

Dear CPS Families,

As our country prepares to usher in a new presidential administration on Monday, January 20, we want to once again acknowledge the concerns that many in our school communities have expressed regarding the protection of our students, particularly our immigrant populations. We want to assure you that CPS is prepared, and that your students' safety and wellbeing remain our absolute top priority.

**Our District is fully committed to protecting the right ALL students have to a free public education, regardless of their immigration status or the immigration status of their family. Toward that end, in accordance with the Illinois Trust Act and the Welcoming City Ordinance, CPS:**

- **DOES NOT** ask for our families' immigration status
- **WILL NOT** coordinate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
- **DOES NOT** share student records with ICE, except in the rare case where there is a court order or consent from the parent/guardian.
- **WILL NOT** allow ICE agents access to CPS facilities unless they produce a criminal judicial warrant signed by a federal judge.
- **WILL NOT** admit ICE agents into our schools based upon an administrative warrant, an ICE detainer, or other document issued by an agency enforcing civil immigration law

We have provided detailed guidance to principals and the appropriate school-based staff regarding student rights and protections, how to handle interactions with ICE, and how to protect students who may have a parent or guardian who has been detained by ICE during the school day.

Families can access resources regarding Know Your Rights workshops, legal services, and other information related to the new presidential administration at [cps.edu/newadminguidance](https://cps.edu/newadminguidance). This webpage will be updated frequently to provide the most current information, and we will continue to communicate directly with you about our response to any policy changes at the federal level that impact CPS.

A reminder that there are no classes for CPS students this Monday, January 20 (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) or Tuesday, January 21 (School Improvement Day for staff). CPS looks forward to welcoming all of our students back to class on Wednesday, January 22 so that they can continue building on their momentum inside safe, supportive classrooms where everyone is welcome, and where diversity is celebrated and embraced.

Sincerely,

Pedro Martinez  
Chief Executive Officer  
Chicago Public Schools