld. Thank you.

17 MR. MOODY: Thank you.

18 We have another speaker. I'm
19 calling Nyla Holbert.

20 MS. HOLBERT: Ms. King and Ms. Vaughn is
21 my hero.

22 PARENT: Those are her teachers --
23 Ms. Vaughn and Ms. King is her heros from Altgeld.

24 MR. MOODY: Thank you.

1 (Whereupon, a brief pause was
2 taken.)
3 MR. MOODY: At this point we're going to
4 conclude our public commentary. It is 9:20. We
5 have no speakers. We'll still be here for the
6 next ten minutes.
7 (Whereupon, a brief pause was
8 taken.)
9 MR. MOODY: We want to thank everybody
10 for coming in and appreciate your input. We are
11 concluded.
12 (Which were all the proceedings
13 had in the above-entitled
14 matter concluding at 9:30 p.m.)
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Public Hearing to Consider:

Proposed Closure of John P. Altgeld Elementary School and Relocation of Daniel S. Wentworth Elementary School Statement of Benjamin Felton, Portfolio Planner

April 17, 2013

Good evening, Your Honor. My name is Benjamin Felton. I am a Portfolio Planner for the Chicago Public Schools. I have been in this position since July 2012. As a Portfolio Planner, I manage strategic planning to improve the efficient utilization of CPS facilities. Prior to becoming a Portfolio Planner, I worked as a teacher at CPS. I then joined the Tennessee Department of Education, where I focused on teacher and principal recruitment and contributed to the development of the department's five-year strategic plan. I have a Bachelor of Science from Vanderbilt University.

I have been asked to appear at this hearing today to convey to you, the parents and the community, as well as interested members of the public in attendance, information regarding the space utilization of the Altgeld facility with respect to the proposal to close Altgeld.

According to the Chief Executive Officer's Guidelines for the 2012-2013 school year, the CEO may propose to close a school if it is underutilized based on CPS Space Utilization Standards and student enrollment numbers recorded on the 20th attendance day for the 2012-2013 school year. The CEO may only propose a closure if the impacted students have the option to enroll in a higher performing school and the resulting space utilization after the closure will not exceed the facility's enrollment efficiency range as defined by the CPS Space Utilization Standards. I will discuss the details regarding the space utilization of this proposal, while my colleague Adrian Willis will discuss the performance of the welcoming school and highlight the supports being offered in the draft transition plan.

Altgeld is currently located at 1340 West 71st Street. Altgeld is an elementary school that, as of the 20th day of attendance for the 2012-2013 school year, serves 443 students in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten through eighth grades.

To understand the enrollment efficiency range of a facility, Chicago Public Schools utilizes its Space Utilization Standards, which are located in your binder at tab 14.

The enrollment efficiency range is plus or minus 20% of the facility's ideal enrollment. For elementary school facilities, the ideal enrollment is defined as the number of allotted homerooms multiplied by 30. The number of allotted homeroom classrooms is approximately 76%-77% of the total classrooms available. As an elementary school's

enrollment increases above the efficiency range, a school may be considered overcrowded as programming options are reduced or compromised. As an elementary school's enrollment decreases below the efficiency range, a school may be considered underutilized as classrooms are unused or poorly programmed, making the use of limited resources less effective.

A typical elementary school facility has a total of 39 classrooms. Therefore, the number of allotted homerooms, approximately 76%-77% of 39, is 30 classrooms. Multiplying 30 classrooms by 30 equals the ideal enrollment number of 900. Finally, the enrollment efficiency range is plus or minus 20 percent of 900, which is 720 - 1080. If a school in this typical elementary school facility had an enrollment below 720, it would be considered underutilized. Alternatively, if the school's enrollment was above 1080, it would be overcrowded.

There are 41 total classrooms within the Altgeld facility. Approximately 76%-77% of this number is 31, the number of allotted homerooms. This number multiplied by 30 yields the ideal enrollment of the facility, which is 930. As such, the enrollment efficiency range of the Altgeld facility is between 744-1,116 students.

As I stated, the enrollment of Altgeld, as of the 20th day of attendance for the 2012-2013 school year, is 443. This number is below the enrollment efficiency range, and thus, the school is underutilized.

The CEO has proposed that the students from Altgeld be welcomed by Wentworth. Wentworth will be relocated from its present location to the current Altgeld facility at 1340 West 71st Street. If this proposal is approved by the Board of Education for the City of Chicago, the resulting space utilization will not exceed the 1340 West 71st Street facility's enrollment efficiency range as defined by the CPS Space Utilization Standards.

