

APPENDIX 1.5: COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SUPPORT

1.5a: Intent to Enroll Forms

Chicago Prep Middle School Enrollment Interest Form

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Alina Shelton	4 th	Anaya Mayberry	[REDACTED]	Mom	[Signature]
Marcell Jackson	5	Marcell Jackson	[REDACTED]	Father	[Signature]
Derrick Brunson	5 th	Angela Brunson	[REDACTED]	Mom	[Signature]
Niana Malachi	/	Dr. Niane T. Malachi D.O.P.E. YOUTH	[REDACTED]		[Signature]
Kamryn Tolliver	5 th	Giana Moore	[REDACTED]	Mother	[Signature]

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✓ Paige Hill	4 th	Kara Hill	[REDACTED]	mom	Kara Hill
✓ Chetoni Mitchell	6 th	Chetara Heath	[REDACTED]	mother	Chetara Heath
✓ Ada Adyssen	5 th	Valencia Lockhart	[REDACTED]	Mom	Valencia Lockhart
✓ So'heil	5 th	Radiance Woodruff	[REDACTED]	Mom	Radiance Woodruff
✓ D'orville Mayfield Jr	5 th	Sullivan, Catherine	[REDACTED]	Mom	Catherine Sullivan


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Date received	
Initials	
Date recorded	

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Please complete the information and return the form to the organization where you received it (e.g., library, park). Alternatively, you may complete the form online at www.chiprepmiddle.org/enrollment or take a picture of the completed form and send it to chiprepmiddle@gmail.com.

Student Information		
Full Student Name: <u>Parris Nevaeh Weeks</u>	DOB: [REDACTED]	
Current Grade Level: <u>4th</u>		
Student Address (No P.O. Boxes)		
Street: [REDACTED]	Apt.: [REDACTED]	
City: <u>Chicago</u>	State: <u>IL</u>	Zip Code: <u>60653</u>
Parent/Guardian Information		
Full Parent/Guardian Name: <u>PARRIS V. DAVIS</u>		
Relationship to Student: <u>Mother</u>		
Street: [REDACTED]	Apt.: [REDACTED]	
City: <u>Chicago</u>	State: <u>IL</u>	Zip Code: <u>60653</u>
Phone 1: [REDACTED]	Phone 2: _____	
Email Address: [REDACTED]		

How did you hear about Chicago Prep? (Circle) • Facebook • Instagram • Word of Mouth

• Flier at: Chicago Park District • Event: _____ • Other: _____

I, PARRIS DAVIS, am interested in sending my child(ren), Parris Weeks to Chicago Prep Middle School, a proposed charter school in the Bronzeville community, in 2021.

Parris V. Davis
 Parent or Guardian Signature

07-07-2020
 Date



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✓ Jeremy Fielder Jr.	4 th	Summer White		Mother	
Makinzie Stewart	4 th			Father	
Noah Oshiga	3 rd (5 th 4 th)			Mother	
Ethan Marcus Trouman	4 th 6 th	Marcus Trouman		Father	
Ms. Love Alexander-El	4 th	Ms. Love Alexander-El		Mother	

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Aaron Stewart	5	April Stewart [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	mom	<i>AS</i>
Lauren Brewer	6	Michelle Ray [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Mother	<i>[Signature]</i>
Joy Sanders	3	Monica Plaid [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Mom	<i>[Signature]</i>

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✓ Andrea Thompson	5 th	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Mom	[Signature]
✓ Legend Green	5	LAVERN GREEN [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Dad	[Signature]
✓ Ming Green	6	"	"	"	[Signature]
✓ VOIS Amador	4	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Mom	[Signature]
✓ Jeei Langford	4 th	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Mom	[Signature]

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Jeffrey Thomas					
Jordan Lockett	7 th	Jeffrey T		Father	[Signature]
Jordan Lockett	5 th	Breana Griffin			
Herrell Birch	5 th			Mother	[Signature]
Rhylan Burkett	4 th	Ms. Latasha Burton		Grandmother	[Signature]
Justin Ellis	5 th	Ms. Latasha Burton		Grandmother	[Signature]



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Goetz Smith	5	Tamara Smith		Mother	
Melvin Lane	5	Constance McSparrin		Mother	



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Joshua Bohena	5	Javier Bohena	[REDACTED]	Father	[Signature]
Melina Bohena	5	Javier Bohena	" "	" "	[Signature]
Noah Bohena	6	Javier Bohena	" "	" "	[Signature]



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Jeremiah Brooks	4	Marc Brooks	[REDACTED]	DAD	Marc Brooks
Johanna Brooks	6	Marc Brooks	[REDACTED]	Dad	Marc Brooks
TINAYAH WEATHERSOY	5	ALICIA WEATHERSOY	[REDACTED]	MOTHER	Alicia Weathersoy

Submitted On	Parent/Guardian Name	Email	Phone	Student Address	Student Name	Current Grade	Second S	Current G	How did you hear about Chicago Prep	Any additional questions or comments				
06/24/2020 13:41	Cawanna Stonewall				Crystal Stonewall	5th								
07/09/2020 11:15	Patricia Akuamoah Atekha				Skylar Akua Atekha	4th								
07/25/2020 23:36	Nashaun Lee				Christian Askew	4th			:) Founder was my former middle school writing teacher!					
07/27/2020 14:41	Yesenia Saavedra				Kamila Winters	5th			Flyer					
07/28/2020 07:41	Khala Hands				Taraji Reed	4th			My friend Ken Dickerson	I love that this is being available for our children. I'm in absolute support				
07/29/2020 22:01	Sheenah Carter				Makayla Dixon	4th			Facebook					
07/29/2020 23:51	Sham Roberts				Tristan Lewis	5th								
07/31/2020 05:41	Arneshia McConnell				A'Seiyia McConnell	5th			Facebook					



1.5b: Petitions Signed by Parents and Community Members



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Name	Address	Zip Code	Email	Phone
Marlene Williams	[REDACTED]	60652	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Nina Smith	[REDACTED]	60660	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Gregory Moses	[REDACTED]	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Jeanette Jones	[REDACTED]	60619	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Brian Soto	[REDACTED]	60641	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Yahanna Diemer	[REDACTED]	60638	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Mercedes Bender	[REDACTED]	60616	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
CHARLTON LONDRE	[REDACTED]	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Isaiah Jackson	[REDACTED]	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
OLIVIA BRANTON	[REDACTED]	60640	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]



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Lanette Taylor	60616	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	8
Est. Tatianna Vaughn	60620	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	8
Marthique Madley	60637	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	8
Dele Weeks	60619	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	11
Phael McCarrie	60619	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	4
Linisha Darnon	60631	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	4, 7, 10
Angela Maxwell	60643	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	7, 14
Genea McIntosh	60619	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	25, 18
Steven Brown	60620	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	16
Dea Kennedy	60610	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Deer Taylor	60630	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	1



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Chanelle Cunningham	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Michael Robertson	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Adelle Brown	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	9
Raymond Jones	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Bruce Cochran	60637	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Debra Johnson	60609	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Richard Bolden	60637	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Angela Burdick	60616	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	12
Shirley Williams	60631	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	10-11
Debbie Miller	60435	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	12



