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**Tier III Proposal
Moving Everest 2**

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Update to Sections from Tiers I and II

Applicants may briefly describe (in 2,000 words or less) any updates to other sections from Tiers I and II. New operators may have updates to proposed board membership.

As we have finalized our facility location and gained greater insight into the communities that we will serve, we now believe that we will serve a significant number of English Language Learners. Although both our existing site and the proposed site are located in the Austin community, the demographics of the two schools are markedly different as our existing school serves a population that is almost 100% African American.

We engaged the support of an English Language Learner expert to assist us in developing our program for EL students. Among her recommendations is adding a Bilingual Program Specialist. We intend to hire this staff member in the first year of operations. We have reviewed our budget and staffing plans to assess our capacity to add this position and will make the following budget modifications:

Years 1 and 2

We had originally staffed the first and second years with an additional teacher to allow for flexibility in the event that we had students who needed additional support. We believe that EL students meet this definition and will, therefore, convert the additional teaching position to the Bilingual Program Specialist.

Years 3 and 4

In years three and four we had included a second Director of Instruction (the first is hired in the first year of operations). Again, this hire was intended to provide supplemental support to instructional staff but we do not consider it a necessary position until we exceed 500 students in the fifth year of operations.

Year 5

In the fifth year of operations, we will have all staff who are in the budget submission as well as the Bilingual Program Specialist.

These shifts will have minimal impact on the budget in Years 1-4 and in Year 5 we generate sufficient surplus absorb the expense associated with the additional position. It is important to note that we will maintain more than 30 days cash on hand at all times in the proposed staffing scenario.



Domain 1: Community Engagement and Support

Domain 1: Community Engagement and Support assesses whether the applicant garnered authentic parent and community support and demonstrated true demand for the proposed school.

Section 1.5: Updated Community Outreach and Support Materials

We have attached a document which details our deeper reflection on the community that we will serve and the role that Moving Everest 2 will have as a catalyst for community transformation. Please see the PDF titled ME2 - Transformation.

Additionally, As discussed in the Tier II submission, Moving Everest 2 (ME2) will be located on the same large parcel of property as the ReVive Center. Since submitting Tier II, we have further developed our relationship with the founders of the ReVive Center and participated in Harvest Fest with them – a community event that attracted over 500 people. John and Angelina Zayas founded the ReVive Center on the principle that citywide transformation begins with the individual, then radiates out to the family, and then to the community. ReVive networks and coordinates with different community organizations to impact lives and families, knowing that strong families benefit neighborhoods, and neighborhoods are the building blocks that shape neighborhoods and a city. An example of some of the entities that they currently partner with:

- World Vision - World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization, dedicated to working with children and families of all faiths, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. They serve all people, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or gender. World Vision has served Chicago and Chicagoland since 1992, focusing on the Roseland and Austin communities. Their programs include Essential Supplies, Teacher Resource Center, and Building Materials. In 2015, they served more than 360,000 children, youth, and adults with more than 210 partner organizations and more than 900 volunteers.
- Safe Haven - A Safe Haven Foundation is a 501(c)3 not for profit, social enterprise that helps people aspire, transform and sustain their lives as they transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency with pride and purpose. A Safe Haven provides the tools for each individual to overcome the root causes of homelessness through a holistic and scalable model. A Safe Haven's visible social and economic impact unites families, stabilizes neighborhoods, and creates vibrant, viable communities.
- City of Chicago Human Services
- 25th District Police Department

The center will be a resource for people who lack the means to rebuild their lives. This may involve the provision of food, clothing, furniture, temporary housing or the opportunity to rest, recover and rebuild. Long-term, the center works to help families, often single or abandoned women and their children, to secure affordable rental housing and establish the stability to afford a modest lifestyle. Through its wellness center, ReVive also partners with healthcare providers to deliver needed healthcare, potentially including the children and families we seek to serve.

Moving Everest 2 will partner with the ReVive center in the mutual support of the school's children and families. As the two will be located on adjacent properties, we envision working closely with the ReVive



center to ensure that our families have access to the tremendous resource that it will provide. The ReVive Center's existing and future partnerships will be of great benefit to the Moving Everest community and will facilitate the school's further community engagement efforts over the upcoming years.

In addition, since the Tier II submission, Chicago Education Partnership conducted extensive outreach in the community for Moving Everest 2 (ME2). We met with local non profits, businesses, preschools, daycares and community members to share our vision/mission and expansion plan for the proposed ME2. We knocked on doors, talked with people on the sidewalks, visited parks, attended sports games and asked for community feedback and answered questions.

