

November 22, 2017

Forrest Claypool, Chief Executive Officer
Dr. Janice Jackson, Chief Education Officer
Chicago Public Schools

Dear Mr. Forrest Claypool and Dr. Janice Jackson,

We are writing this follow up letter of community support for Art In Motion Charter School. We represent community members who reside or are invested on a daily basis in the Grand Crossing Community and Hirsch High School boundaries. We formally request co-location inside of Hirsch High School for Art In Motion Charter School in the Fall of 2018.

In the community we represent homeowners in the Hirsch neighborhood, organizers of the Food Pantry in Grand Crossing, public safety/law enforcement, small business owners and community organizers that focus on responding to youth violence and support for foster children.

Hirsch High School has been a large part of our community since 1926. There is deep community pride in the Hirsch facility and we believe that a co-location with Art In Motion Charter School would provide even more students the vessel for a high quality education.

The Hirsch facility has adapted to meet the needs of the community since it opened and we see co-location with Art In Motion as another way that Hirsch High school can serve our community.

Sincerely, Grand Crossing Community Members,

Jose Wilson- Parent, Homeowner, Business Owner

David Benfield - Homeowner, Court appointed youth advocate

Ronald Banks - Homeowner, Business Owner, proposed Art In Motion board member

Officer Richard Wooten- Homeowner and retired police officer

Rochelle Phelps- Homeowner

Jackie Cabir- Parent and Director of Food Pantry in Grand Crossing

Sarah Langum- Community Outreach New Life Community Church

Shamarle Brown- Community Outreach New Life Community Church

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November 18, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing this letter of Community support for Art In Motion Charter School opening up in the Grand Crossing Community and in support of sharing space inside of Hirsch High School. Hirsch High School has a deep history in our community. Since opening in 1926, the Hirsch High School building and our community has adapted to the growing needs of our students and their education time and time again. We support the use of Hirsch building to again uplift and empower the next generation of Grand Crossing students.

When Hirsch Junior High School opened in 1926, it was considered one of the city's most modern educational facilities. Throughout the decades, The Hirsch facility has evolved to meet the ever changing needs of our student population. Hirsch has morphed from a junior high, to using park district buildings with population surge in the 1930's, into a senior high, and then as Hirsch High School of Communications in the 80's through the early thousands.

As there has been a decline in the student population at Hirsch we see the facility share as a way to bring in partnerships and resources to both school communities. The Art In Motion design team has been keeping us updated on their hopeful plans for partnership with Hirsch High School and the proactive planning taking place.

Our hope is that ALL students in the community have access to resources that will build their future. We are excited about the potential programming and resources that Art In Motion would bring into Grand Crossing that would benefit both Hirsch and Art In Motion students as well as all community residents.

Together as a community we see Art In Motion as the next growth opportunity for our community in a building that has been foundational to so many of us. The deep history of the Hirsch facility reflects our community's ability to grow and improve based on the needs of our student population. Please accept this letter as our support to bring new resources and programs into Grand Crossing through co-location to create additional high school options for our students.

Sincerely, Grand Crossing Community Members,

Jose Wilson

David Benifield

Ronald Banks

Officer Richard Wooten

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