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James Jones	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	11
James Smith	60618	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
John Doe	60619	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Michael Brown	60637	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	13
Chloe Clark	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Robert Washington	60609	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	14 years
Alicia Peyton	60628	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	15
Holanda Hanna	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Michael W.	60637	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Amelia Lee	60637	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Dorothy Williams	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	



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Dana Beasley	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Abbie Robinson	60634	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	13 yrs
Ashve Muhammad	60620	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Aaron Garrett	60630	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	34 19
Glyn Williams	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Carina Power	606105	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Shakti Sankota	60619	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	12 yr
Paddy Evans	60619	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Elizabeth Allen	60659	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Amber Speese	60637	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	



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Crystal T. Dulsana	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Genora Graham	60611	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	5+8
Contina Stuebel	60620	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	7 yrs
Jurema Latham	60620	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	8 yrs
Dana Bowen	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	14 yr
Zina Clare	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	11
Kimberly Tate	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	18-14
Janelle Washington	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	50
Wanda Wilson	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	7-16
Samantha Smith	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	



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Kayla Martin	60616			
Bria Harris	60615			N/A
Brianna Griffin	60620			N/A
Jordan Green	60649			N/A
Jaqueline P. Rodney	60609			None
Lashone Butts	60473			2
Kelly Shepard	60653			have
Nikelia Marcelin	60653			1
Monique Flowers	60616			8, 11
Jada White	60616			none



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Stephanie Blakey	60601			
Barbara McFarley	60653			None
Adrienne Robinson	60637			None
Margaret Caples	60637			None
Aergh Row	60637			None
Angie Alza	60617			None
Steve Hart	60607			2/4
Jacky Lynne Shing	60637			None
Theresa S. S. S. S.	60615			0
Elaine Seaton	60637			13-8-6
Tiffany Williams	60637			11-6



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Arianna Strimfellow	60617	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	3
Raeannda Brandon	60605	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	44
Henry Johnson	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	11
Donna Brown	60621	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2
Janetla Harrison	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
LaDondra King	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
STEVEN ROSS	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
DANIELA CUNHA	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
JOHN M. PETERS	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	14-2
JOHN A. POLI	60629	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	1



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Kevin Robinson	60615			2
Almona Stevenson	60615			10/18
Shanique Turner	60619			2
Brenda Starn	60636			18
Amelia Starn	60621			5-7
Leatha Lubel	60615			
Freight Carroll	60615			6-13
Danika Starn	60615			2-8
Melinda Plonk	60637			2
Richard Ingel	60615			4



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Shue Thurst	60615			2, 4, 6, 7, 8
Kenya Atkins	60615			
Kamryn Hill	60615			1
Barbara Jones	60615			
Antwan Williams	60615			
Shawn Moore	60615			
William D. King	60615			5, 6, 7
Vaerie Lashelle	60615			
Sammy Tillman	60615			4
Debra M. Lee	60615			



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Paula Best	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	4-5
Isabell Thompson	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	5/6
Deja King	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	NONE
Keaton Sewell	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	4-7
Cheryl Shepard	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Beth Libar	60619	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Tanya Woods	60636	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Tonia Carpenter	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	NONE
Cheryl Coste	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	NONE
Chiquita Lewis	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Brian Williams	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	19



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Ta'Qua Jackson	60643	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
LaQuasha Allen	60643	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
*Jamel Rogers (Pai)	60637	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Dr Bill	60622	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
BRITNEY DELAPARENTIS	60637	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
ANGELICA BARNETT	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Shana Washington	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Jbr Hest Best	60649	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Michael Maxwell	60619	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Carmen Kupper	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	5



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Shanera Stokes	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	14 1/2
Anthony Taylor	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Lucy Roberts	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	15
Shed Johnson	60629	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	16
Belie Fung	60609	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Nika Smith	60643	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Amulika Amigo	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	11
Zia Jackson	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	10
Amaya Hayberry	60619	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	10



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Alicia Clifton	60637	[REDACTED]		
Diana Moore	60627	[REDACTED]		
Alana Malachi	60617	[REDACTED]		
Ashon Carter	60438	[REDACTED]		
Kay Hooper	60438	[REDACTED]		
Farrell	60615	[REDACTED]		
Hashane Hardy	60637	[REDACTED]		
Kayla Headn	60641	[REDACTED]		
Chetara Harris	60621	[REDACTED]		
Alicia Austin	60649	[REDACTED]		5/6



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Bardell Wilson	60620	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Pauline Taylor	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT
Kendrea Williams	60617	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	11
Phyllis Wooding	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Peoples Ray	60601	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	12
Inez Leamer	60619	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	—
Shavette Newborn	60619	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	—
Tamara Burton	60619	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	4 th 2 nd
Anthony Brown	60620	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Shavonne	60623	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	



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Latona Moss	70454	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
J. F. Lloyd	60302	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
K. Rogers	60637	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
C. Talbot McDonald	60637	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Kristina Williams	60617	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Ryan Cooper	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Robin Galtzpe	60617	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Troy Smith	60619	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Kirk Cregar Jr.	60619	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Sheri Mingo	60628	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	0



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Cassiopeia Sledge	60620	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	14 11
Ariel Griffin, Blind	60628	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Deahrossen	60637	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Veronica Dianne Brown	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Margo Strother	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Michael Williams	60628	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
K. Richards	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Ang Williams	60637	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
ROSE MASCARENHAS	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2
Francis Mascarenhas	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	



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Audrey W. [redacted]	60615	[redacted]	[redacted]	
Savannah Williams	60653	[redacted]	[redacted]	
Tracie Knight	60653	[redacted]	[redacted]	
Lawrence [redacted]	60637	[redacted]	[redacted]	
*Christine Talley	60615	[redacted]	[redacted]	
Smith Ron	60653	[redacted]	[redacted]	7, 5, 2
Shalisa Steddy	60653	[redacted]	[redacted]	
Kevin McMillian	60609	[redacted]	[redacted]	
Summer White	60649	[redacted]	[redacted]	9
*Jasmine Powers	60642	[redacted]	[redacted]	
Basia Sulaiman	60615	[redacted]	[redacted]	6, 8



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Cheryl Muhammad	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Joyce Bryant	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	24
Shurard Grant	60625	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	13
James D. Harris	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Bull W. Stewart	60628	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Carole M. Davis	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Shanell Borden	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Monica Hayes	60422	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Severy Harris, Sr.	60422	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Paul An	60625	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Octavia Wankley	60617	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	



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Antoinette Davis	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	13
Curtis Gibbs	60619	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	13
Donald Vasser	60619	N/A	[REDACTED]	13
Henry Summers	60609	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	13
Michael Powell	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	13
Ben King	60616	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	13
Daron Brainer	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	13
Nicole Wright	60617	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	13
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Issac Harris	60602	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	N/A
Greg Morton	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	10-12
Anthony Alinet	60609	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	11-15
Andrea Duncan	6305	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	9-12
Terry Bastien	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
VONZEL C. GOOLSBY	60637	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	16-26
Stephanie McBlackwell	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	20-60
Ivonne Cruz	60639	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
STACY KRYNOLDS	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Condane Johnson	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	



