Rock Island Network Meeting

February 9, 2013
Our Core Beliefs And Values

→ We believe:
  • All of our children are capable of success
  • Every child must have equitable access to a high-quality education
  • Our children’s academic achievement and well-being comes first

→ Our values:
  • Hold high expectations for every student
  • Expect excellence in the adults who serve our students
  • Base every decision made on what is best for our students

→ To help support our vision and act upon our beliefs and values, difficult decisions must be made:
  • Remove underutilized facilities that spread our limited resources too thin, then…
  • Redirect those dollars to ALL schools, then…
  • Make investments that support student growth – new technology, AC, libraries, art/music, more counselors and nurses, and others
## Rock Island network overview

### Schools and programs

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<th>Elementary schools</th>
<th>High schools</th>
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<td>30 elementary, 9 high schools</td>
<td>69% elementary school utilization (<strong>80% all CPS</strong>)</td>
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<td>19,725 total enrollment</td>
<td>• 1 overcrowded schools</td>
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<td>6 gifted / selective programs</td>
<td>• 17 underutilized schools</td>
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<td>6 IB programs, 12 other magnet programs</td>
<td><strong>72% high school utilization (<strong>77% all CPS</strong>)</strong></td>
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<td>6 schools with CTE programs</td>
<td>• 0 overcrowded schools</td>
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<td><strong>$188M invested in last 5 years</strong></td>
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### Performance

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<td>• 43% Level 2</td>
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<td>• 23% Level 3</td>
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### What we have heard so far from this community

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<th>How we are currently thinking about it</th>
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<td>Too few of our schools have Social and Emotional Learning Programs (SEL), Anti-Bullying and Safe Passage Programs.</td>
<td>Parents, Teachers, Administration and elected officials</td>
<td>Social emotional support and safety is a top priority. We are consistently working through the challenges of addressing the SEL needs of our students. Providing students with after school enrichment is critical for their physical, social, and academic development. We will continue to work with school leaders and strategize what resources are necessary in order to ensure that this materializes.</td>
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<td>There is a need for a School Based Health Center (SBHC)</td>
<td>Parents, school administration, community organizations</td>
<td>Rock Island Network has partnered with Roseland Community Hospital and Metropolitan Family Services to provide comprehensive health services to students at no cost to low-income families.</td>
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<td>Need for an elementary STEM School (Science Technology Engineering &amp; Mathematics) options</td>
<td>Teachers, Administrators, Parents, and elected officials</td>
<td>To expose students interested in pursuing careers in the fields of engineering and computer science, and to break down common stereotypes about engineering. Our focus would be civil, environmental, and electrical. The goal is to help students be creative in finding solutions to problems.</td>
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<td>Need for fine performing arts program</td>
<td>Parents, school administration, LSC and elected officials</td>
<td>Ongoing conversations with community partners to brainstorm opportunities for sustainable funding.</td>
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<td>Partnership opportunities and the need for career and technical education in (automotive, culinary graphic arts, digital animation, videography, graph and marketing, etc.)</td>
<td>Parents, school administration, elected officials</td>
<td>Ongoing conversations among the Chief, principals, LSC, community members and the Alderman’s Office, have been helpful in providing a forum for finding solutions to address utilization issues by offering access to training in a variety of industries. These include fields will increase the number of options for our students in neighborhood schools.</td>
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<td>Lunchroom space and too many building in need of repairs</td>
<td>Parents, LSC, Community, Administration, Teachers and Elected Officials</td>
<td>Reallocation of capital improvement funds for high need schools</td>
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<td>Parent support programs for GED, Job Training, …etc</td>
<td>Parents, school administration, Elected Officials and Private Industry</td>
<td>Schools are always looking to partner with community agencies. Workshops are organized by FACE Manager at several schools. We are looking for opportunities to expand these services.</td>
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**One goal for tonight is to add to this with input from everybody in attendance**
The challenges facing CPS – why we need to do this work

Chicago has experienced a significant population decline – it has 145,000 fewer school-age children today than it did in 2000, centered primarily on the south and west sides.

This population decline has been the primary driver of underutilized schools in our District – CPS has space for 511,000 students but only 403,000 are enrolled.

Some areas of Chicago have experienced population growth, leading to overcrowding with limited resources to add capacity.

There are too many buildings that don’t provide safe, secure, or positive learning environments that cost too much to renovate given the District’s limited resources.

Underutilized schools lack the resources needed to prevent split-grade classrooms and ability to invest in critical programs that support student growth.

Underutilization is spreading our limited resources much too thinly across the District in the face of a $1 billion deficit – this limits our ability to provide every child with a well-rounded, high quality education.
Where we are and purpose for today

Who is the Commission and what have they done so far?
• Independent body appointed by CEO Byrd-Bennett to facilitate community conversations and make recommendations on how to address underutilization
• Have held 10 public meetings to collect community feedback and gather information from a number of local and national experts
• Released an Interim Report in January outlining initial recommendations

What is CPS’ response to the report?
• Agreed with two recommendations – remove High Schools and Level 1 schools from consideration
• Continuing to evaluate other recommendations, including schools over 600 students, schools close to efficient utilization, and Level 2 schools “on the rise”

Why are we here tonight and what’s next?
• CEO Byrd-Bennett announced a second round of 28 community meetings – 2 in each network - to continue to listen to our communities
• Tonight is about sharing an update with the community on our process and hearing from the students and families that may be affected
• At the next meeting we will provide a list of schools still under consideration

When will we know the final recommendations and then what happens?
• Our final recommendations will be informed by these meetings and will be announced no later than March 31, 2013
• After announcement, there will be 2 additional meetings in the community and 1 public hearing for each recommendation before a final board vote
Safety, utilization, building quality, and ability to provide affected students with higher performing options guide our process.

- **Safety**: Ensure that all students are able to get to and be at school safely.
- **Utilization**: Understand how space is used and combine underutilized schools to provide a well-rounded, high-quality education for each student.
- **Performance**: Provide affected students with options to enroll in higher performing schools.
- **Building Quality**: Where possible, close facilities with higher capital investment needs and poorer learning conditions.

Safe and seamless transition for all students.
Our transition vision and goals that will ensure all students and families are supported throughout process

Our Vision:
On the first day of SY 2013-2014, all students attending welcoming schools will experience a safe and seamless transition and have an opportunity at a fresh start

Our Goals
As a team of professionals dedicated to creating a positive learning environment and experience for every student, we will:
• Foster a transition environment that is positive, nurturing and respectful
• Assure timely execution of comprehensive logistics and reinvestment programs
• Recruit, train and deploy Network and School transition teams to advocate for / inform students and their families
• Coordinate a process to reuse each facility that considers community needs and frees up resources that CPS can reinvest in schools
Transition planning: key priorities

Higher Performing Options for Students and Families

- Families receive a designated, higher-performing welcoming school and understand how to access other options
- Multiple avenues to access transition resources: Transition plans, web portal, counselors, and hotline

Student Support Transition Plan

- Safety & Security is first priority
- Establish an individual student plan that considers: Instruction, social emotional learning, and other student needs
- Follow student progress to adjust supports provided

Building Reutilization

- Partner with other city agencies, and community organizations to create a community planning process
- Collaborate with CACs, LSCs, and other community representatives to identify highest and best use of facilities