Moving Everest 2, By the Hand Club for Kids, Grace and Peach Church, GAP Community Center, and the ReVive Center came together to host a Harvest Fest for the community. We invited the community to a family friendly experience to learn about all of our organizations. There were 538 attendees: 251 adults and 287 children. One hundred thirty-six of the adults present signed a petition form in support of ME2. Seventy adults came to volunteer at Harvest Fest, many with their children in tow. The following local organizations came to share their information and resources with the community: 25th District Police Office, Chicago Commons, Chicago Public Library - North Austin Branch, Learning Through Play Preschool, Greater West Town Community Development Partnerships, Wonderworks Children's Museum and Segundo Ruiz Belvis Cultural Center.

World Vision, Walgreens, Old Navy, McDonalds, Food 4 Less, Comfort Eats Catering, Marquee Event Rentals, Party Central, DJ Big Dogg, Lakeshore Recycling Systems, Soul City Church, Slalom, and Moon Jump, Inc. made donations or offered discounts for Harvest Fest

Through our research in the community our key themes from Tier II were affirmed.

- Population around the proposed area has increased dramatically, families are looking for smaller class sizes
- The option of enrolling in By the Hand Club for after school enrichment was highly compelling for families in all neighborhoods
- There is a desire for the area on Leclaire to become a family friendly hub and disdain for the state of the current block being empty and industrial

Describe any additional community outreach since you submitted your Tier II application. Provide copies of materials related to any community forums held on/after August 1, 2018. Include:

- *Additional letters of support received;*
 - *Sign-in sheets;*
 - *Presentation materials;*
 - *Agendas;*
 - *Correspondence; and*
 - *Marketing and outreach materials*
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Since the submission of the Tier II application, we have continued to engage in extensive community outreach as detailed in the table below:

	Tier III Community Engagement and Support	Total Engagement and Support (Tiers II & III)
Petitions		
Parent Support Petitions		83
Staff Support Petitions		21
Community Petitions	329	816
Total Petitions	329	920
Letters of Intent	93	204
Letters of Support	54	85
Community Meeting	37	76
Community Events	23	28

Please find the requested documentation for these activities attached in the appendices.

In addition, the tables below detail the events that we have either hosted, events that we have attended, and one-on-one meetings that we conducted.

Moving Everest Hosted Events

Event Title: Harvest Fest Location: 1830 N LeClaire St Chicago, IL 60639 Date: 9/29/18		
Description	Outreach	Artifacts
In partnership with Grace and Peace Church and By the Hand Club for Kids we hosted a fall kick off event for the community. We shared the vision of what we hope the land will do for the community if our school is approved.	<p>600 Emails: Sent to parents, community members, churches and organizations</p> <p>1000 Flyers: Placed at local businesses, libraries, preschools, daycares, non profit organizations park districts and handed out to community members</p> <p>500 Door Hangers: Door knocked and left door hangers</p> <p>Social media invites sent to local organizations and posted on social media page</p>	<p>Flyer/Door Hanger</p> <p>Event Plan</p> <p>Photos</p> <p>Petition and intent to enroll forms (See Appendices)</p>

Attended Events

Event Title: GAP Back to School Fest Location: 1860 N. Leclaire Chicago IL 60639 Date: 8.2.18		
Event Description	Role	Artifacts
Back to School Fair: Vendors, hospital services, community organizations, food, games, music, dental services, diabetes check, giveaways etc.	Table vendor displaying BTH and Moving Everest information & services	Photos Petition and intent to enroll forms (See Appendices)

Event Title: Emma Mitts Gospel Fest Location: LaFollette Park. 1333 N Laramie Ave Chicago, IL 60651 Date: 8.4.18		
Event Description	Role	Artifacts
Fest hosted by Alderman Mitts featuring vendors, churches, hospital services, community organizations, food, games, Christian music	Table vendor displaying BTH and Moving Everest information & services	Photos Petition and intent to enroll forms (See Appendices)

Event Title: America's Kids Engagement Event Location: 4951 W North Ave, Chicago, IL 60639 Date: 8.4.18 + 8.26.18		
Event Description	Role	Artifacts
Set up a table at America's Kids to engage customers in learning about Moving Everest	Shared the vision of Moving Everest and the need for a second location with customers. Collected intent forms and petitions.	Photos Petition and intent to enroll forms (See Appendices)