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Paulena S. [redacted]	60637	[redacted]	[redacted]	7/12
Joe Phoenix	60628	[redacted]	[redacted]	6/12
FIRMIN SENA	60605	[redacted]	[redacted]	
Selena Armstrong	60653	[redacted]	[redacted]	
John Siberaas	60637	[redacted]	[redacted]	4mhs
Juan de la Rosa	60649	[redacted]	[redacted]	-
AKAAT Mchisan	60653	[redacted]	[redacted]	
Silvia Hftel	60616	[redacted]	[redacted]	
Mary [redacted]	60615	[redacted]	[redacted]	
Markel Budys	60653	[redacted]	[redacted]	
Don Williams	60619	[redacted]	[redacted]	6-8



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Leslie Johnson	60653	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
M. Space	60642	[REDACTED]		
Alexis Orenshaw	60649	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Leann E. Lebb	60619	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Leann E. Lebb	60637	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Ruby Munkwa	60615	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	

Submitted On	Name	Email	Phone	Zip Code	I have a 3rd or 4th grade student in my family	I have a rising 4th or 5th grade student in my family			
11/22/2019	Jon Fox			60660	No				
11/22/2019	Amanda Szramia			60631	No				
11/26/2019	Bradly Johnson			60637	Yes				
1/17/2020	Salvador Duenas			60608	No				
1/17/2020	Martin Sherrod			60616	No				
1/17/2020	Derek Swank			60640	No				
1/17/2020	Christina Ahme			60637	No				
1/22/2020	Geneva Johnson			60653	No				
1/22/2020	Sade Watson			60406	No				
1/22/2020	Sharon Neely			60615	No				
1/22/2020	Karan Patel			60614	No				
1/26/2020	Kelly McCartney			60657	No				
3/7/2020	Amanda Keller			60653	No				
4/20/2020	Reginald Scruggs			60642	No				
4/21/2020	Beth Melendez			60153	No				
4/23/2020	Cawanna Stonev			606	Yes				
5/16/2020	Wardean Patters			60610	No				
5/28/2020	Rhonda Woodso			60653	Yes				
6/4/2020	Deborah Persson			60610	No				
6/12/2020	Lisa Jones			60653	No				
6/17/2020	Laurie Bryant			60653	No				
6/26/2020	Sabrina Wilkins-B			60653	No				
06/30/2020 18:06	Kevin Wadycki			46321	No				
06/30/2020 18:10	Scott Steward			60643	No				
06/30/2020 22:30	Michael Nash			60617	No				
06/30/2020 23:22	Tim Jones			60615	Yes				
07/01/2020 0:11	Yvette Love			60628	No				
07/01/2020 3:16	Teresa Rice			60620	Yes				
07/01/2020 5:22	Dorothy Dodd			34224	No				
07/01/2020 6:31	Kemba Kelly			606419	Yes				
07/01/2020 7:48	Lathon Williams			60619	No				
07/01/2020 11:55	Allen McNealy			60471	No				
07/01/2020 14:30	Patricia Cunnin			60440	No				
07/01/2020 20:43	Joy Terrell-Hearr			69643	No	No			

07/02/2020 10:43	Steve Waithe		60608		No			
07/03/2020 05:33	Leroy Palmer		60619		No			
07/03/2020 21:37	Meghan Schmidt		60077		No			
07/07/2020 19:49	Tasha Richards		60608		No			
07/09/2020 21:34	Nicole Murad		60654		No			
07/13/2020 14:23	Malcolm Miller		60619		No			
07/15/2020 11:23	Vergil Stewart II		60619		Yes			
07/17/2020 12:21	Melone Shurney		60615		No			



1.5c: Elected Officials Communication

Mary Griffin

From: Mary Griffin <mgriffin@bes.org>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 11:37 AM
To: ward03@cityofchicago.org
Cc: Mitchell Newsome
Subject: Proposed Middle School in Bronzeville



Dear Alderman Dowell,

I hope this email finds you and your loved ones healthy and safe. My name is Mary Griffin, and I am a former middle school teacher and principal here in Chicago and the current Lead Founder of Chicago Prep Middle School. We are a proposed 5th-8th grade public charter school working to open in the Bronzeville community in August 2021. With a focus on academic rigor, character development, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship, Chicago Prep is on a mission to prepare students to succeed in college and positively impact the world.

I have included Mitchell Newsome, Application Sales Manager at Oracle Corporation, who is a lifelong resident of the Bronzeville and North Kenwood/Oakland neighborhoods and one of eight Founding Board Members of Chicago Prep. Since August 2019, our founding team has been deeply engaged in the community, listening and learning from key stakeholders to better understand the strengths and needs of Bronzeville. To date we have had over 275 conversations with families, nonprofit leaders, and business owners and have received invaluable feedback that has directly informed our school model. In fact, the idea to focus on financial literacy was inspired by local parents, as we heard this desire expressed countless times.

Amidst the challenges of the pandemic, we continue to seek feedback from community leaders to help us design a highly responsive, collaborative school. I would love to schedule a time to speak with you to share more about our progress so far and receive any feedback that you may have for us.

Please let me know if you may be available for a phone call or virtual meeting. I am flexible and can work around your schedule, which I'm sure must be incredibly busy under the current circumstances.

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Thank you,
Mary

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From: [Mary Griffin](#)
To: ward05@cityofchicago.org
Cc: [Mitchell Newsome](#)
Subject: Proposed college-prep middle school
Date: Monday, July 6, 2020 1:50:00 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)



Dear Alderman Hairston,

I hope this email finds you and your loved ones healthy and safe. My name is Mary Griffin, and I am a former middle school teacher and principal here in Chicago and the current Lead Founder of Chicago Prep Middle School. We are a proposed 5th-8th grade public charter school working to open in the Bronzeville community in August 2021. With a focus on academic rigor, character development, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship, Chicago Prep is on a mission to prepare students to succeed in college and positively impact the world.

