



## **TRANSITION PLAN For the Proposed Closure of Hope High School**

### **I. Introduction**

Chicago Public Schools (CPS) is committed to providing every child from every community with a high quality education that prepares them for success in college, career and civic life. CPS students continue to make record-breaking academic progress in every part of the city. Our goal is that all CPS schools can build on this progress by offering high quality, rigorous instruction from talented educators that help put Chicago students on a path to lasting success.

On December 1, 2017, CPS proposed the closure of Hope High School located at 5515 S. Lowe Avenue in the Englewood neighborhood. Following the December 1st announcement, CPS continued an extensive community engagement process involving community meetings, parent meetings, a public hearing, and regular discussions with elected officials and the Englewood Steering Committee. Based on the feedback received, CPS adjusted its proposal to allow current students at Hope to graduate from their school.

At the end of last school year (SY18-19), Hope High School had 20 students enrolled. As of November 1, 2019, Hope had zero students enrolled. All students that have transferred out of the school after June 30, 2018 received support to ensure a successful transition to their new school. Additionally, each high school receiving transfer students received \$6,100 per student in supplemental funding to provide academic, social and emotional, and other supports to these students during SY18-19 and SY19-20. CPS continues to support former Hope High School students with this transition and as of November 1, 2019, all Hope High School students have successfully transitioned to other schools. This funding and support will also continue in SY20-21.

The proposed closure of Hope High School meets the criteria of the Chief Executive Officer's Guidelines (Guidelines) because as of November 1, 2019, there were zero students enrolled at Hope.

### **II. Summary of Action**

Hope is a neighborhood high school located at 5515 S. Lowe Avenue in the Englewood Neighborhood and CPS' Network 16. CPS is proposing to close Hope High School at the end of SY19-20, effective July 1, 2020. This proposal is consistent with the Chief Executive Officer's Guidelines because as of November 1, 2019, there were zero students enrolled at Hope. The transition plan outlined below summarizes any transition support for this proposal.

### **III. Safety and Security**

Because there are no students enrolled at Hope, there will be no direct impact on students' safety. Current CPS students who were previously enrolled at Hope at any point during SY17-18 are being

provided transition supports pursuant to the 'Updated Transition Plan' posted to the CPS school action website on July 7, 2018: [bit.ly/schoolactions-HopeHS](http://bit.ly/schoolactions-HopeHS)

#### **IV. Supports for Students and Schools**

##### ***Academic Needs for Students***

Because there are no students enrolled at Hope, there will be no direct impact on students' academic needs. Current CPS students who were previously enrolled at Hope at any point during SY17-18 are being provided transition supports pursuant to the 'Updated Transition Plan' posted to the CPS school action website on July 7, 2018: [bit.ly/schoolactions-HopeHS](http://bit.ly/schoolactions-HopeHS)

##### ***Social Emotional Needs of Students***

Because there are no students enrolled at Hope, there will be no direct impact on students with social and emotional needs.

##### ***Students with Diverse Learning Needs***

Because there are no students enrolled at Hope, there will be no direct impact on students with diverse learning needs.

##### ***Students in Temporary Living Situations***

Because there are no students enrolled at Hope, there will be no direct impact on students in temporary living situations.

##### ***English Learners***

Because there are no students enrolled at Hope, there will be no direct impact on students who are English Language Learners.

##### ***Transportation***

Because there are no students enrolled at Hope, there will be no direct impact on students with transportation needs.

##### ***Departments Responsible for Oversight***

The Portfolio Office of Chicago Public Schools will be responsible for oversight of this proposal and ensuring the success of former Hope students in their new school environment.

##### ***Programs to be Offered***

Because there are no students enrolled at Hope, specific programs are not applicable.

##### ***Support to Receiving Schools and Funding Source***

Because there are no students enrolled at Hope, supports to receiving schools and funding sources are not applicable. Current CPS students who were previously enrolled at Hope at any point during SY17-18 are being provided transition supports pursuant to the 'Updated Transition Plan' posted to the CPS school action website on July 7, 2018: [bit.ly/schoolactions-HopeHS](http://bit.ly/schoolactions-HopeHS)

#### **V. Information Regarding Choice of School**

Because there are no students enrolled at Hope, information regarding choice of school is not applicable. However, for general information regarding school choice, please visit [go.cps.edu](http://go.cps.edu).

## **VI. Public Comment**

CPS will hold two community meetings and one formal public hearing regarding the proposed closure of Hope High School. Public comment will be accepted during each meeting or hearing and the transcripts can be found online at [cps.edu/transitions](http://cps.edu/transitions). The community meetings and public hearing are during the following dates and times:

<b>Community Meeting</b>	<b>Community Meeting</b>	<b>Public Hearing</b>
Tuesday, January 14, 2020 5:30-7:00 PM Kershaw Elementary 6450 S Lowe Ave	Thursday, January 23, 2020 5:30-7:00 PM Kershaw Elementary 6450 S Lowe Ave	Wednesday, January 29, 2020 5:30pm - 6:30pm CPS Central Office 42 West Madison Street

### **Further Questions and Concerns:**

This document can be found at [CPS.edu/Transitions](http://CPS.edu/Transitions). If you have any questions or concerns regarding this transition plan, please call Chicago Public Schools at (773) 553-1500 or email [Transitions@cps.edu](mailto:Transitions@cps.edu).