To fulfill our mission, we make these three commitments to our students, their families, and to all Chicagoans:

**Academic Progress**
In young people, a high-quality education develops not only strong academic skills, but also a love of learning, the ability to work with others, the motivation to take initiative, the experience to solve problems creatively, the knowledge to live healthy lives, and the desire to become active citizens in their communities. We will design instruction and learning environments that provide for individual needs and help prepare all of our students for a successful adulthood.

**Financial Stability**
Fulfilling our promise to provide a high-quality education requires that we remain on sound financial footing and serve as good stewards of public and philanthropic funds. We will advocate with the wider Chicago community for fair school funding from the state so all of Chicago’s children receive the educational resources they need and deserve.

**Integrity**
We respect our students and families, and the diverse communities in which they live, and honor them as partners in our shared mission. We will earn their trust by communicating openly and consistently acting on community feedback.
Our Vision

Success Starts Here

Core Values
As a district, we will work to ensure that the following core values are adhered to in all of our planning and practices:

- **Student-Centered**
  We place students at the center of everything we do.

- **Whole Child**
  We support our students so they are healthy, safe, engaged, and academically challenged.

- **Equity**
  We eliminate barriers to success and ensure equitable opportunities for all students.

- **Academic Excellence**
  We provide diverse curriculum and programs with high academic standards to prepare students for future success.

- **Community Partnership**
  We rely on families, communities, and partners in every neighborhood to shape and support our shared mission.

- **Continuous Learning**
  We promote an environment of continuous learning throughout CPS for students, teachers, leaders, and district staff.

Five-Year Goals
In order to fulfill our Vision, CPS is striving to achieve the following goals.

**Early Childhood**
- 2nd grade students will be at or above national attainment for reading.
- Increase in the number of incoming kindergarteners meeting benchmarks across all developmental domains.

**Elementary School**
- Students will be at or above national attainment for reading.
- Students will be at or above national attainment for math.

**High School**
- Freshmen will be on track to graduate high school.
- Students will meet college readiness benchmarks on the SAT.
- Graduates will enroll in college.

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