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To: Ward04@cityofchicago.org
Cc: [Mitchell Newsome](#)
Subject: Proposed Middle School in Bronzeville
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 11:34:14 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)



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To: ward25@cityofchicago.org
Cc: [Mitchell Newsome](#)
Subject: Proposed college-prep middle school
Date: Monday, July 6, 2020 1:58:32 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)



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From: [Mary Griffin](#)
To: ward11@cityofchicago.org
Cc: [Mitchell Newsome](#)
Subject: Proposed college-prep middle school
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 6:10:16 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)



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From: [Mary Griffin](#)
To: jeanette.taylor@cityofchicago.org
Cc: [Mitchell Newsome](#)
Subject: Proposed college-prep middle school
Date: Monday, July 6, 2020 1:55:32 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)



Dear Alderwoman Taylor,

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From: [Mary Griffin](#)
To: Buckner@illinois26.com
Cc: [Mitchell Newsome](#)
Subject: Proposed Middle School in Bronzeville
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 3:42:34 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)



Dear Representative Buckner,

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From: [Mary Griffin](#)
To: reponyaharper@gmail.com
Cc: [Mitchell Newsome](#)
Subject: Proposed college-prep middle school
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2020 11:55:35 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)



Dear Representative Harper,

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From: [Mary Griffin](#)
To: rep.theresamah@gmail.com
Cc: [Mitchell Newsome](#)
Subject: Proposed college-prep middle school
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 6:43:47 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)



Dear Representative Mah,

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From: [Mary Griffin](#)
To: lamont@lamontjrobinson.com
Cc: [Mitchell Newsome](#)
Subject: Proposed Middle School in Bronzeville
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 3:37:40 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)



Dear Representative Robinson,

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From: [Mary Griffin](#)
To: office@repcurtisjarverii.com
Cc: [Mitchell Newsome](#)
Subject: Proposed college-prep middle school
Date: Monday, July 6, 2020 2:20:04 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)



Dear Representative Tarver,

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From: [Mary Griffin](#)
To: senatorhunter03@sbcglobal.net
Cc: [Mitchell Newsome](#)
Subject: Proposed Middle School in Bronzeville
Date: Monday, July 6, 2020 2:26:39 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)



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To: info@munozforstatesenate.com
Cc: [Mitchell Newsome](#)
Subject: Proposed college-prep middle school
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 9:02:27 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)



Dear Senator Muñoz,

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From: [Mary Griffin](#)
To: info@senatorrobertpeters.com
Cc: [Mitchell Newsome](#)
Subject: Proposed Middle School in Bronzeville
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 3:56:57 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)



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1.5d: Letters of Support: Parents, Community Members, and Stakeholders

	Name	Position	Affiliation
1	David Bender	Owner and President	The UPS Store, Lake Meadows Shopping Center of the Bronzeville community
2	Laurie Bryant	Owner and Center Director	Mathnasium of Chicago Hyde Park; Bronzeville resident
3	Diane Burnham	Executive Director	South East Chicago Commission (SECC)
4	Gachelle Coffey	Former Radio Personality	Bronzeville resident
5	John Cook	Owner	Bronzeville Community Clubhouse; Bronzeville resident
6	Diane Devroe	Owner	Lady Di's Bakery
7	Debbie Frisch	Founder and Executive Director	HelloBaby
8	Andre Guichard	Owner	Gallery Guichard; Mayor of Bronzeville
9	Ken Harris	Director of Casino Marketing	Ameristar Casino Hotel
10	Robert Hazzard, Jr.	Managing Director	The Hazzard Group, LLC; Bronzeville resident
11	Darrel and Robin Hernandez	Community Members	Bronzeville residents and parents
12	Stacy Jackson	Executive Director	Chicago Lights
13	Danyelle Jones	Middle School Art Teacher	CICS Avalon
14	Gwynda Jones	Retired Senior Global Project Manager at PepsiCo, Inc.	Bronzeville resident
15	Lisa Jones	Community Member	Bronzeville resident
16	Dr. Sokoni Karanja, Ph.D.	President	2016 MA'AT
17	Nicole Kwasigroch	Middle School Math Teacher	CICS Avalon
18	Gerald S. McCarthy	Owner	Law Office of Gerald S. McCarthy; Bronzeville resident
19	Mell Monroe	Owner	Welcome Inn Manor; also Bronzeville resident and Founder/former President, Bronzeville Area Residents & Commerce Council
20	Dr. Scott Nasatir, Ed.D.	Executive Director	NFTE
21	Deborah Persson	Director of Content and Coaching	Teachers Supporting Teachers
22	Clarence Phillips	Community Member	Former Bronzeville resident
23	Dr. Barrington Price, PsyD	Vice President, Student Success and Engagement	Dominican University
24	Greg Richmond	Community Leader in Education	Former Chief Officer for New School Development, Chicago Public Schools; Founder and former CEO, National Association of Charter School Authorizers

25	Karen Riley	Lawyer	Bronzeville resident
26	Danielle Rosenbach	Middle School Special Education Teacher	CICS Avalon
27	Chanel Sims	Community Member	Bronzeville resident and CPS parent
28	Scott Steward	Founder and CEO	Genius Lab, Inc.
29	Stephanie Tarr	Faculty, Radiography Department	Malcolm X College; Bronzeville resident
30	Joy Terrell-Hearns	Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education	Richard J. Daley College
31	Kevin Wadycki	Middle School Science and Social Studies Teacher	CICS Avalon
32	Erin Walsh-Hagan	Assistant Director of the BES Fellowship	BES
33	Robin Whaley-Smith	Community Member	Bronzeville resident
34	Sabrina Wilkins-Brown	Business Owner	The Law Office of Sabrina Wilkins-Brown, P.C.; Bronzeville resident
35	Rhonda Woodson	Community Member	Bronzeville resident

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April 24, 2020

Office of Innovation and Incubation
Chicago Public Schools
42 W. Madison St.
Chicago, IL 60602

To Whom It May Concern:

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Again, I would like to extend my support and recommendation for Chicago Prep. We sincerely hope that the school will be granted a charter and open in the fall of 2021 to serve the students of Chicago. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 3dbinc@gmail.com or by phone at (312) 567-9090.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David B. Bender".

David B. Bender, Owner/President
3DB Inc. d.b.a. The UPS Store #3261
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June 30th, 2020

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As a resident of the Bronzeville community for over 20 years and neighbor to Ken Dickerson, I am confident that with Mr. Dickerson's leadership as a member of the Founding Board, the new school will be a tremendous success and welcome addition to the neighborhood. Ken brings a wealth of knowledge from the business world as well as in the role of an entrepreneur. He has high moral and ethical standards and the integrity needed in which to be entrusted with a project of this stature. Any student fortunate enough to be guided by the values and experiences that he, as well as others of the Board will bring, I believe will graduate from the school fully equipped to achieve success. The Bronzeville community is primed for an educational opportunity such as this. Additionally, as Chicago Prep will be focusing solely on middle school students, its unique structure will affect students at just the optimal time of their educational attainment. Accordingly, I fully support the vision of Chicago Prep and as an educator myself, I will do all that I can to help it succeed.

Again, I would like to extend my unyielding support and recommendation for Chicago Prep. I sincerely hope that the school will be granted a charter and open in the fall of 2021 to serve the students of Chicago. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at mathnasiumhydepark@gmail.com or (773) 831-6789.

Very kind regards,

Laurie A Bryant
Owner/Center Director
Mathnasium of Chicago Hyde Park
1326 East 53rd Street
Chicago, IL 60615



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The South East Chicago Commission has been working in the surrounding community for the past 68 years, which includes Kenwood, Oakland and Washington Park, all of which are captured by the Bronzeville community area. It is refreshing to see a new approach to education and is important for Bronzeville families to have educational options for their middle school aged children that can prepare them for high school, college, and beyond.

We sincerely hope that the school will be granted a charter and open in the fall of 2021 to serve the students of Chicago. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at diane@secc-chicago.org.