Event Title: Fallas Store Car Wash Event Location: 4939 W North Ave, Chicago, IL 60630 Date: 8.4.18		
Event Description	Role	Artifacts
Fallas hosted its First Annual Wipe & Wash event for the community	Shared the vision of Moving Everest and the need for a second location with customers. Collected intent forms and petitions.	Photos Petition and intent to enroll forms (See Appendices)

Event Title: BUILD Community Festival Location: Harrison + Leclaire Street Date: 8.17.18		
Event Description	Role	Artifacts
Block party gathering the Austin community organizations gathered with tables to display their services. Activities included: games, wall climbing, food, music, jumping houses and much more	Table vendor displaying BTH Moving Everest information & services	Photos Petition and intent to enroll forms (See Appendices)

Event Title: Family First Event - New Life Church Location: 634 N Austin Blvd Oak Park, IL 60302 Date: 8.18.18		
Event Description	Role	Artifacts
New Life Church hosted at back to school event and backpack giveaway for west side families	New Life Church hosted at back to school event and backpack giveaway for west side families	Photos Petition and intent to enroll forms (See Appendices)

Event Title: CPS Board Meeting Location: 42 W Madison St Chicago, IL 60602 Date: 8.22.18		
Event Description	Role	Artifacts
Monthly board meeting hosted by CPS.	Potential parent spoke on behalf of Moving Everest opening a second location. Observers stood with speaker in support.	Photos

Event Title: Ward 37 Meeting Location: 4926 W Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60651 Date: 8.23.18		
Event Description	Role	Artifacts
Ward 37 monthly meeting hosted by Alderman Emma Mitts.	Attended the community meeting to connect with local leaders, community members and organizations. Learned about the resources in the community.	Photos

Event Title: Taste of Galewood Location: 5729 W Bloomingdale Ave, Chicago, IL 60639 Date: 8.25.18		
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Event Description	Role	Artifacts
Back to school fair hosted by the Galewood community	Shared information about Moving Everest. Gathered letters of support and intent to enrolls	Photos Petition and intent to enroll forms (See Appendices)

Event Title: 15th District CAPS Event
Location: 5701 W Madison St, Chicago, IL 60644
Date: 8.27.18

Event Description	Role	Artifacts
The local CAPS program hosted a back to school event for the community.	Shared about the mission, vision and history of Moving Everest School, discussed the process for opening the 2nd location and answered questions/solicited feedback from those at the event. Distributed enrollment forms and collected petition signatures.	Photos Petition and intent to enroll forms (See Appendices)

Event Title: West Austin Development Center Engagement Event
Location: 4920 W Madison St, Chicago, IL 60644
Date: 8.29.18

Event Description	Role	Artifacts
Created a fun and casual event for families as they entered the center to pick up their children	Set up table in the lobby during pick up time. Shared about the mission, vision and history of Moving Everest School, discussed the process for opening the 2nd location and answered questions/solicited feedback from those entering the school distributed enrollment forms and collected petition signatures.	Photos Petition and intent to enroll forms (See Appendices)

Event Title: Fallas Store Closing Event
Location: 4939 W North Ave, Chicago, IL 60630
Date: 9.1.18

Event Description	Role	Artifacts
Fallas hosted a Store Closing Event for the community	Shared about the mission, vision and history of Moving Everest School, discussed the process for opening the 2nd location. Distributed enrollment forms and collected petition signatures. Invited families to our Harvest Fest event.	Photos Petition and intent to enroll forms (See Appendices)

Event Title: Moving Everest Family Engagement Location: 416 N Laramie Ave, Chicago, IL 60644 Date: 9.5.18 + 9.7.18 + 9.17.18		
Event Description	Role	Artifacts
Created a fun and casual event for families as they entered the center to pick up their children	Shared the vision of potentially opening a second location. Gathered letters of support. Collected sign ups for potential board meeting speakers. Invited families to our Harvest Fest event.	Photos Petition and intent to enroll forms (See Appendices)

Event Title: Food 4 Less Tabling Location: 4821 W North Ave, Chicago, IL 60639 Date: 9.9.18		
Event Description	Role	Artifacts
Created a fun and casual event for families as they entered the grocery store	Set up table outside of the store. Shared about the mission, vision and history of Moving Everest School, discussed the process for opening the 2nd location and answered questions/solicited feedback from those entering the store. Distributed enrollment forms and collected petition signatures. Invited families to our Harvest Fest event.	Photos Petition and intent to enroll forms (See Appendices)

