

Co-location of Henry H. Nash Elementary School & ACT

Community Meeting:
Friday, January 6, 2012

Agenda for Today

- **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

- Andrea Saenz, Chief of Staff
- Annette Gurley, Chief of Elementary Schools, Austin-North Lawndale Elementary Network

Ground Rules for Community Meetings

- 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:

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



What is a Co-Location?

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

Why is there a proposal to co-locate ACT with Nash?

- 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.
- The facility at 4837 W. Erie St. and 4826 W. Ohio St. has the following classroom counts:
 - Main Building: 34
 - Annex Building: 22
 - Total classrooms: 56
- Nash has an enrollment of 392 and an anticipated homeroom need of 14, with 5 additional classrooms for special programming (such as music, art, and special education) also needed.

What is ACT?

- The Academy of Communications and Technology Charter School (ACT) will be operated by KIPP.
- ACT's mission is to provide a college-preparatory education to urban youth empowering them to take their place in society as competent, confident, creative and compassionate citizens of the world.
 - The first year of the co-location will start with 90 students, starting with the 5th grade class.
 - The school will eventually serve 5th-8th graders.
 - The anticipated enrollment is 400 students.

Investing in Nash to assure a smooth transition

- CPS will enhance the learning environment with facilities investments that include enhanced accessibility, fresh paint, improved lighting, and flooring. Facility investments will enhance each school equally.
- The Campus Manager will protect the academic well-being of students by:
 - mitigating any space-sharing challenges that arise to maintain a positive learning environment,
 - enabling the individual school leaders to focus on the independent educational mission of each school,
 - serving as a neutral facilities coordinator to ensure that both schools are making full and complementary use of the available classroom and auxiliary space,
 - coordinating a safe plan for dismissal such that Nash and ACT students do not disrupt each other's learning time,
 - encouraging school leaders to collaborate to develop after-school programming to maximize and diversify academic and extracurricular offerings for students, and
 - encouraging and facilitating best practice sharing among school leadership and staff.

How will we ensure a safe transition?

- 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

Upcoming Dates & Next Steps

- Email feedback to cpsfeedback@cps.k12.il.us
- **Community Meeting #2:**
 - Friday, January 20th, 6:00-8:00PM
 - Austin Polytechnical Academy High School – 231 N. Pine
- **Public Hearing:**
 - Wednesday, January 25, 2012, 8-10 p.m.
 - Board Chambers, 125 S. Clark, 5th Fl