

# Co-location of James R. Doolittle Jr. Elementary School & ChiArts

Community Meeting:  
Friday, December 6, 2012

# Agenda for Today

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- **Welcome:**

Introduce CPS leadership in attendance, overview of the agenda, and the ground rules

- **Presentation:**

Why is there a proposal to make a change for this school and what does it mean for students?

- **Comments from the audience:**

Two minutes per individual

- **Adjourn**

# Chicago Public Schools Leadership in Attendance

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- Tim Cawley, Chief Administrative Officer
- Claudia Quezada, Portfolio Office
- Andrea Zopp, Board Member

# Ground Rules for Community Meetings

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- There is a two minute time limit on each speaker and we will provide a 30 second warning.
- Treat everyone with respect.
- If any individual continues to ignore the time-keeper or behaves in a disrespectful and uncooperative manner, then, unfortunately, we will be required to ask security to remove the individual that is disrupting the meeting.
- We will end the meeting at 8 p.m. or after the last speaker has spoken, whichever comes first.
- If you have questions or concerns, please see a floor team member and he/she will make a note of your concern and information so that we can follow-up with you.

## ***CPS Vision:***

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*Provide students with a world class education in every community and ensure they graduate college and career ready.*



# What is a Co-Location?

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- Existing students remain enrolled in the school.
- Two CPS schools share the current space in one facility.
- The schools operate in the same facility – independent of one another.

# Why are we proposing to co-locate Doolittle East with ChiArts High School?

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- ChiArts currently occupies the Doolittle West facility, but requires additional space.
- The Doolittle East Facility has excess capacity to accommodate ChiArts' need for additional space.
- The proposal will provide the Doolittle East Facility with 25 classrooms which can accommodate the school's enrollment.
- The proposal will provide ChiArts with 14 classrooms on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor which can accommodate the school's needs

# How will we ensure a safe transition?

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- Before the school year, the Campus Manager will facilitate a meeting between the principals of Doolittle East and Chi-Arts to discuss safety and security in the building.
- The Campus Manager will also 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 Doolittle East and Chi-Arts to develop a collaborative and calm learning environment in the facility.

# Inquiries from Parent Meeting

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- Why was ChiArts put into Doolittle West if it couldn't fit? Why do Doolittle children have to be with teenagers? Is it true that ChiArts has been relocated 3x in 3 communities and this community was selected because it would fight less than others?
- What about access to the Parent Resource Center and programs that are going to have to move?
- This is a draft plan. Will parents have the final version of the plan before the board vote?
- How does ChiArts benefit the community? Will Doolittle students be given preference to enroll in ChiArts? Will Doolittle students be able to share ChiArts resources?
- Why is this school now a capital priority? Will Doolittle students ultimately be able to stay in this building?



## ***Doolittle Students 2012***

*Access to a school with a culture  
that breeds academic success  
and sets students on the path to  
college and career.*

# Upcoming Dates & Next Steps

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- Email feedback to [cpsfeedback@cps.k12.il.us](mailto:cpsfeedback@cps.k12.il.us)
- **Community Meeting 2:**
  - January 20, 2012 from 6-8 p.m.
  - Dunbar High School, 3000 S. King Drive
- **Public Hearing:**
  - January 26, 2012 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
  - Board Chambers, 125 S. Clark St., 5th floor