Event Title: Chicago Commons Taylor Center Location: 1633 N Hamlin Ave, Chicago, IL 60647 Date: 9.10.18		
Event Description	Role	Artifacts
Created a fun and casual event for families as they entered the center to drop off their children	Set up table in the lobby during pick up time. Shared about the mission, vision and history of Moving Everest School, discussed the process for opening the 2nd location and answered questions/solicited feedback from those entering the school distributed enrollment forms and collected petition signatures. Invited families to our Harvest Fest event.	Photos Petition and intent to enroll forms (Appendix 1.5)

Event Title: Peacebook Event Location: 4438 W Wrightwood Ave, Chicago, IL 60639 Date: 9.15.18		
Event Description	Role	Artifacts

Peacebook was co-hosted by the Chicago Park District and Collaboraction theatre company. It was a festival showcasing social justice informed art.	Shared about the mission, vision and history of Moving Everest School, discussed the process for opening the 2nd location and answered questions/solicited feedback from those entering the school distributed enrollment forms and collected petition signatures. Invited families to our Harvest Fest event.	Photos Petition forms (See Appendices)
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Event Title: New Hope Family Engagement Event Location: 4255 W Division St, Chicago, IL 60651 Date: 9.17.18		
Event Description	Role	Artifacts
Created a fun and casual event for families as they entered the center pick up and drop off their children	Shared about the mission, vision and history of Moving Everest School, discussed the process for opening the 2nd location and answered questions/solicited feedback from those entering the school distributed enrollment forms and collected petition signatures. Invited families to our Harvest Fest event.	Photos Petition and intent to enroll forms (See Appendices)

Event Title: Learning Through Play Daycare Engagement Event Location: 4310 W Fullerton Ave, Chicago, IL 60639 Date: 9.19.18		
Event Description	Role	Artifacts
Created a fun and casual event for families as they entered the center pick up and drop off their children	Shared about the mission, vision and history of Moving Everest School, discussed the process for opening the 2nd location and answered questions/solicited feedback from those entering the school distributed enrollment forms and collected petition signatures. Invited families to our Harvest Fest event.	Photos Petition and intent to enroll forms (See Appendices)

Event Title: BEAT 2533 Meeting Location: 5555 W Grand Ave, Chicago, IL 60639 Date: 9.20.18		
Event Description	Role	Artifacts
Bi-monthly beat meeting was hosted by the local CAPS team	Learned about the violence and safety issues in the BEAT of the potential second location	

Event Title: It Takes a Village Family Engagement Location: 4000 W Division St, Chicago, IL 60651 Date: 9.21.18		
Event Description	Role	Artifacts
Created a fun and casual event for families as they entered the center pick up and drop off their children	Shared about the mission, vision and history of Moving Everest School, discussed the process for opening the 2nd location and answered questions/solicited feedback from those entering the school distributed enrollment forms and collected petition signatures. Invited families to our Harvest Fest event.	Photos Petition and intent to enroll forms (See Appendices)

Event Title: CPS Board Meeting Location: 42 W Madison St Chicago, IL 60602 Date: 9.26.18		
Event Description	Role	Artifacts
Monthly board meeting hosted by CPS.	Two current Moving Everest families spoke on behalf of Moving Everest opening a second location. Observers stood with speakers in support.	Photos

Event Title: Ward 37 Meeting Location: 4926 W Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60651 Date: 9.27.18		
Event Description	Role	Artifacts
Ward 37 monthly meeting hosted by Alderman Emma Mitts.	Attended the community meeting to connect with local leaders, community members and organizations. Learned about the resources in the community. Handed out flyers for Harvest Fest.	Photos

One-on-One Meetings

In addition to events, stop and chats, whole group presentations, etc, the design team met for 15 minutes to 1 hour individually with community leaders, business owners and parents to further introduce the school, collect input and build partnerships

Agenda format for all meetings:

1. Introduction
2. Vision
3. Partnership

Meeting's Held:

Organization	Meeting Attendees	Date	Notes
Fallas Store	Chrissy Storey Dontrail Evans	8.4.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrated successes and learnings of the car wash event • Was invited to attend future events this fall
PJ Beauty Supply	Chrissy Storey Mr. Choi	8.9.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believes the school would be a great opportunity for families in the neighborhood • Will connect with his supervisor about officially supporting the school
Game Stop	Ray Chrissy Storey	8.9.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believes the school would be a great opportunity for families in the neighborhood • Committed to writing a letter of support
GNC	Jack Patel Chrissy Storey	8.9.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thinks ME would be an asset to the community • Committed to writing a letter of support
Villa	Kelly (manager) Chrissy Storey	8.9.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think the school would be a good idea for families in the neighborhood • Will connect with her district manager about officially supporting the school
EZ Auto Glass	Eddie (manager) Chrissy Storey	8.9.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wishes the school was going to have older grades so he could send his children there • Committed to writing a letter of support
A Safe Haven	Liz Dannette Chrissy Storey	8.9.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thinks opening a second location is a good idea • Will consult with leadership team about officially supporting the organization
OW Auto Parts	William (add last name) Chrissy Storey	8.9.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the idea of opening a second location • Committed to writing a letter of support
Cricket Wireless	Marcel Rodriguez Chrissy Storey	8.15.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed priorities and vision for the community • Committed to writing a letter of support
Beauty Salon: Glorious	Regina Ochoa Chrissy Storey	8.15.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showed support for a potential second location • Committed to writing a letter of support

Menards	Linda (manager) Chrissy Storey	8.15.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appreciates the desire to open a second location Sharing information with the lead manager
Prospective Parents	Chrissy Storey Tiffany Perez Steph Gill	8.18.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed CPS Board Meeting with families Invited families to speak at the board meeting and explained the process
By the Hand Grace and Peace	Mike Rogers Donnita Travis Yasenia Roman John Zayas Chrissy Storey	8.27.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brainstormed ideas for a collaborative event Shared the vision for a shared community space on the land
West Austin Development Center	Gina Davis Chrissy Storey	8.29.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asked for letter of support Committed to letter of support
Austin Voice	Brad Chrissy Storey	9.5.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> He shared about the disappointment of Moving Everest not following through on their promise of engaging the community like they said He shared about his disappointments in ME not advertising with him
25th District Police Office	Officer Chris Hogan, Officer Jim Mac	9.5.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared the mission/vision and future plans for the school Believes the school would be a great opportunity for families in the neighborhood Will connect with Sargeant to see how they can participate in Harvest Fest
Marshal Realtors	Steve Dave Chrissy Storey	9.5.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared about their history in the community Believes the school would add value to the community Committed to writing a letter of support
Home Depot	Alfredo Chrissy Storey	9.9.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appreciates the idea of a new school in the community Agrees to connect with the store manager about potential partnership
YouthCan	Mary Denison Chrissy Storey	9.10.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She gave a tour of YouthCan and shared about their vision for the westside youth

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to share Harvest Fest invites with her families
Habilitative Health	Dr. Karen Barbee-Dixon	9.10.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She shared the services offered by Habilitative Health • Brainstormed potential partnership ideas and would like to continue the conversation when/if the school is approved
New Life Church	Haman Chrissy Storey	9.10.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared his passion for westside community development • Gave feedback on how to promote potential school and future events • Committed to writing a letter of support
McCormick YMCA	Guadalupe Perez Chrissy Storey	9.10.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She shared the vision and details of her program • Shared her desire to develop an official partnership when/if the school is approved • Agreed to invite families to Harvest Fest • Agreed to set up a table at Harvest Fest
Austin Coming Together	Andy Born Chrissy Storey	9.10.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared about their vision for the community • Brainstormed possibilities of partnership • Considering writing a letter of support
New Hope Preschool	Elsa Chrissy Storey	9.11.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared about their vision for the community • Agreed to having us set up a table to share information with her families
It Takes a Village	Veronica Chrissy Storey	9.11.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the idea of opening a second location • Will talk to director about having us set up a table
Judah Foundational Preschool	Ms. Smith Chrissy Storey	9.11.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the idea of opening a second location • Agreed to invite families to Harvest Fest
Moving Everest	Chrissy Storey William Wright Lawanda Curtis Robin Walker	9.12.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed CPS Board Meeting with families • Invited families to speak at the board meeting and explained the process

