



# WELCOME

## Tamayo Listening Forum

In person | Thursday, May 1, 2025  
5135 S California Ave, Chicago, IL 60632  
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**

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## **From Now to Fall 2026**

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## **We Want Your Input & How You Can Be Involved**

*Zabrina Evans, Executive Director, Innovation and Incubation*

## **Your Voice Matters: Let's Discuss**

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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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# From Now to Fall 2026

- 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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# Your Voice Matters: Let's Discuss

**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

# Your Voice Matters: Let's Discuss

## **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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## 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





