

## ***Executive Summary***

The mission of Chicago Education Partnership (CEP) is to create a school that dramatically transforms the lives of K-8 students and prepares them for success in college and in life through: the delivery of a rigorous and personalized academic program, a focus on holistic education and the development of strong character.

Because we believe that maximum impact in an individual's life can most effectively be achieved through the determined efforts of a myriad of influencers, our vision is to prepare students for academic success, develop proficient and enthusiastic readers and to provide comprehensive, holistic services to students in partnership with our after-school provider, By The Hand Club For Kids (BTH). Together, CEP and BTH will provide students with a comprehensive continuum of service from 7:30am – 6:30pm and will create a synergistic and cohesive program that meets students' academic, social and emotional needs. This exciting new opportunity will begin by serving grades K and 1 in the fall of 2015.

Students in under-resourced neighborhoods often enter school with multiple barriers to learning that prevent them from achieving meaningful academic results, deter a genuine love for reading, inhibit healthy physical/emotional development and counteract deep character and value growth. We desire to reduce and eliminate those barriers to learning and to a successful life. We will utilize what we have learned about children and families in challenging Chicago neighborhoods and apply our educational experience into a holistic partnership service model that serves kids throughout the entire school day and through the after-school hours. Our school design team will build on a decade of school leadership experience and the knowledge gained through the founding and development of an extraordinarily successful after-school program that for eleven years, has seen a dramatic impact on thousands of children in some of Chicago's most challenging neighborhoods. This experience and demonstrated track record of impacting student lives academically, physically, socially and emotionally will be invaluable in the formation of a successful school.

Our educational program is based on an extended school year/extended school day model. It will meet the needs of all learners including English Language Learners, students with special needs, students in need of remediation and those in need of accelerated learning. It will be a college preparatory school which views excellence as commitment to constant improvement through a rigorous education that seeks to develop the potential of each student.

The educational program of the school will include:

- Student-centered, personalized learning academic philosophy
- Culture of high expectations established
- Self-pacing and mastery-based advancement
- Blended instructional model
- Data-driven instruction
- Student ownership over learning
- Focus on reading
- Character development emphasized
- A pyramid of interventions for students to meet social/emotional needs
- A deep partnership with the By The Hand Club For Kids that will provide extraordinary level of support especially on non-academic factors such as: college counseling and persistence, physical health and wellness, social work/counseling, mental health, character development, truancy reduction, and behavior intervention

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- A high level of parental involvement and broad parent partnerships
- Employ the Core Knowledge curriculum that is research-based, mapped with a clear scope and sequence and is aligned to state, national, and college-readiness standards

Chicago Education Partnership is committed to aligning our educational goals and metrics to the new CPS School Quality Rating Policy. We anticipate that we will be able to achieve student growth year over year that is in line with schools identified as being in good standing.

Our targeted community is the Austin neighborhood. We have seven years of experience working in the Austin neighborhood with Chicago Public School students through By The Hand Club For Kids. Based on a review of demographic data and our firsthand knowledge, students in Austin face tremendous challenges related to high rates of poverty, crime, single-parent homes, homicide rates, and gang activities. Through our community engagement efforts over the last seven weeks, we have been inspired by the tremendous support that we have received. Community members have been enthusiastic and excited about the proposed school. To date, we have collected 341 signatures on our petitions; 36 intent to enroll forms; 26 letters of support and we have secured broad-based support from multiple stakeholder groups including:

**Elected Officials:** LaShawn Ford, State Representative 8<sup>th</sup> District; Emma Mitts, Alderman 37<sup>th</sup> Ward; Jason Ervin, Alderman 28<sup>th</sup> Ward

**Chicago Public School Principals:** Dr. Shawn Jackson, Principal of Spencer Technology Academy; Minnie Watson, Principal of Oscar DePriest Elementary School

**Social Service Providers and Non-Profit Agencies:** Austin Coming Together; By The Hand Club For Kids; Cornerstone Counseling Center of Chicago; Bethel New Life; CeaseFire Illinois; The Peace Corner Youth Center; Goodcity; Austin Childcare Providers Network

**Faith-Based Organizations:** The Moody Church; The Rock Church; Circle Urban Ministries; Moody Bible Institute; Chicago First Church of the Nazarene; Church on the Block; New Galilee Missionary Baptist Church; The Friendship Baptist Church of Chicago; The Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church

## Enrollment Projections:

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8	Y9
Enrollment									
K	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90
1	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90
2		90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90
3			90	90	90	90	90	90	90
4				90	90	90	90	90	90
5					90	90	90	90	90
6							90	90	90
7								90	90
8									90
<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>810</b>