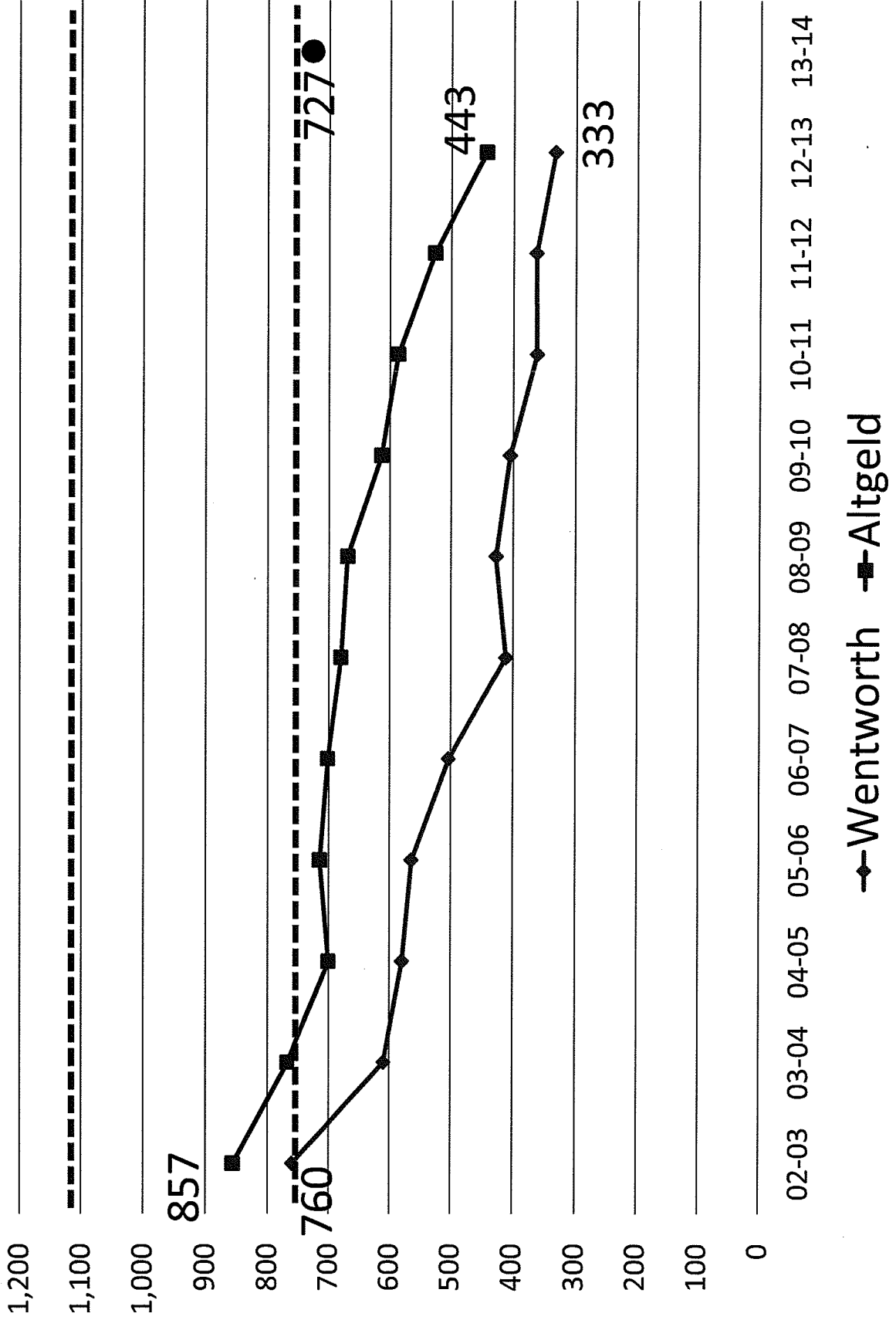
To explain fully the enrollment trend associated with these schools, I would like to direct your attention to the screen. Projected is a slide that shows the enrollment trend of Altgeld and Wentworth, green-hashed lines showing the enrollment efficiency range of the 1340 West 71st Street facility, and a circle representing the combined projected enrollment for 2013-2014. Altgeld's current enrollment of 443 students and Wentworth's current enrollment of 333 students combines to a total of 776 students, within the enrollment efficiency range of the Altgeld facility. Further the projected enrollment of Altgeld for the 2013-2014 school year is 413 and the projected enrollment for Wentworth is 314, for a total of 727 students, which is also within the Altgeld enrollment efficiency range. Thus there is enough space within the . Even the combined projected enrollment of 727 for 2013-2014 is within the 1340 West 71st Street facility's enrollment efficiency range. Thus, there is enough space within the 1340 West 71st Street facility for students from Altgeld and students from Wentworth.

If Altgeld is closed, the CEO is also proposing that Altgeld's attendance area be reassigned to Wentworth currently located at 6950 South Sangamon Street, but proposed to be located at 1340 West 71st Street. In addition, a small portion of the geographic boundary currently associated with Carrie Jacobs Bond Elementary School, or Bond, located at 7050 South May Street will be reassigned to Wentworth. Thus, Wentworth will also become the neighborhood school for the students not currently enrolled at Bond, who live within the Bond boundary that will be reassigned to Wentworth. A map showing the proposed boundary change is located in your binder at tab 23 and copies of this map were available tonight at the registration desk. In proposing this boundary change, several factors were considered as outlined in the Review and Establishment of School Attendance Boundaries Policy, including, but not limited to, the capacities of the schools involved, geographic barriers, travel time, distance traveled, and program considerations.

You will next hear from my colleague, Adrian Willis, who will discuss the performance of Wentworth and highlight the proposed transition efforts.

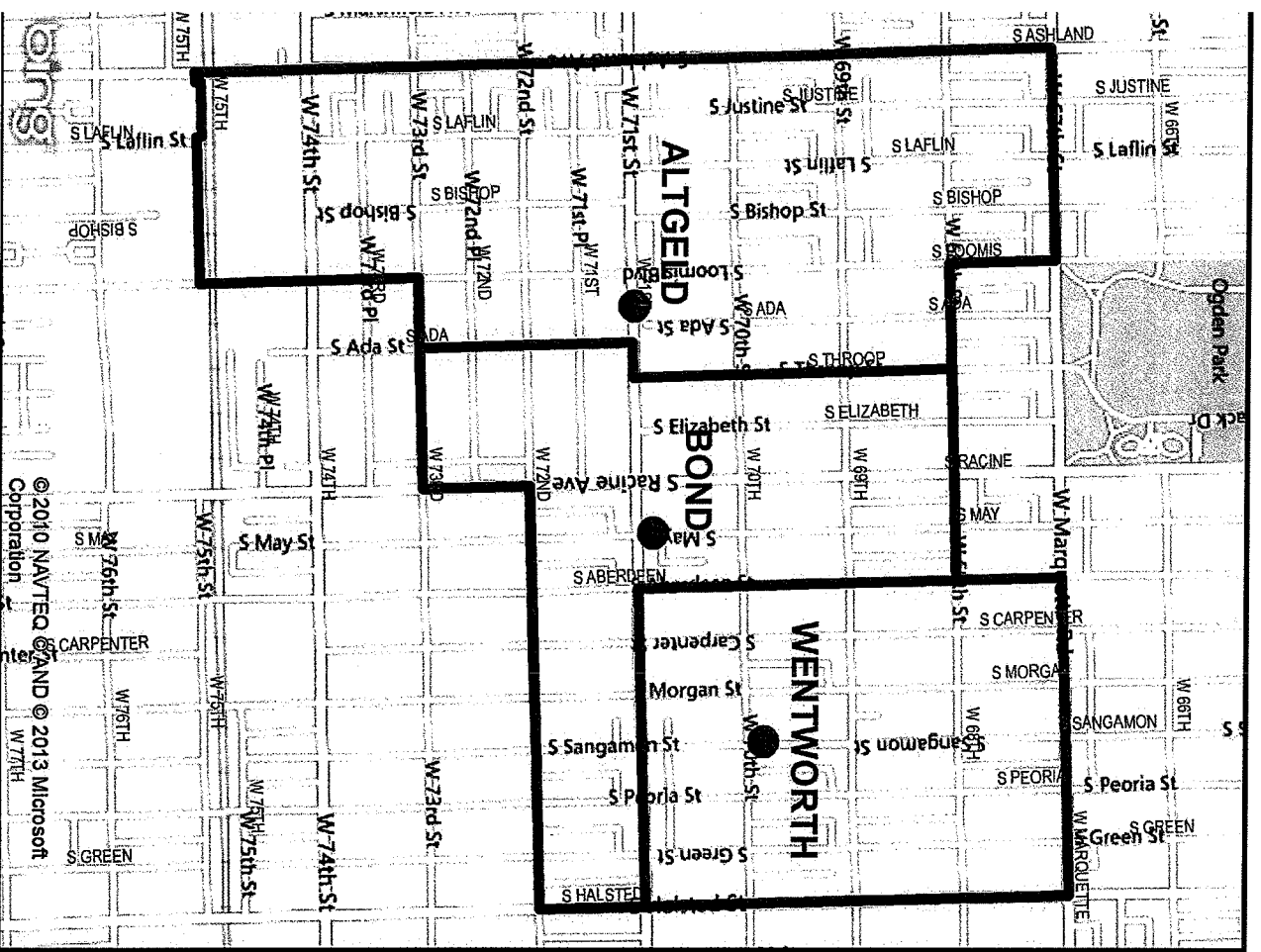
Thank you, Your Honor. This concludes my statement.