Sincerely,



Diane Burnham
Executive Director

July 10, 2020

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I'm ecstatic over the mission of Chicago Prep to prepare all 5th-8th grade students to succeed in college and positively impact the world with its focus on academic rigor, character development, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship. This will offer students a well-rounded education that motivates and prepares them for long-term success. The Bronzeville Community, once known as the "Black Metropolis" is a historical treasure of Chicago that contributed to the pride and upward mobility of African Americans before its decline. Once again Bronzeville is rising to reinstate its position as an undeniable and sustaining pillar of Chicago in its cultural development and business diversity. The environmental culture of the Bronzeville community is so relevant in being suited for breathing life into the transitional stage of a middle school student.

As many blacks migrated to the north from the south from the 1920's through the 1950's, my mother was one also who landed in Bronzeville and resided in the Rosenwald Housing Development. Many years later I also made my transition from Chatham to Bronzeville to reside. There is great pride to live in this historical community and become a resident of this jewel that carries the roots of many prominent African American artists, intellectuals, social and political activists, journalists and many jazz and gospel great influencers of the world. There is a great investment of organizational and business interests groups that continue to work diligently to rebuild the "city within the city" to once again become a national center of urban African American commerce and the arts.

I believe trees of life grow to astounding heights among other trees when they are planted in rich soil. To have the Chicago Prep Charter school planted in Bronzeville will give its students an overwhelming sense of pride and ambition to excel in their educational and emotional character development of becoming a product of such deep and influential roots. As we examine and stand for "Black Lives Matter" among all lives that matter, an educational center that focuses particularly on character development, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship is paramount to establish today in soil that will produce fruit for the needed leadership of our future generation.

Again, I would like to extend my support and recommendation for Chicago Prep. We sincerely hope that the school will be granted a charter and open in the fall of 2021 to serve the students of Chicago. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at coffeymakers@gmail.com or mobile #773.593.7717.

Best,

Gachele Coffey

May 19, 2020

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I am writing this letter to express my support of Chicago Preparatory Charter Middle School, a proposed 5th-8th grade college preparatory school working to open in Bronzeville in the fall of 2021. After meeting with Founding Board Member, Ken Dickerson I am excited about the impact Chicago Prep will have on the Bronzeville community. I have known Ken for at least 20 years, and he has an affinity for our young people. He personally proved it to me of this when, he helped begin the Bronzeville Little League, a similar demographic we targeted which at the time was critical to its success. Ken did what many people are not willing to do. He made himself available DESPITE working a full-time job and running an essential business in our community.

Who does that? Ken Dickerson that is who. That is why I am taking this time to formally thank him for his dedication not only to young people but for the community at large. His desire to see that young people receive the kind of education he did which is critical at this stage in their lives as we know. Therefore he is not only making another tremendous sacrifice in his life he is doing Bronzeville a favor by offering his invaluable time and service.

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Again, I would like to say thank you Ken Dickerson for looking back and extending your hand to give young people the opportunity to achieve the success you have as a black man, mentor, and humanitarian, and I extend my support and recommendation for Chicago Prep. We sincerely hope that the school will be granted a charter and open in the fall of 2021 to serve the students of Chicago. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at johncookpes@sbcglobal.net and you may reach me at (773) 548-7724.

Sincerely,

John A. Cook
Owner of the Bronzeville Community Clubhouse and Resident

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April 14,2020

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Sincerely,

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The mission of HelloBaby is to level the playing field in Chicago. I'm happy to see that Chicago Prep is stepping up to do the same.

Again, I would like to extend my support and recommendation for Chicago Prep. We sincerely hope that the school will be granted a charter and open in the fall of 2021 to serve the students of Chicago. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at debbie@hellobabychgo.org.

Sincerely,



Debbie Frisch

Founder and Executive Director

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Sincerely,



Andre Guichard

Owner, Gallery Guichard



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Sincerely,

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July 9, 2020

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I've lived in the Bronzeville area for over 15 years and know the positive impact this school would have on the community.

Again, I would like to extend my support and recommendation for Chicago Prep. We sincerely hope that the school will be granted a charter and open in the fall of 2021 to serve the students of Chicago. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at Robert@thehazardgroup.com or Office: 773-620-5022.

Warm regards,

Robert Hazzard, Jr.
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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to express our support for Chicago Preparatory Charter Middle School, a proposed 5th-8th grade college preparatory school working to open in Bronzeville fall of 2021. After exhaustive discussion with Mitchell Newsome my spouse and I were in complete favor of Chicago Prep being here in our Bronzeville community.

Chicago Prep's mission is to prepare all 5th-8th grade students to succeed in college and positively impact the world. In order to achieve this mission, Chicago Prep will create invaluable experiences for its students, including education in financial literacy and entrepreneurial thinking, social and emotional learning, and daily small-group tutoring.

The world is changing and there are more paths to success available today than ever before and we believe that Chicago Prep is taking the right steps toward that change. As the parents of a recent 8th grade graduate and future YouTube influencer we found ourselves having to fill in many of the gaps that the current school system does not provide. The knowledge on financial literacy, financial independence, and entrepreneurial guidance are assets our children need to be able to flourish in this new world. Therefore we strongly feel Chicago Prep would be an amazing investment for the children in our Bronzeville Community.

Again, I would like to extend my support and recommendation for Chicago Prep. We sincerely hope that the school will be granted a charter and open in the fall of 2021 to serve the students of Chicago. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at darr.dez@gmail.com or 773-988-7233

Sincerely,

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May 27, 2020

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I am writing this letter to express my support of Chicago Preparatory Charter Middle School, a proposed 5th–8th grade college preparatory school working to open in Bronzeville in the fall of 2021. After meeting with the Proposed Head of School Mary Griffin, I am excited about the impact Chicago Prep will have on the Bronzeville community.

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Again, I would like to extend my support and recommendation for Chicago Prep. We sincerely hope that the school will be granted a charter and open in the fall of 2021 to serve the students of Chicago. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at sjackson@chicagolights.org or 312.981.3562.

Sincerely,



Stacy Jackson
Executive Director

July 22, 2020

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to express my support of Chicago Preparatory Charter Middle School, a proposed 5th-8th grade college preparatory school working to open in Bronzeville in the fall of 2021. I know the Proposed Head of School, Mary Griffin, from being a teacher under her direction as Principal of a Middle School on Chicago's Southside. I believe in her leadership as well as the mission and vision of Chicago Prep.

Chicago Prep's mission is to prepare all 5th-8th grade students to succeed in college and positively impact the world. In order to achieve this mission, Chicago Prep will create invaluable experiences for its students, including education in financial literacy and entrepreneurial thinking, social and emotional learning, and daily small-group tutoring. The historic Bronzeville neighborhood produced our nation's first Black-owned bank (Binga State Bank) and was once the center of Black journalism. The education that students will receive at Chicago Prep will be an asset in continuing Bronzeville's legacy of creating future leaders, creatives, and intellectuals that make indelible impacts on the world.

During my time working with Mary, she proved to be a great Principal, because she was first a teacher, and had not forgotten where she'd been. As Principal she gave me the respect and flexibility to provide instruction that was meaningful for the students in my classroom. Mary was able to disaggregate data schoolwide and give the teachers a "big picture" understanding of instructional needs to promote student growth. I am confident that Mary, with the support of a strong Founding Board, will create a positive learning environment at Chicago Prep that prepares students for long-term success.