Alderman Mitts Office	Donnita Travis Alderman Emma Mitts	9.12.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed need for permit for Harvest Fest Alderman Mitts shares it is not needed because it is on private land Shares she has another event that day but may be able come by
Moving Everest	Chrissy Storey Jowana Wilkins Latanya Russell	9.13.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed CPS Board Meeting with families Invited families to speak at the board meeting and explained the process
Onward House	Jenny Seacat	9.17.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toured and discussed the vision for Onward House She suggested coming back to meet in October to discuss partnership ideas
Chicago Public Library - Austin Branch	Arystine Chrissy Storey	9.17.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the idea of opening a new school in the area Agreed to set up table at the event
By the Hand Grace and Peace	Mike Rogers Yasenia Roman Donnita Travis Nancy Rosario Yolanda Pena Chrissy Storey	9.19.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned Harvest Fest Updated organizations on event progress and week of plan
Mary Crane Center - Molade	Mary Barron Chrissy Storey	9.19.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the school potentially opening Invited us back to share with families in October Agreed to invite families to Harvest Fest
Chase Bank	Oscar Chrissy Storey	9.20.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the idea of opening a second location Will discuss event participation with his boss
Moving Everest	Chrissy Storey Carroll Currin	9.23.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed CPS Board Meeting with families Invited families to speak at the board meeting and prepared speeches with them
Noble Network of Charter Schools	Chrissy Storey Claudia Rodriguez	9.28.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the idea of opening a new school in the area Considered beginning a partnership if the school is approved Will discuss writing a letter of support with her director

Describe any additional programmatic considerations that your design team has contemplated or incorporated resulting from input from the community.

The second round of feedback was gathered through door knocking, in one on ones events or community meetings. The design team spoke with many community members and there was overwhelming support for the potential second location. There was a lot of similar feedback from the first round of feedback including creating an outdoor play space, smoother drop off/pick up process, more parking for families, partnering with a preschool or daycare program onsite, continued community outreach when/if the school is approved. New feedback themes are outlined below.

Category	Feedback	Next Steps
Programming for the Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a job/career resource center with computers • Workshops for parents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We appreciate these concerns and though we wish we could provide all the resources our families need, we know there are organizations already meeting this need. We will connect our families with job resources when possible. • We are very interested in creating workshops appropriate for our families based on interest and need and have created a family and community partnership position at ME#1 that is filled by an ME teacher. We would envision a similar position at ME#2.
School Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern for bullying in the classrooms • Offering team sports as an extracurricular activity • More opportunities for parents to come into the classrooms during the day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have an assistant principal and two behavior specialists who dedicate a significant amount of time to ensuring that we address any inappropriate student behavior. • Previously, we have established a basketball skills program and will explore other sports opportunities as we expand into middle school. • We love when parents want to be part of their children’s education. We accommodate almost every parent request to visit the school and also create set times for families to visit and see what we are learning through Open Houses, parent teacher meetings and school events.

Opening a New School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take field trips into the local community to learn from local business owners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are in full support of inspiring kids to learn from local leaders. We look forward to implementing this feedback.
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Additionally, as a result of the input from the community. The design team is considering the following suggestions in our proposed second location:

- A family and community partnership position
- Middle school sports
- Ways to involve local community leaders in student learning opportunities
- Parent workshops
- The drop off/pick up process
- Increased parking

Describe any opposition that your design team has faced as you have more deeply engaged the community.

Community member named Christian was disappointed by Moving Everest. He went to the ribbon cutting and did not believe people we did a good job of letting neighborhood kids into the school. He is angry there is not a playground at the school for the kids. In hearing Christian’s concerns we do have many children from the neighborhood - a good number who walk to school. As we add grades 6,7,8, we are planning to add outdoor play space.

Brad from the Austin Voice expressed concerns about Moving Everest. He is frustrated because he came on a tour when the current building opened and has not heard from the school since then. He covered the grand opening and thought that the school would buy advertising in his paper. In hearing Brad’s concerns we were grateful he and other local businesses came to see our current school when and after it was built. We met with him individually after the tour to hear his concerns and demonstrate to him how involved neighborhood families are in our school.

William Smiljanic-Perez is a community activist and a CPS teacher on the NW Side. He shared his concerns about not being informed about the charter school. He shares there are many well performing CPS schools in the area of the potential location. He wants more community buy-in and time to debate the charter school. He asked for evidence of community engagement. He said event attendees will be from other neighborhoods over the NW side. He shares Harvest Fest is a recruitment event and that it should not be held until the community is notified. As a public charter school, we are open to enrollment for any citizen of Chicago. We have clearly documented that we have made significant outreach into the community and the community has provided us with tremendous support as evidenced by the number of petition signatures, letters of support and intent to enroll forms. We received an email from Mr. Smiljanic-Perez on Friday, September 28, 2018 and intend to respond to him on, or before, Friday, October 5, 2018.

Provide any updates to the proposed school’s partnerships with other community-based organizations.



By the Hand Club for Kids is an official partner of ME2. While meeting with several organizations there were several who were very interested in ME2. The following organizations would like to develop an official partnership upon ME2's approval:

- ITW David Speer Academy
- McCormick YMCA
- Habilitative Health Services
- West Austin Development Center