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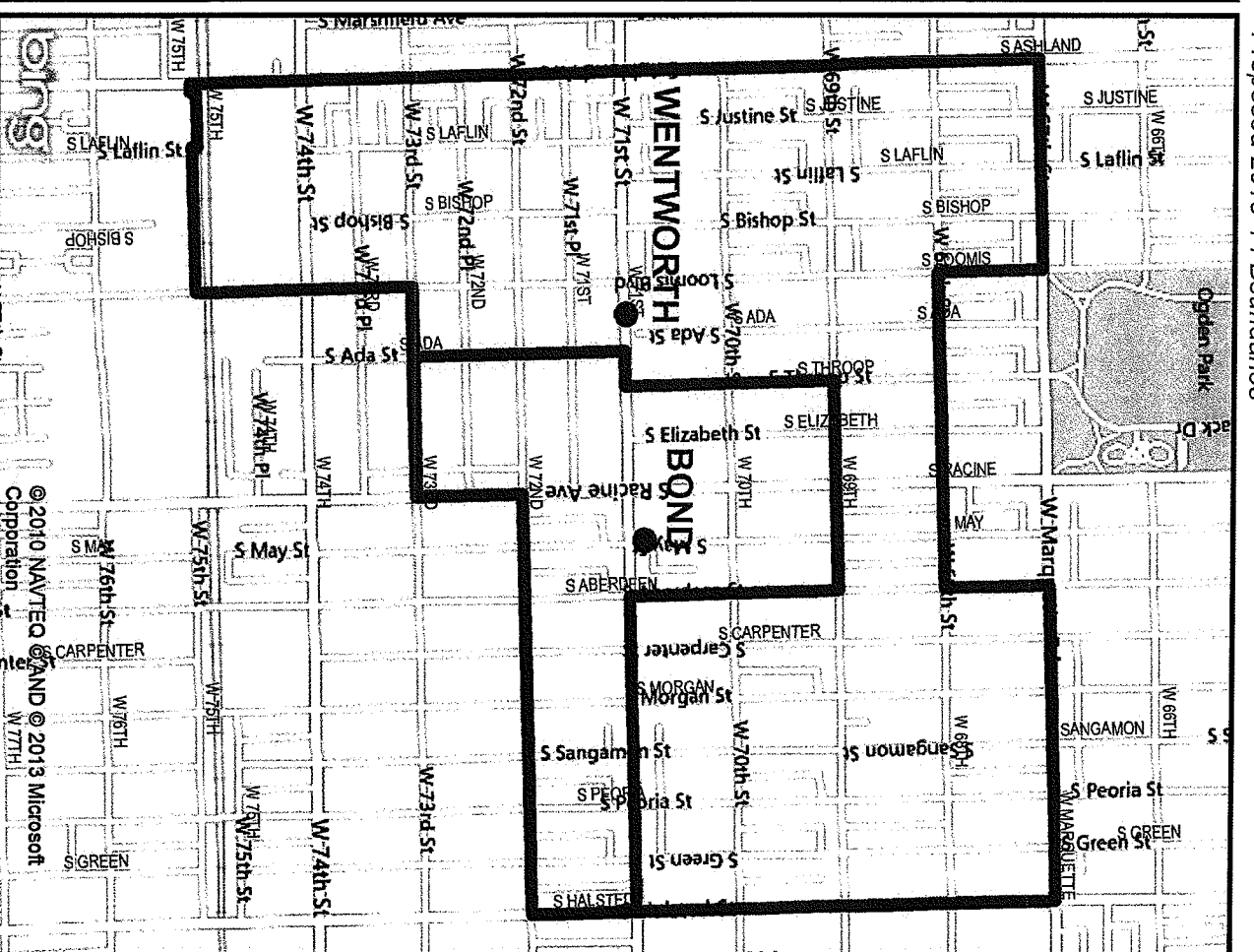


Current and Proposed Attendance Area Boundaries

Current 2012-13 Boundaries



Proposed 2013-14 Boundaries



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Public Hearing to Consider:

Proposed Closure of John P. Altgeld Elementary School and Relocation of Daniel S. Wentworth Elementary School

Statement of Adrian Willis, Chief of Schools for the Englewood-Gresham Elementary Network

April 17, 2013

Good evening Your Honor. My name is Adrian Willis. I am the Chief of Schools for the Chicago Public Schools, Englewood-Gresham Elementary Network. Chicago Public Schools are divided up into Networks. Network offices are run by a Chief and provide support and oversight for the schools assigned to them on behalf of the CEO. Wentworth is within the Englewood-Gresham Elementary Network and I am responsible for the support and oversight of Wentworth on behalf of the CEO. I have been the Chief of Wentworth since July 2008.

