New School Request for Proposal Process & Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) Overview

September 2013
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As the authorizer, the Chicago Board of Education is legally obligated to accept charter school applications on an annual basis and to vote on proposals within 75 days of submission – *105 ILCS 5/27A-8*

- **ONS receives proposal**
  - Board votes within 75 days
    - Approves
    - Denies
    - Inaction
  - Board fails to vote within 75 days
- **Right to appeal to Commission**
  - Charters authorized by the State Commission
    - Count toward the district’s charter cap
    - Act as their own Local Education Agency
    - Are not accountable to the district’s performance policy
- **ONS Incubates School**
Key Components of 2013 RFP
The 2013 New Schools RFP solicited proposals from applicants wishing to open a new school or replicate an existing school under the following model:

**New School Type**

**Charter Schools (New or Replicator)**

- Governed by Charter Board
- Managed independently, and authorized by BOE under Charter Law
- Operated under five-year contractual agreement
- Per pupil funding consistent with SBB formula
- 75% of teachers must be certified
To determine where to encourage applicants to propose high-quality educational options, CPS analyzed the 30 Geographic Areas (GA) in terms of utilization rates and recent school actions. High geographic priority areas in the 2013 RFP have: high utilization rates regardless of performance.

**Evaluation Methodology**

- **Utilization**
  - 2013 Utilization Rate
  - # of students enrolled in GA above Ideal Capacity

- **School Actions**
  - # and types of SY2013 School Actions

**Geographic Priority Areas**

- Albany Irving (ES)
- Ashburn (ES)
- Belmont Cragin (ES)
- Chicago Lawn (ES)
- Little Village (ES)
- Midway (ES)
- McKinley Park (ES)
- Reed-Dunning (ES)
- Sauganash (ES)
- Northwest and Southwest sides (HS)
Overcrowded Communities

- Albany Park/Irving Park
- Ashburn
- Belmont Cragin (North of Grand Ave.)
- Chicago Lawn (West of Kedzie Ave.)
- McKinley Park
- Midway
- Little Village/Pilsen
- Reed - Dunning
- Sauganash (Forest Glen)
New School Application Process: Geographic Priority Areas

Priority Communities
- Elementary

Priority Communities – High School

Legend
- Geographic Areas
- Priority Communities - Elementary

Legend
- Geographic Areas
- Priority Communities - High Schools
Keeping recent school actions and the 10-Year Educational Master Facility Plan top-of-mind, CPS highlighted guidelines regarding facility priorities in the 2013 RFP. CPS may also consider establishing new school attendance areas as defined in Charter Law for any new proposed schools.

Staff will put forth recommendations to immediately incubate and open schools (SY2014/15) if:

1. The applicant meets the academic, operational, financial, and parent and community engagement standards outlined in the 2013 RFP; and

2. The applicant can secure an independent facility.
New School Application Process: Creating Programmatic Priorities

We are committed to increasing the number of quality options offered to Chicago students by opening schools where programmatic gaps exist.

The RFP will consider the following to be programmatic priorities:

1. Next Generation School Models (blended learning)
2. Arts-integration
3. Dual-language
4. Humanities (e.g., Classical Schools)
Parents and communities are **essential partners** in developing new schools in the city of Chicago.

The District will facilitate the formation and training of Neighborhood Advisory Councils (NACs) in priority communities for which the District receives proposals to open new schools.

NAC members serve as liaisons between Chicago Public Schools (CPS), their communities, and the applicant design teams to ensure that new school proposals offer high quality educational options.

While the primary role of NACs is an advisory function, NACs are critical in reporting to Chicago Public Schools on the match between a proposed new school and the needs and preferences of the community.
Overview of Neighborhood Advisory Councils
Neighborhood Advisory Councils (NACs) will be formed in priority communities where applicants have proposed to open a new school.

NACs are the central component of parent and community engagement in the New Schools Request for Proposal.

The NACs will be led by parents/guardians whose children live in the priority community of the proposed school, and will include other community stakeholders who reside in the priority community.

Over the coming weeks, CPS will be recruiting parents and community stakeholders to provide them with information about the NAC and encourage you to **get involved**.

✔️ NAC applications are due by October 11!
Each NAC will:

- Evaluate design team proposals
- Host community meetings to collect input on the proposals
- Recommend to the Chief Executive Officer which design team can best meet the needs of the community.

The Board of Education will make the final decision regarding which proposals will be approved or denied.
### Key Dates in NAC Process*

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<td>September 9 – October 11</td>
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<td>Recruitment for Neighborhood Advisory Councils (NACs) – NAC applications deadline</td>
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<td>NAC Application Form Due to CPS</td>
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<td>NAC Week 1 Meeting: Orientation and Training for all communities in centralized location</td>
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<td>Board votes on new school authorization</td>
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Neighborhood Advisory Councils:
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Questions ?