

Proposal: Co-location of Academy of Community and Technology (ACT) Charter School with Nash Elementary School

Network: Austin/North Lawndale Elementary

Address: 4837 W. Erie St

Neighborhood: Austin

Why We Are Taking Action:

- ACT was granted a charter by the Board in 1997 and is anticipated to continue as a Board approved charter school
 - If the Board does not approve a renewal of the charter, this proposal will become void
- The CPS facility that currently houses Nash has the capacity to be used as a Shared Facility
- The facility is comprised of 3 buildings: a main building, an annex and a field house
 - Classrooms Main Building: 34
 - Classrooms Annex Building: 22
 - Total Classrooms: 56
- Nash currently serves 392 students in PreK-8
- It is proposed that Henry H. Nash and the ACT Charter School co-share the facility by separating into a Main and Annex occupancy

INVESTMENT IN STUDENTS

Safety & Security:

- OSS will provide security personnel, training, and consultation when requested for Nash and ACT to ensure a safe school environment
- Before the school year, the Campus Manager will facilitate a meeting between the principals of Nash and ACT to discuss safety and security in the building
 - Work with the principals throughout the year to ensure consistent implementation and transparent communication regarding safety and security needs and strategies
- The principals will draft a safety and security plan for emergency protocols and safety precautions
- CPS will provide a school climate specialist and will help the administrators develop a strategy to encourage the students and staff members of Nash and ACT to develop a collaborative and calm learning environment in the facility
- OSS will work closely with the CPD and the Commander of the Fifteenth Police District

Academic Support:

- Mitigating any space-sharing challenges that arise to maintain a positive learning environment
- Enable the individual school leaders to focus on the independent educational mission of each school
- Ensure that both schools are making full and complementary use of the available classroom and auxiliary space
- Coordinate a safe plan for dismissal such that Nash and ACT students do not each other's learning time
- Encourage school leaders to collaborate to develop after-school programming to maximize and diversify academic and extracurricular offerings for students
- Encouraging and facilitating best practice sharing among school leadership and staff

Social & Emotional support:

- Maintain a positive atmosphere for learning and growth by fostering a respectful, caring, and motivating learning community
- Ensure optimal utilization of social work and counseling resources from both schools
- Regular meetings between both school leaders to maintain communication and build positive working relationships
- Provide peer-to-peer mediation support
- Maintain a shared events calendar to ensure available space and staff for Nash and ACT events