By way of background, over the past 23 years, I have worked in a number of capacities within public education, including teacher, assistant principal and principal before becoming a Chief. Prior to assuming the position of Chief of Elementary Schools in the Englewood-Gresham Network in 2008, I served as the principal of Earle Elementary School from 2006 through 2008. During my tenure, Earle experienced 13.6 percentage point gains in ISAT composite scores. Prior to that, I served four years as principal of Keller Regional Gifted School. I have a Master of Arts in Educational Administration and am currently pursuing a doctorate.

As you have already heard, Altgeld fits the criteria of the Chief Executive Officer's Guidelines for School Actions because it is underutilized based on CPS Space Utilization Standards and student enrollment numbers recorded on the 20th attendance day for the 2012-2013 school year. If this proposal is approved, Altgeld students will be welcomed by Wentworth, and Wentworth will relocate to the current Altgeld facility, located at 1340 West 71st Street. The facility at 1340 West 71st Street has enough space for Altgeld and Wentworth students and the resulting combined enrollment will not exceed the facility's enrollment efficiency range.

When Altgeld students are welcomed by the Wentworth administration, staff, and students, they will be attending a higher performing school based on the CEO's Guidelines for School Actions.

The CEO's Guidelines for School Actions define a higher performing elementary school to be a school receiving a higher level on the Performance Policy for the 2011-2012 school year. The CEO's Guidelines also define a higher performing elementary school, if the Performance Policy level is equal, to be a school performing higher on the majority of four performance metrics for the 2011-2012 school year. Both Altgeld and Wentworth received a Level 3 rating in 2011-2012. Thus, the higher performing school

under the Guidelines is the one that performed higher on the majority of four performance metrics.

The four performance metrics analyzed are the percentage of points the school received on the Performance Policy, the ISAT composite meets or exceeds score, the Value-Added score in reading, and the Value-Added score in math. I will explain each of these metrics below and explain how Wentworth performed higher than Altgeld in 2011-2012.

The first metric to compare is the schools' percentage of points received on the Performance Policy. The Performance Policy bases its rating on a point system. Points are received for the school's current level of performance and improvement over time on standardized tests and attendance, as well as the growth of individual students from year-to-year on the state test. For 2011-2012, Wentworth received 45.2% of available points and Altgeld received 26.2% of available points. Thus, Wentworth received a higher percentage of points on the Performance Policy.

The second metric is the ISAT Meets or Exceeds Composite score, which is the combined result of the ISAT reading, mathematics, and science assessments. Wentworth's ISAT Meets or Exceeds Composite score was 59.4% and Altgeld's Meets or Exceeds Composite score was 66.2%.

The third and fourth metrics are the schools' Value-Added score in reading and math. Value-Added is a component of the Performance Policy that compares student academic growth on the ISAT at a school with the growth of similar students across the District. This is done through a regression methodology that controls for nine student-level factors, including grade level, prior performance on the ISAT, free or reduced lunch eligibility, race or ethnicity, mobility, participation in the Students in Temporary Living Situations program, Individualized Education Program (or IEP) status, English Language Learner status, and gender. Controlling for these factors allows us to see how much impact the school had on its average student over the past year. Because we control for prior performance, this metric allows us to identify schools with low test scores where growth is rapid, and schools with high test scores where growth is slow.

The Value-Added metric is a standardized measure with a mean of zero. Standardization means that the score is reported in standard deviation units, which is a measure of how far away the school's score is from the District average. A positive number means that students at the school are growing at a faster pace than similar students in the District. For example, a positive 1 indicates that the school is one standard deviation above the mean, meaning that the school's students are growing at a faster pace than approximately 84% of schools in the District. A score near zero means that students at the school are growing at about the same pace as similar students in the District. And a negative score means that students at the school are growing at a slower pace than similar students in the District.

As you can see, Wentworth's reading Value-Added score was 0.8 in 2012 and Altgeld's reading Value-Added score was -4.6. This means that, on average, students at Wentworth grew at a faster pace in reading when compared to students at Altgeld. Wentworth's mathematics Value-Added score was 1.7 in 2012 and Altgeld's Value-Added score was -2.1. This means that, on average, students at Wentworth grew at a faster pace in mathematics when compared to students at Altgeld.

To summarize, Wentworth performed higher than Altgeld in 2011-2012 on the majority of the metrics identified in the CEO's Guidelines for School Actions, and thus, is a higher performing school.

If this proposal is approved, students will receive additional supports at Altgeld during the remainder of this school year and at Wentworth next year, and the Network will provide assistance to ease the transition process as much as possible. CPS has developed a plan dedicating additional resources to address any safety concerns and to fulfill students' academic, social and emotional, and other individual needs. The draft transition plan, explaining these additional resources, was sent home to all families affected by this proposal and is located in your binder at tabs A1 and A2. CPS will publish final transition plans, if the Board approves this proposal, which will incorporate feedback from community meetings, this hearing, and additional input received.

The CPS Office of Safety and Security, or OSS, has worked with the Chicago Police Department, Department of Family and Support Services, local community groups and faith partners, elected officials, and other sister agencies to develop a plan for the safe transition of students. If this proposal is approved, OSS will take the following steps:

- First, OSS will review and update school safety audits, security personnel allocations, and school safety technology systems to make enhancements as appropriate,
- Second, OSS will be available to address specific safety concerns raised by students and staff.
- Third, OSS will provide Safe Passage supports for students and staff traveling to and from school. Safe Passage workers wear identifiable vests and stand on designated street corners to monitor students' safety during their travel to school in the morning and home in the afternoon. Prior to the start of the 2013-2014 school year, OSS will work with the Wentworth administration and the community to designate specific intersections for safe passage supports.