Again, I would like to extend my support and recommendation for Chicago Prep. I sincerely hope that the school will be granted a charter and open in the fall of 2021 to serve the students of Chicago. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 614-571-4290.

Sincerely,

Danyelle Jones
Middle School Teacher

Gwynda Jones

May 16, 2020

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I am writing this letter to express my complete support of Chicago Preparatory Charter Middle School, a proposed 5th-8th grade college preparatory school working to open in Bronzeville in the fall of 2021. After meeting with Founding Board Member, Ken Dickerson, I am excited about the impact Chicago Prep will have on the Bronzeville community.

The mission of Chicago Prep is to prepare all 5th-8th grade and positively impact the world. Preparation for college begins before High-school. High-school prepares the student in being accepting but it is the years prior to high-school that lays the foundation for succeeding. In order to achieve this mission, Chicago Prep will focus on academic rigor, character development, and financial literacy & entrepreneurship, offering students a well-rounded education that motivates and prepares them for long-term success. In addition, Chicago Prep is committed to ensuring excellent teaching within a structured and supportive community, leveraging family, and community partnerships to ensure the school reflects the strengths and needs of Bronzeville. I believe in the vision of Chicago Prep, and I believe the Bronzeville community will benefit from the opportunities the school will provide.

As a Bronzeville homeowner of more than 22 years where I raised my daughter and who now has graduated from Arizona State University with plans of attending grad-school at Georgetown University; but due to the lack of choices and opportunities in Bronzeville during earlier years, she attended private schooling at Francis Xavier Warde through 8th grade and later graduated from the 1st contract public high-schools in Bronzeville, ChiArts which brought a high caliber of quality education and exposure to our community. Their relocation left a gap in academic excellence in our community. To regain it, we must start in the middle school providing students with diverse cultural experiences, academic excellence, choices, and opportunities to compete in Chicago's high-school process. A charter school provides innovation, introduces choice and supports Bronzeville's revitalization efforts. The freedom to choose provides access to compete and competition produces success. Let us give our students the opportunity to succeed by opening the Chicago Preparatory Charter Middle School in Bronzeville.

Again, I would like to extend my full support and recommendation for Chicago Prep. We sincerely hope that the school will be granted a charter and open in the fall of 2021 to serve the students of Chicago. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at gwynda.jones26@gmail.com or 312 497-8804.

Sincerely,

Gwynda Jones
Retired Sr. Global Project Manager Officer
PepsiCo, Inc.

June 11, 2020

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Again, I would like to extend my support and recommendation for Chicago Prep. I sincerely hope that the school will be granted a charter and open in the fall of 2021 to serve the students of Chicago. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at lisal_jones@yahoo.com or (708) 212-0295.

Sincerely,

Lisa L. Jones

June 29, 2020

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Chicago Prep a nascent 5th to 8th grade middle school proposed for Bronzeville. This proposed new middle school led by a strong committed community board and skilled, passionate staff leadership is focused on creating exciting and challenging education for the children of Bronzeville. It also has within its ranks the knowledge and skill to do the fundamental work necessary to help students move step by step to academic excellence.


Expectations more often than not determine reality. Much of the lack of success we have seen with students of our community is what is set out as the institutional vision and the level of work and skill each teacher in each classroom is able to inspire and extract from them. Creating the opportunity for each student to dream and then laying down the daily steps they must take to see their dream become them and their reality.

Over the past nearly 50 years of living in Bronzeville and working in multiple Community schools (private and public), I have seen children fail miserably when resources and expectations are not in place. I have also had the opportunity to see strong committed administration and clear expectations head and heart teaching cause the most challenging students to believe in themselves and become what that teacher helped them to dream and then helped them take the fundamental steps to become their dream. I call this the agriculture of academic excellence planting, pruning, weeding and watering. I believe the Chicago Prep community board and the staff leaders are committed to making this transformation happen for each of the students who they will enroll.

This work is hard and not everyone can see the genius coming through their doors and in turn help each of them achieve and exceed their potential. This requires the work/cooperation of administration, teachers, parents and community. Dr Mindy Fullilove calls this process "education alchemy" which creates the space that causes all to grow and go far beyond their dreams.

I believe based on my interaction with the administration and the board of directors that they are committed to excellent outcomes. Based on their past records they have the experience and commitment to get the children they are privileged to enroll over the goal line. I therefore strongly endorse the Chicago Prep Middle school.

Sincerely,



Sokoni Karanja, Ph.D.
President

07/29/2020

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I am writing this letter to express my support of Chicago Preparatory Charter Middle School, a proposed 5th-8th grade college preparatory school working to open in Bronzeville in the fall of 2021. I know the Proposed Head of School, Mary Griffin, as my previous school principal. Her leadership proved to be supportive to me as a new staff member. Ms. Griffin supported me with developing and planning lessons tailored to the needs of our student population. Her support throughout the school year enhanced my professional skills as a teacher and her feedback gave me the opportunity to become an innovative educator. Ms. Griffin's dedication, hard work and passion served as an expectation that I was able to sustain. I admire her passion for making a difference in children's lives. I believe in her leadership as well as the mission and vision of Chicago Prep.

Chicago Prep's mission is to prepare all 5th-8th grade students to succeed in college and positively impact the world. In order to achieve this mission, Chicago Prep will create invaluable experiences for its students, including education in financial literacy and entrepreneurial thinking, social and emotional learning, and daily small-group tutoring. In order for students to become well rounded citizens in today's society, providing financial literacy at an early age is crucial because it will help students to understand retirement, how to avoid high levels of debt and learn the importance of saving. Providing invaluable experiences such as financial literacy resonated with me because I understand this is a key concept in today's economy and it is our youth that can make a difference in our economy.

During my time working with Mary, her natural leadership skills and cheerful attitude influenced our school culture. I was impressed by Mary's work ethics, drive and passion for our students to succeed. I am confident that Mary, with the support of a strong Founding Board, will create a positive learning environment at Chicago Prep that prepares students for long-term success.

Again, I would like to extend my support and recommendation for Chicago Prep. I sincerely hope that the school will be granted a charter and open in the fall of 2021 to serve the students of Chicago. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at nkwasigroch@cicsavalon.org and/or (714) 381-5571

Sincerely,

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5th/6th Grade Math Teacher

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April 17, 2020

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to express my support for Chicago Preparatory Charter Middle School (Chicago Prep), a proposed 5th- 8th grade college preparatory school that is striving to open in Bronzeville in the fall of 2021. After meeting with Founding Board Member and long-time friend, Ken Dickerson, I am excited about the impact Chicago Prep will have on the community.

The mission of Chicago Prep is to prepare their students to succeed in college and to have a positive impact on their community. Chicago Prep will focus on academic rigor, character development, and financial literacy & entrepreneurship. The school will offer students a well-rounded education that motivates and prepares them for long-term success. I believe in the vision of Chicago Prep and Ken Dickerson.

