

DRAFT TRANSITION PLAN
For the Proposed Closure of Best Practice High School**I. Introduction**

Chicago Public Schools (CPS) is committed to ensuring that every student, in every community, has access to high quality schools in order to graduate college and career ready. This means we must put our students' needs first, make difficult decisions, and act now to ensure that our students have the best opportunity to personally realize that goal. CPS is proposing school actions (including closures, consolidations, reassignment boundary changes, phase-outs, and co-locations), along with significant investments to improve our schools in the communities that need better opportunities the most.

In order to ensure a quality education for students in the Near West Side community, we are proposing a school action to close Best Practice High School (Best Practice) to complete the phase-out initiated by the Board on February 25, 2009 (see Board Report 09-0225-EX34). This decision was based on the chronic poor performance of Best Practice. Because there are no students currently enrolled in Best Practice, if the proposed school closure is approved, no students would be reassigned, and there would not be any direct impact on students and parents.

It is important to note that the below transition plan is subject to change based on input from parents, schools, and community members. CPS welcomes this input and hopes that the feedback provided will assist in preparing for a smooth transition should this proposal be approved by the Board.

II. Summary of Proposed Action

Best Practice is a neighborhood high school located at 2040 W Adams St., within the Near West Side community and the West Side High School geographical network of CPS. On February 25, 2009, the CPS Board approved the phase-out of Best Practice and planned for grade offerings to decrease by one grade per year through the 2011-2012 school year. Best Practice currently has no students enrolled in the school.

CPS is proposing to close Best Practice based on the need for higher quality educational options for students in the Near West Side community. The proposed closure meets the criteria of the Chief Executive Officer's Guidelines for School Action: Best Practice is in the process of phasing out based on a previous action by the Board.

III. Safety and Security Supports

Because there are no students enrolled in Best Practice, if this proposed school closure is approved, there will be no direct impact on students' safety and security.

IV. Supports for Students and Schools***Academic Needs of Students***

Because there are no students enrolled in Best Practice, if this proposed school closure is approved, there will be no direct impact on students' academic needs.

Social Emotional Needs of Students

Because there are no students enrolled in Best Practice, if this proposed school closure is approved, there will be no direct impact on students' social and emotional needs.

Students with Disabilities

Because there are no students enrolled in Best Practice, if this proposed school closure is approved, there will be no direct impact on students with disabilities.

Students in Temporary Living Situations

Because there are no students enrolled in Best Practice, if this proposed school closure is approved, there will be no direct impact on students in temporary living situations.

English Language Learners

Because there are no students enrolled in Best Practice, if this proposed school closure is approved, there will be no direct impact on ELL students.

Transportation

Because there are no students enrolled in Best Practice, if this proposed school closure is approved, there will be no direct impact on students' transportation needs

City of Chicago Resources

Chicago Departments and sister agencies that work with CPS students and families will work together in partnership to support the closure if this proposal is approved by the Board.

V. Informational Briefings Regarding Choice of Schools

No students are impacted by the proposed closure of Best Practice. For general information, visit the www.cpscae.org website.

VI. Public Comment

Community Meetings and Public Hearings:

There will be two community meetings and one formal public hearing regarding this proposal. Public comment will be accepted during each meeting. CPS will consider community feedback and may amend this draft transition plan accordingly.

Community Meeting 1

January 6, 2012 from 6-8 p.m.
Creiger/Noble St-Bulls HS
2040 W. Adams St.

Community Meeting 2

January 20, 2012 from 6-8 p.m.
Creiger/Noble St-Bulls HS
2040 W. Adams St.

Public Hearing

January 25, 2012 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Room 1550
125 S. Clark St.

Further Questions and Concerns:

Please call the Chicago Public Schools Quality Schools Hotline at (773) 553-5020 with any additional questions or concerns concerning the proposed closure of Best Practice.