Additionally, students will receive academic supports as they transition, including the following:

- First, a Principal Transition Coordinator, or PTC, will be assigned to help the principal of Altgeld maintain academic rigor for the remainder of the school year and ensure a smooth transition to Wentworth. PTCs are former principals, or

other administrators with significant experience, who will be a resource for the administration and ensure continuity of support for faculty and students.

- Second, the Wentworth administration will receive comprehensive, student-specific data on all transitioning students to allow staff to proactively identify individual student needs and prepare to meet those needs.
- Third, principals will receive discretionary resources to provide direct academic support to students. For example, these funds may be used to provide an instructional coach, teacher leader, or to obtain an academic tutoring position or program for students in reading and math. I will support the principals as they consider how to use these resources and approve their selections once decisions are made.
- Fourth, beginning this fall, CPS will offer students attending Wentworth with an opportunity to participate in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, or STEM, program. The STEM program aims to build engaging learning environments and trains students to become problem solvers and critical thinkers on a global level, capable of developing and designing multiple solutions for complex real-world situations and grounding their decisions in evidence-based reasoning.

Students will also receive social and emotional supports to help them adjust to a new school environment, including the following:

- First, CPS will help school staff members facilitate intervention groups or peace circles aimed at helping students work through concerns associated with the transition.
- Second, CPS will help staff members implement restorative practices, such as peer circles and peer juries, to encourage peer-to-peer problem solving and resolution.
- Third, groups of students in need of more individualized attention will be provided with access to highly structured interventions.
- Fourth, to foster an environment that is both supportive and inclusive for all students, CPS will provide resources to the Wentworth leadership to implement culture-building activities, such as staff luncheons and team- and trust-building activities. Resources will also be provided to sponsor activities such as school visits for families, coffee chats with the principal, picnics, field trips, or parent meetings to help transitioning families get to know their new school.

Finally, additional transition supports will be provided to ensure that Altgeld students who have unique needs or circumstances are adequately supported in this transition, including students with diverse learning needs, students in temporary living situations, English language learners, and early childhood participants. These additional supports are described in more detail in the draft transition plan, located in your binder at tabs A1 and A2.

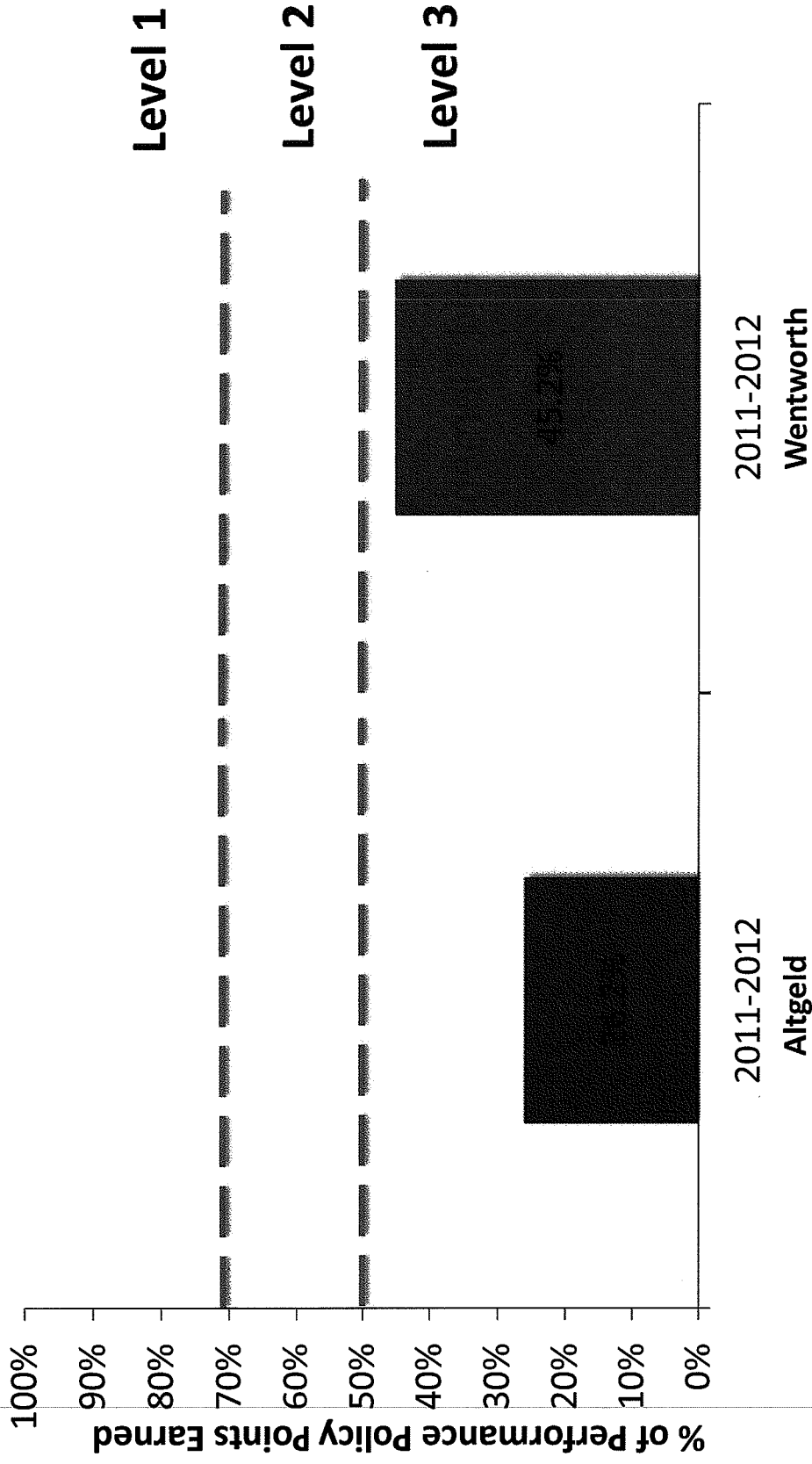
In conclusion, Altgeld is underutilized, the combined enrollment of Altgeld and Wentworth students at the 1340 West 71st Street facility will not exceed the facility's enrollment efficiency range, and Wentworth is a higher performing school. The CEO believes that this proposed school closure will help the District better serve all students and is prepared to assist students with additional supports as they transition.