I, without hesitation, recommend Chicago Preparatory Charter Middle School. I sincerely hope that the school will be granted a charter to serve the students of Bronzeville. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (312) 635-1800 or via email at gerald@mccarthy.legal.

Sincerely,

LAW OFFICE OF GERALD S. MCCARTHY

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gerald S. McCarthy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gerald" and last name "McCarthy" clearly legible.

Gerald S. McCarthy
Principal

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To Whom It May Concern:

I've known Ken Dickerson for over 15 years and have witnessed his leadership as a passionate business owner, corporate executive and community volunteer.

I am writing this letter to express my support of Chicago Preparatory Charter Middle School, a proposed 5th-8th grade college preparatory school working to open in Bronzeville in the fall of 2021. After meeting with Founding Board Member, Ken Dickerson I am encouraged about the impact Chicago Prep will have on the Bronzeville community and the Near South Side of Chicago. This middle school would be a welcome addition to our Bronzeville neighborhood.

I endorse and support the mission of Chicago Prep which is to prepare all 5th-8th grade students to succeed in college and positively impact the world. In order to achieve this mission, Chicago Prep will focus on academic rigor, character development, and financial literacy & entrepreneurship, offering students a well-rounded education that motivates and prepares them for long-term success.

Chicago Prep is progressive approach to teaching. These innovative ideas and concepts most importantly is committed to excellence in education while involving community partnerships and to make certain the school reflects the strengths and needs of Bronzeville as a particularly unique cultural experience.

As a proactive community leader and small business owner in the Bronzeville community for over 20 years, I am confident about the benefits and opportunities the school will provide for all students regardless of race, gender, cultural and ethnic differences.

Again, I would like to extend my support and recommendation for Chicago Prep. We sincerely hope that the school will be granted a charter and open in the fall of 2021 to serve the students of Chicago. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at mell@welcomeinnmanor.com or 312-493-2953.

Sincerely Yours,

Mell Monroe
Principal- Welcome Inn Manor
Past Founder/President- Bronzeville Area Residents & Commerce Council



April 20th, 2020

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The Network For Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE), is dedicated to empowering youth in underserved communities through our entrepreneurship curriculum and are excited to be an integral part of Chicago Prep to further equip youth to be successful in the workforce of the future.

Again, I would like to extend my support and recommendation for Chicago Prep. We sincerely hope that the school will be granted a charter and open in the fall of 2021 to serve the students of Chicago. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at scott.nasatir@nfte.com or at my cell, 773-297-9730.

Sincerely,

Dr. Scott I. Nasatir

Executive Director, NFTE

July 28, 2020

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Chicago Prep's mission is to prepare all 5th-8th grade students to succeed in college and positively impact the world. In order to achieve this mission, Chicago Prep will create invaluable experiences for its students, including education in financial literacy and entrepreneurial thinking, social and emotional learning, and daily small-group tutoring. Working in education, I often see students who are not experiencing success transform into engaged, invested learners when given small-group care, attention, and academic support.

During my time working with Mary, I have seen had the pleasure of seeing her lead her students and her school to the highest levels of achievement, truly changing the trajectories of those within her school community. Mary values being a life-long learner, and this will serve her well in this role, and will help her to continue to create change for students and families for generations to come. I am confident that Mary, with the support of a strong Founding Board, will create a positive learning environment at Chicago Prep that prepares students for long-term success.

Again, I would like to extend my support and recommendation for Chicago Prep. I sincerely hope that the school will be granted a charter and open in the fall of 2021 to serve the students of Chicago. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at Deborah.Persson@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Deborah Persson
Director of Content and Coaching
Teachers Supporting Teachers

Monday, June 22, 2020

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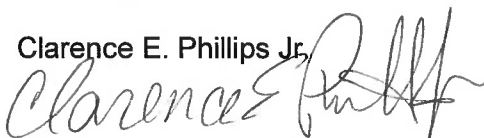
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As a young Catholic, I visited Bronzeville to attend mass at Holy Angels on occasion. Father Clements spent much of his life to focus greater recognition of social problems that African American children face still today. I believe Chicago Prep will address those issues by providing a learning experience that promotes self-reliance and a great education.

I believe in the vision of Chicago Prep, and I believe the Bronzeville community will benefit from the opportunities the school will provide.

Again, I would like to extend my support and recommendation for Chicago Prep. We sincerely hope that the school will be granted a charter and open in the fall of 2021 to serve the students of Chicago. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at clarence.phillips@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Clarence E. Phillips Jr.




July 30, 2020

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I am writing this letter to express my support of Chicago Preparatory Charter Middle School, a proposed 5th-8th grade college preparatory school working to open in Bronzeville in the fall of 2021. After meeting with the Proposed Head of School Mary Griffin, I feel assured that Chicago Prep will challenge and push our students from foundational skill development to higher order thinking which is interweaved throughout the educational script her team has crafted.

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It is with a lens towards equity that Chicago Prep seeks to create a base of understanding positioning all students to learn and engage. Chicago Prep and its leaders have a distinct focus on student's awareness of themselves which will drive their student's volition towards the creation of good trouble in our society, serving as moral agents in their communities, and a pursuit of their own truth.

Again, I would like to extend my support and recommendation for Chicago Prep. We sincerely hope that the school will be granted a charter and open in the fall of 2021 to serve the students of Chicago. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at bprice@dom.edu.

Sincerely,

Barrington Price, PsyD
Vice President, Student Success and Engagement

Greg Richmond
10867 South Hoyne Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

June 23, 2020

Members of the Board of Education and
Chief Executive Officer Janice Jackson
c/o Office of Innovation and Incubation
Chicago Public Schools
42 West Madison Street
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Dr. Jackson and Members of the Board,

I am writing support Chicago Preparatory Charter Middle School, a proposed 5th-8th grade college preparatory school working to open in Bronzeville in the fall of 2021.

The Chicago Public Schools is dear to me and its mission to prepare our city's youth for a successful future is paramount. From 1994 to 2005, I had the privilege of working at CPS with Paul Vallas, Arne Duncan, Gery Chico, Michael Scott, Cozette Buckney, Barbara Eason-Watkins, Carlos Azcoitia, and hundreds of others to strengthen Chicago's public education system.

We launched and I led CPS's Charter Schools Office which later grew into the Office of Innovation and Incubation. I worked with charter schools, small schools, and other new schools, including an inspiring team that launched Al Raby High School led by a talented educator, Janice Jackson. Every day, I was inspired by the passion, commitment, and hard work of the educators launching and leading these schools.

Twenty years later, talented and passionate educators like Mary Griffin continue to step forward to create quality educational options for Chicago students. I thank you for providing her and the Chicago Prep team with this opportunity and urge you to approve Chicago Prep so that more children may have the opportunity to attend a school that meets their particular needs and interests, and prepares them for success in life.

Sincerely,

Greg Richmond
Former Chief Officer for New School Development, Chicago Public Schools
Founder and former CEO, National Association of Charter School Authorizers

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July 27, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to express my support of Chicago Preparatory Charter Middle School, a proposed 5th-8th grade college preparatory school organizing for a fall 2021 opening in Bronzeville. After discussing the project at length with Founding Board Member, Ken Dickerson I am optimistic about the positive impact Chicago Prep will afford the young people in the Bronzeville community.

