



WELCOME

Casas Listening Forum

In person | Monday, April 21, 2025
1641 W 16th St | Chicago, IL 60608
4 pm - 6 pm

Welcome Remarks

Dr. Alfonso Carmona

Chief Portfolio Officer

Objective and Purpose for Today:

- Invite and elevate family voice in shaping the school's future
- Gather feedback on key aspects of the school experience families want to preserve or introduce
- Introduce opportunities for parent/student leadership through the Design and Advisory Committees

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What's Happening and Why

What

CPS will be absorbing the Casas, Cisneros, Fuentes, Tamayo, and Santiago campuses, incubating them, and re-opening them as CPS-operated schools in the Fall of 2026.

- CPS will lead operations, staffing, and program design, in partnership with families, with the goal of maintaining strong student experiences and identifying opportunities to grow.

Why

The February 2025 Chicago Board of Education Resolution, outlined for this transition to happen by Fall 2026.

Our Commitments

- Listen and gather community feedback and input
- Facilitate an equitable process
- Provide transparency

Norms for Engagement

- **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**
- **Allow Equity of Voice**

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- Spring 2025: Listening forums, committee recruitment, and early planning
- Fall 2025/Winter 2026: Launch of advisory and design teams and internal CPS incubation team, listening forums, community updates
- Spring/Summer 2026: Design implementation, preparing for opening and students, continued listening forums, and community updates
- Fall 2026: Schools open as CPS-operated schools

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We Want Your Input & Involvement

Today's Opportunities For Input



Academic Courses
STEM, Arts, Dual Lang



Clubs & Activities
Music, Dance



Student Support
SEL, Culture & Climate



Family Engagement
Leadership Opportunities

Future Opportunities For Parent/Student Involvement



Design Committee
Help shape school programming &
overall feel of the school



Advisory Committee
Provide input on school decisions

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INSTRUCTIONS: We will spend the next hour in small groups, answering guided questions, and additional questions that your table would like to explore. Your feedback will be recorded and used as a reference in the incubation of these schools into district-managed campuses.

In your breakout groups:

- Introductions
- Discuss the four feedback areas with guiding questions and share any questions that you have with your facilitator
- Record key ideas and priorities
- Call to action
- Share out highlights with the full group

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Academic Courses

- Are there particular courses, programs or instructional approaches that are important to maintain?
- What courses do you want to see offered at your child's school?

Student Support

- What types of support should every student have access to (i.e., counselors, bilingual services, academic tutoring, etc.)
- What has worked well in the past? What from Acero would you like to see in the new district run school?

Clubs & Activities

- What clubs, sports, or extracurricular activities are important for your child's growth and engagement?

Family Engagement

- What current parent leadership opportunities exist?
- Are there current family practices you value (family nights, etc.)

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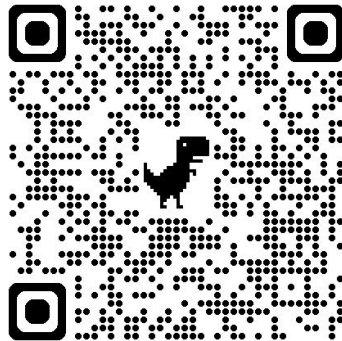
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Key Follow-Ups

- CPS will summarize input and share back with families with a date for the next listening session in May
- Call to Action: Complete form to sign up for committees
- Fall of 2025: Launch of Advisory and Design Team





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