Thank you for your time and attention. This concludes my statement.

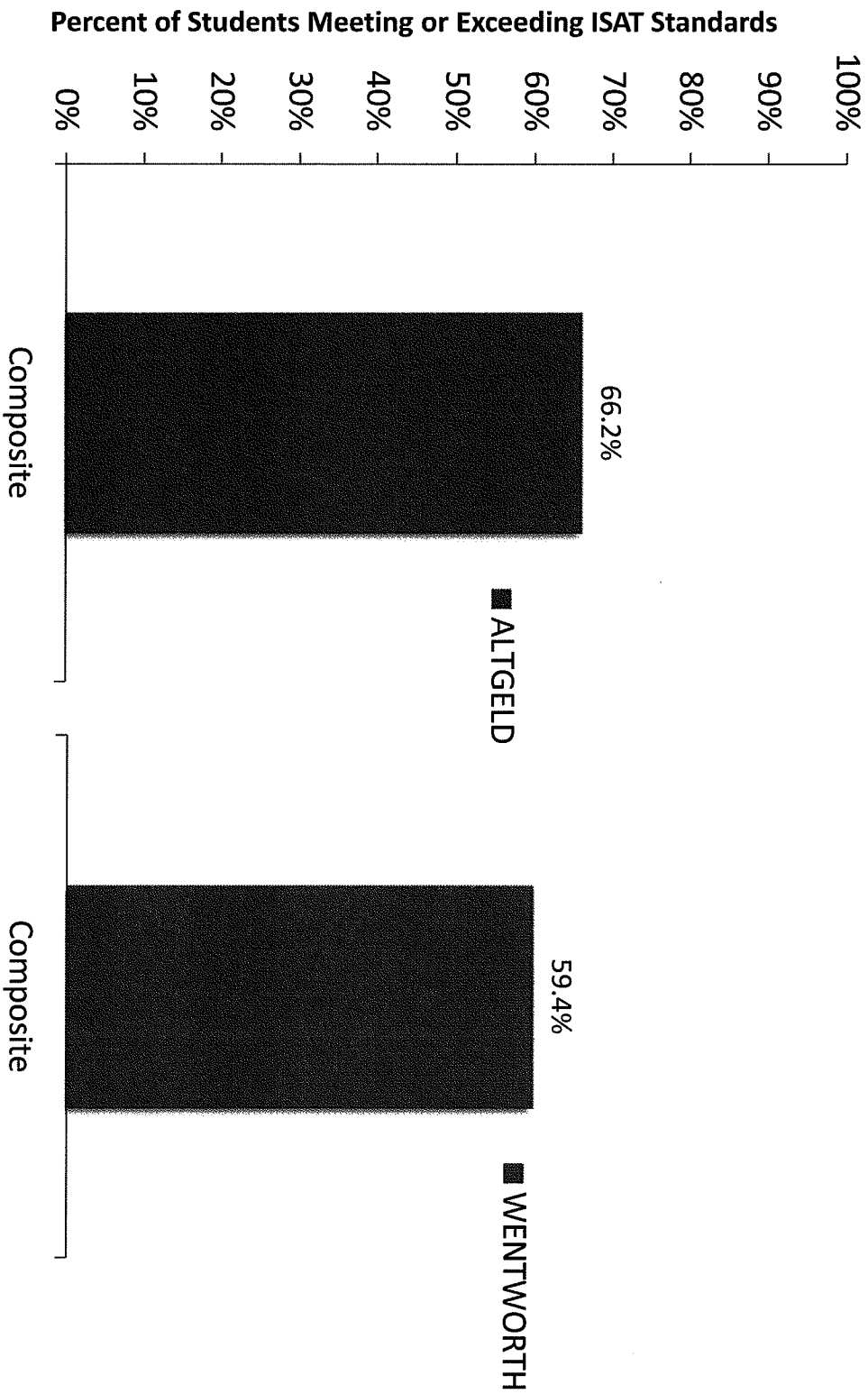
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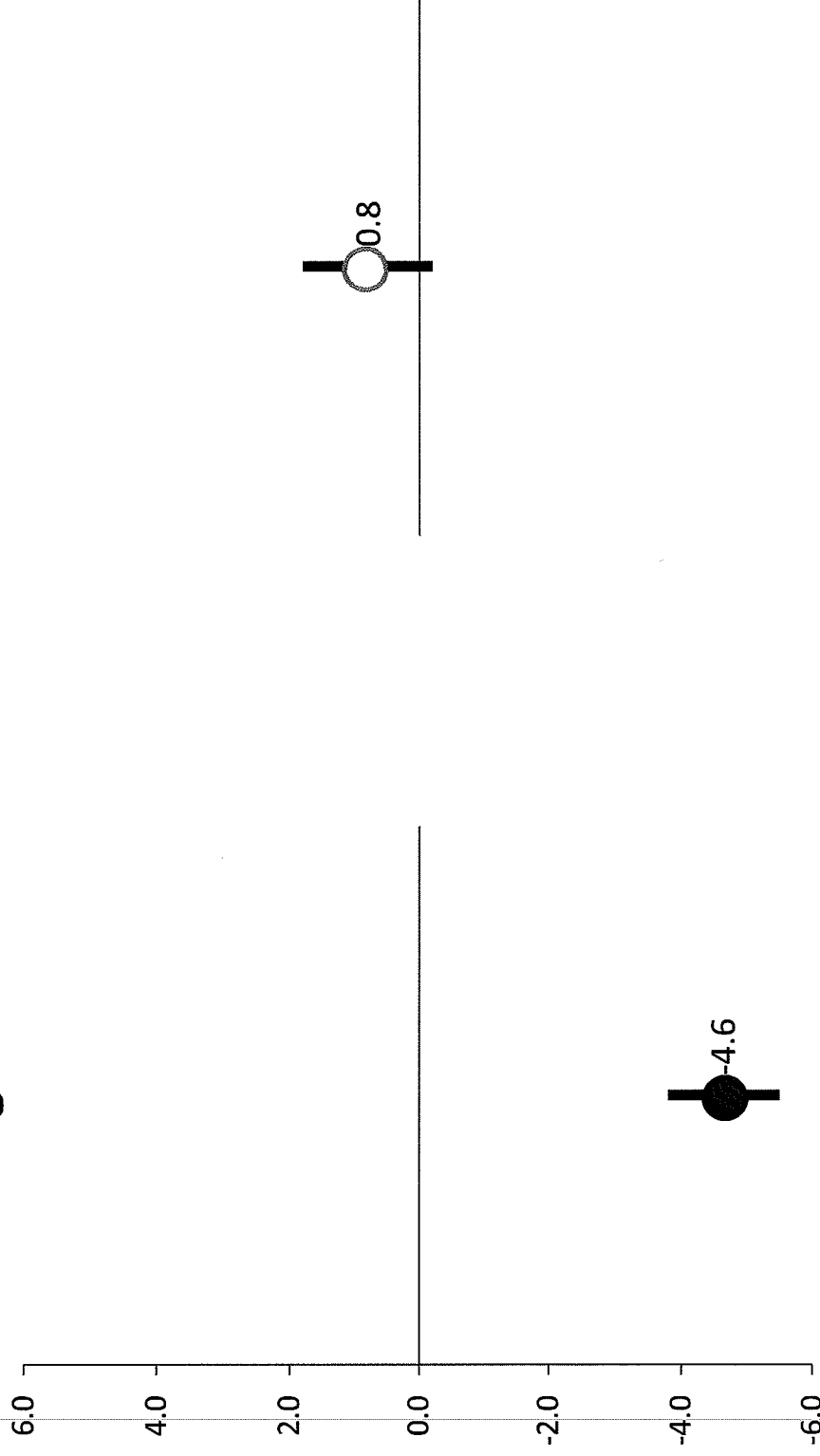
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ISAT Reading Value-Added