The mission of Chicago Prep is to prepare all 5th-8th grade students to succeed in college and positively impact the world. The mission and the programming Chicago Prep proposes encourage me: focus on academic rigor, character development, financial literacy & entrepreneurship, offering students a well-rounded education that motivates and prepares them for long-term success. In addition, Chicago Prep is committed to secure excellent teachers that reflect the structured and supportive community, leveraging family and community partnerships to include the strengths and assets of Bronzeville. I believe the vision of Chicago Prep can be realized and will provide exponential benefits to the Bronzeville community.

Again, as a Bronzeville resident, I would like to extend my support and recommendation for Chicago Prep to be granted a charter to open in the fall of 2021 to serve the continuing need of middle school students in Chicago. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at k.riley@klrilaw.com or by phone 312.961.7663.

All the Best,



Karen Riley, Esq.

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After working at Avalon for the last 3 years, I can understand why Bronzeville is a community that would benefit from a data driven school. In order to create a society that is fair and just, we need to empower our youth to advocate for their own educational needs and success. Mary is the best person to lead the school and inspire future leaders!

During my time working with Mary, I learned about the role of data driven instruction and how to leverage individual student needs in a classroom with a wide variety of needs. Mary taught me a lot about rapid feedback and making sure that students are receiving rigorous instruction. Mary also helped me form strong relationships and bonds with many of my students and their families.

I am confident that Mary, with the support of a strong Founding Board, will create a positive learning environment at Chicago Prep that prepares students for long-term success.

Again, I would like to extend my support and recommendation for Chicago Prep. I sincerely hope that the school will be granted a charter and open in the fall of 2021 to serve the students of Chicago. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at daniellerosenbach@gmail.com/13106255361.

Sincerely,
Danielle Rosenbach
Special Education Teacher

June 29, 2020

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As a community stakeholder, CPS alumni and current parent of Chicago Public Schools students, I promote community expansion and quality educational options within Bronzeville. Chicago prep mission aligns with my vision of building people and building community by first investing in our future leaders.

Again, I would like to extend my support and recommendation for Chicago Prep. We sincerely hope that the school will be granted a charter and open in the fall of 2021 to serve the students of Chicago. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at simschanel8@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Chanel Sims
Bronzeville Resident /CPS Parent



July 20, 2020

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Again, I would like to extend my support and recommendation for Chicago Prep. We sincerely hope that the school will be granted a charter and open in the fall of 2021 to serve the students of Chicago. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at scott@geniuslabchicago.com or at 312-823-9367.

Sincerely,

Scott L. Steward
Founder and CEO,
Genius Lab, Inc.



May 23, 2020

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Sincerely,

Stephanie Tarr, M.Ed., R.T. (R)
Faculty, Radiography Department
Department Co-Chair: Health Sciences
Malcolm X College-City Colleges of Chicago
School of Health Sciences

May 30, 2020

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Again, I would like to extend my support and recommendation for Chicago Prep. We sincerely hope that the school will be granted a charter and open in the fall of 2021 to serve the students of Chicago. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at joy_hearns@yahoo.com or by phone 773-350-5121.

Sincerely,

Joy Terrell-Hearns
Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education
Richard J. Daley College

July 20, 2020

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During my time working with Mary, she did tremendous work to increase academic rigor at CICS Avalon by constantly pushing teachers to be their best. At the orientation when joining the team, I was impressed by how Mary forged a high functioning team and led intense training sessions on the teaching methods used at CICS Avalon. Throughout the school year, Mary was deeply involved in every teacher's instruction in the most positive, supportive way I had ever seen from an administrator. She provided excellent feedback to me from observations and helped craft reteach lessons to ensure that scholars were closing gaps in their understanding in my classroom. Our work together led to CICS Avalon achieving the highest NWEA attainment in the CICS Network and a Level 1 SQRP score for the 2017-2018 school year. I am confident that Mary, with the support of a strong Founding Board, will create a positive learning environment at Chicago Prep that prepares students for long-term success.

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Sincerely,

Kevin Wadycki

5th Grade Science and Social Studies Teacher



July 24, 2020

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that we support the charter application for Chicago Preparatory Charter Middle School and the leadership of Lead Founder and proposed Head of School, Mary Griffin.

BES is a nationally recognized non-profit, whose flagship program, the BES Fellowship, trains high-capacity individuals to design, found, lead, and sustain high-performing schools. Mary, a Fellow with BES, is a serious and driven leader who has a deep commitment to the students and families of Bronzeville. Prior to joining the Fellowship, Mary spent seven years as a teacher and school leader in Chicago. She has the knowledge, skills, and mindsets necessary to implement an academically rigorous, structured and supportive school model that will prepare all scholars to succeed in college and make a positive impact in their community and the world.

Mary has spent the Fellowship year deeply immersed in studying high performing schools nationally and has spent a month-long residency at a high achieving middle school incubated through BES - Collegiate School of Memphis in Memphis, TN - where she was part of the leadership team and immersed in all daily operations of the school.

Mary is steadfast in her commitment to founding, leading, and sustaining a high-achieving school for the students of Bronzeville. Her clear vision, proven track record as a teacher and leader in Chicago, and her ability to engage a variety of stakeholders position her to lead a rigorous, supportive school model guided by the belief that all students can achieve academic excellence.

It has been an honor to work alongside Mary and we have the utmost confidence in her leadership and the intentionally designed model proposed for Chicago Prep. It is without reservation that we support Mary and the application for Chicago Preparatory Charter Middle School.

Regards,
Erin Walsh-Hagan
Assistant Director of the BES Fellowship
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June 30, 2020

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I trust in the vision of Chicago Prep, and I believe that the Bronzeville community will benefit from the opportunities the school will provide from being able to influence and enrich the lives of the next generation. If we sow a seed today, we can transform a life forever.

Again, I would like to extend my support and recommendation for Chicago Prep. We sincerely hope that the school will be granted a charter and open in the fall of 2021 to serve the students of Chicago. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me anytime at 312-498-0806 or gastonkennade13@yahoo.com

With gratitude,

Robin Whaley-Smith

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June 26, 2020

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I have lived in Bronzeville since 1999 and raised my daughter in the Bronzeville community. However, due to the lack of quality Chicago public schools in the Bronzeville area at the time, my daughter attended a magnet elementary school on the Northside (Newberry Math and Science Academy) and later a Catholic elementary school (St. Thomas the Apostle in Hyde Park). While there have been some positive public school changes in Bronzeville, the concept and mission goal of the Chicago Charter Middle School in the Bronzeville area is long overdue and much needed.

Again, I would like to extend my support and recommendation for Chicago Prep. I sincerely hope that the school will be granted a charter to open in the fall of 2021 to serve the Bronzeville student community as well as other students in Chicago. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the e-mail address and phone number referenced in this correspondence.

Sincerely,

Sabrina Wilkins-Brown

Sabrina Wilkins-Brown, Bronzeville Community Resident

May 28, 2020

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Sincerely,

Rhonda Woodson