



Acero School Transitions

# Welcome

## SY25-26 Acero Community Incubation Meeting

In Person | Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026  
Carlos Fuentes Elementary School  
4:00pm - 5:00pm



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# Fuentes Community Incubation Meeting Schedule

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<b>Fuentes Community Incubation Meeting Schedule</b> (In-Person, at the School, Wednesdays, 4:00pm - 5:30pm) Meeting Cadence: Monthly and/or as needed based on milestones			
September	October	November	December
<del>September 15, 2025 (virtual)</del>	<del>October 22, 2025</del>	<del>November 19, 2025 <i>Principal Candidate Forum</i></del>	<del>December 17, 2025</del>
January	February	March	April
<del>January 28, 2026</del>	<del>February 25, 2026</del>	<del>March 18, 2026</del>	<del>April 22, 2026</del>
May	June	<b>2025-26</b>	
<del>May 20, 2026</del>	<del>June 10, 2026</del>		

# Agenda

**01** Welcome Remarks + Norm Setting

**02** Incubation Updates

**03** Question and Answer Session



# Norms for Engagement | Our Commitments

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- **Be Present and Engaged**
- **Listen Respectfully:** Allow others to speak without interruption, seek to **understand different** perspectives, and avoid judgment.
- **Stay on Topic:** Keep discussions relevant to the agenda, manage time effectively, and address off-topic items separately if necessary.
- **Challenge Ideas, Not People**
- **Listen and gather community feedback and input**
- **Facilitate an equitable process**
- **Provide transparency**
- **Allow Equity of Voice**

# Incubation Timeline

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- ~~August:~~ Decision on the Network for each school
- ~~September:~~ Opening of Principal positions
- ~~Late September:~~ Establishment of Advisory Council at each school
- ~~October:~~ Inaugural Advisory Council Meetings
- **September - June 2026:** Recurring district incubation committee meetings, listening sessions with stakeholders, design committee and advisory council meetings
- ~~Middle of December 2025:~~ Principal hired
- ~~Start of January 2026:~~ Posting of Foundational Positions (AP, Clerk, and School Counselor) and teacher and staff positions
- ~~End of January 2026:~~ Foundational positions hired **(Still looking for a counselor)**
- **December - June 2026:** Hiring of teachers and support staff
- **January - May 2026:** Final planning in conjunction with Advisory Councils and Design Committees
- **July 1, 2026:** Opening Day

# Incubation Updates-Hiring

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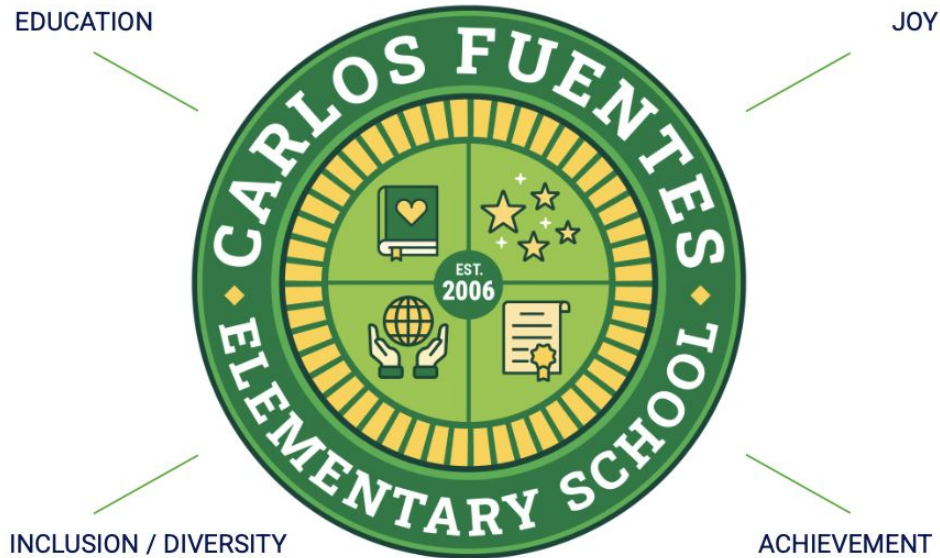
Still hiring for:

- 2 Primary Positions
- 1 Holistic Position
- 1 Middle Grade Position



# Incubation Updates-Marketing

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# Incubation Updates-Curriculum

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- No new updates at this time

# Incubation Updates-General

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- Finalizing information about adding cluster program for diverse learners in K-2 with more significant needs
- CPS is picking up the cost of 20 Promethean Boards
- GoCPS re-opens April 27th for continued enrollment
- Budgets expected in mid-May

# Incubation Updates- Centrally Staffed Positions

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**School-based centrally staffed positions that fall into the categories below are not interviewed and hired by the school principal, but rather the CPS department that manages their work.**

**The Principal will work with ONS and relevant Central Offices regarding the following roles:**

- **Related Service Providers** | Managed and assigned by Office of Students with Disabilities
- **Security Officers** | Pre-screened by the Office of Safety and Security
- **Nutrition Support** | Managed and assigned by Nutrition Support Services
- **Custodial & Engineering** | Managed and assigned by Facilities

# Q&A





# Thank You For Coming!

See you on May 20th for the next Fuentes  
Community Incubation Meeting





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