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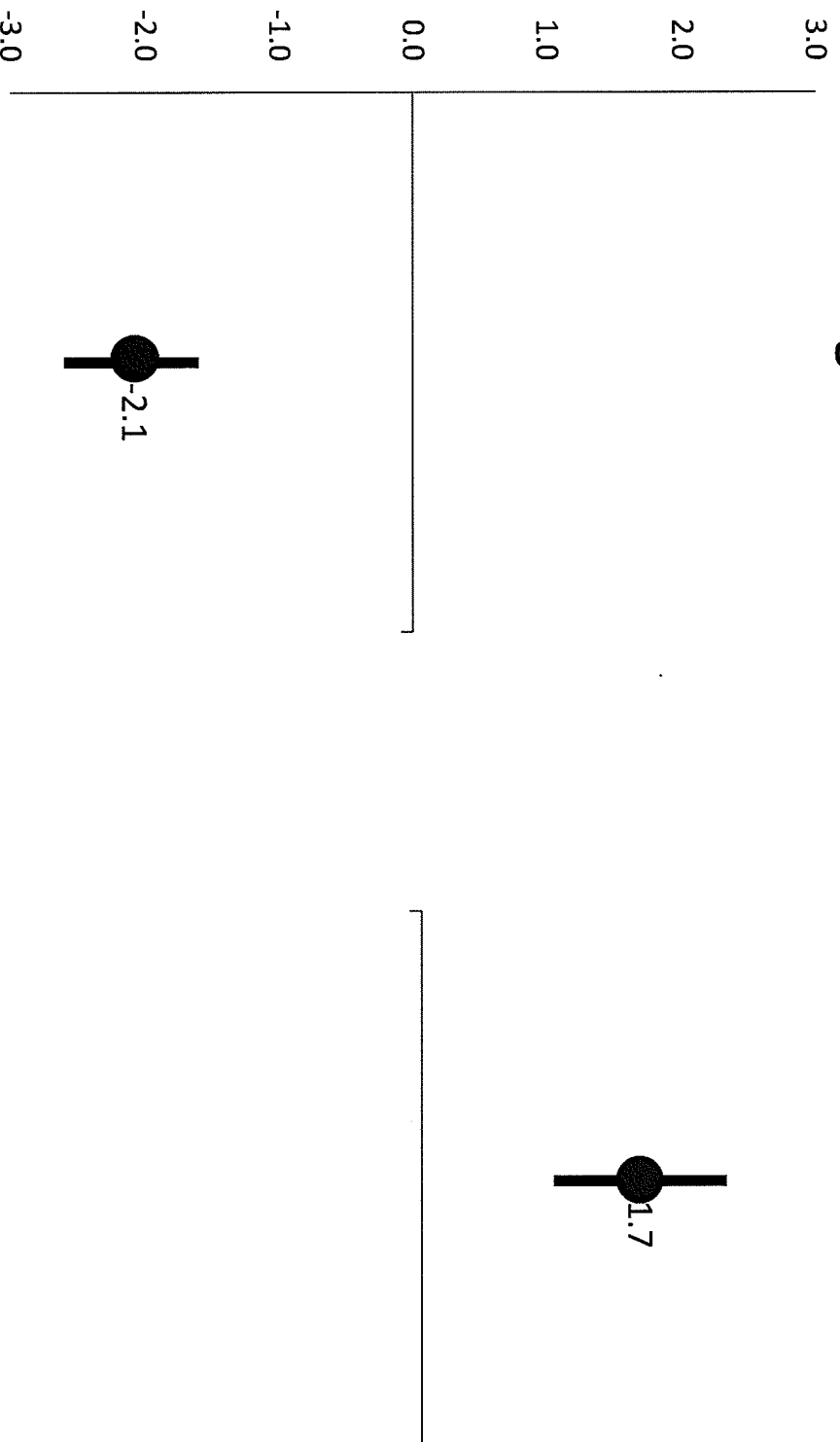
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2012 Elementary School Performance Policy Report

John P Altgeld Elementary School

School ID: 609775

Network: Englewood-Gresham Elementary Network

Current Status and Trend	2009	2010	2011	2012	Current Status	Trend	Points
ISAT Reading Meets/Exceeds %					71.5% (2 points)	-10.5 (0 points)	2 of 6
ISAT Math Meets/Exceeds %					72.2% (2 points)	-9.6 (0 points)	2 of 6
ISAT Science Meets/Exceeds %					66.8% (1 point)	+7.9 (3 points)	4 of 6
ISAT Composite Exceeds %					13.7% (1 point)	-3.3 (0 points)	1 of 6
8th Grade ISAT Composite Exceeds %					3.2% (0 points)	-3.7 (0 points)	0 of 6
Adjusted Attendance Rate					92.1% (1 point)	+0.3 (1 point)	2 of 6

Student Growth Metrics	2012 Score	Percentile	Points
Value-Added Reading	-4.6	0th	0 of 3
Value-Added Math	-2.1	1st	0 of 3

Overall Rating	2012-2013	2011-2012	2010-2011
Performance Policy Rating	11 of 42 (26.2%)	20 of 42 (47.6%)	14 of 42 (33.3%)
Performance Policy Points Earned	Level 3	Level 3	Level 3
ISAT Composite Meets/Exceeds %	66.2% (2012)	76.2% (2011)	69.2% (2010)
Probation Status	Probation	Probation	Probation

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Definitions

Current Status	For a metric, this is the school's average score for the two previous years. If the school does not have two years of data, one year will be used.
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Ceiling	If the school's most recent score is at or above the ceiling, the school receives all Trend points for that metric, regardless of Trend score.
Value-Added	This is the difference between the average growth of students in the school (as measured by ISAT scale score points) and the growth of similar students District-wide. This comparison is made using a regression methodology that controls for each student's grade level, prior ISAT performance, and student demographics.
Adjusted Attendance	For the Performance Policy, attendance is adjusted for students with medically fragile conditions and early graduation for 8th and 12th grade students. This adjustment is only made if it results in a positive adjustment. This does not replace the school's official attendance rate and may not match the attendance rate reported elsewhere.
Minimum Performance Standard	Elementary schools with an ISAT Composite score below 50% or high schools with a PSAT score below 10% are automatically placed on probation, regardless of Level achieved.

Scoring

	If Current Status score is:	School receives:	If Trend score is:	School receives:
ISAT Reading	Less than 50%	0 points	Less than 0.1	0 points
Meets/Exceeds %	50.0% to 69.9%	1 point	0.1 to 2.9	1 point
(Ceiling = 90%)	70.0% to 79.9%	2 points	3.0 to 5.9	2 points
	80.0% or more	3 points	6.0 or more	3 points
ISAT Math	Less than 50.0%	0 points	Less than 0.1	0 points
Meets/Exceeds %	50.0% to 69.9%	1 point	0.1 to 2.9	1 point
(Ceiling = 90%)	70.0% to 79.9%	2 points	3.0 to 5.9	2 points
	80.0% or more	3 points	6.0 or more	3 points
ISAT Science	Less than 50.0%	0 points	Less than 0.1	0 points
Meets/Exceeds %	50.0% to 69.9%	1 point	0.1 to 2.9	1 point
(Ceiling = 90%)	70.0% to 79.9%	2 points	3.0 to 5.9	2 points
	80.0% or more	3 points	6.0 or more	3 points
ISAT Composite	Less than 5.0%	0 points	Less than 0.1	0 points
Exceeds %	5.0% to 14.9%	1 point	0.1 to 2.9	1 point
(Ceiling = 90%)	15.0% to 24.9%	2 points	3.0 to 5.9	2 points
	25.0% or more	3 points	6.0 or more	3 points
Highest Grade ISAT	Less than 5.0%	0 points	Less than 0.1	0 points
Composite Exceeds %	5.0% to 14.9%	1 point	0.1 to 2.9	1 point
(Ceiling = 90%)	15.0% to 24.9%	2 points	3.0 to 5.9	2 points
	25.0% or more	3 points	6.0 or more	3 points
Attendance Rate	Less than 90.0%	0 points	Less than 0.1	0 points
(Ceiling = 95%)	90.0% to 92.9%	1 point	0.1 to 0.4	1 point
	93.0% to 94.9%	2 points	0.5 to 0.9	2 points
	95.0% or more	3 points	1.0 or more	3 points
	If Value-Added score is:	School receives:		
Value-Added Reading	Less than -1.0	0 points		
	-1.0 to -0.1	1 point		
	0.0 to 0.9	2 points		
	1.0 or more	3 points		
Value-Added Mathematics	Less than -1.0	0 points		
	-1.0 to -0.1	1 point		
	0.0 to 0.9	2 points		
	1.0 or more	3 points		

Ratings and Status

If percent of points is:	School receives:
71% or more	Level 1 (Excellent Standing)
50% to 70.9%	Level 2 (Good Standing)
Less than 50%	Level 3 (Probation*)

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Daniel S Wentworth Elementary School

School ID: 610223

Network: Englewood-Gresham Elementary Network

Current Status and Trend	2009	2010	2011	2012	Current Status	Trend	Points
ISAT Reading Meets/Exceeds %					49.4% (0 points)	+6.7 (3 points)	3 of 6
ISAT Math Meets/Exceeds %					65.0% (1 point)	+11.5 (3 points)	4 of 6
ISAT Science Meets/Exceeds %					43.9% (0 points)	+4.1 (2 points)	2 of 6
ISAT Composite Exceeds %					3.6% (0 points)	+0.9 (1 point)	1 of 6
8th Grade ISAT Composite Exceeds %					6.6% (1 point)	+0.8 (1 point)	2 of 6
Adjusted Attendance Rate					91.7% (1 point)	+0.4 (1 point)	2 of 6

Student Growth Metrics	2012 Score	Percentile	Points
Value-Added Reading	+0.8	79th	2 of 3
Value-Added Math	+1.7	94th	3 of 3

Overall Rating

Performance Policy Rating	2012-2013	2011-2012	2010-2011
Performance Policy Points Earned	19 of 42 (45.2%)	14 of 42 (33.3%)	16 of 42 (38.1%)
Performance Rating	Level 3	Level 3	Level 3
ISAT Composite Meets/Exceeds %	59.4% (2012)	51.3% (2011)	54.6% (2010)
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Reading	-1.0 to -0.1	1 point		
	0.0 to 0.9	2 points		
	1.0 or more	3 points		
Value-Added	Less than -1.0	0 points		
Mathematics	-1.0 to -0.1	1 point		
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