



December 4, 2018

Dear Near South Families,

Chicago Public Schools is committed to ensuring that students in your growing communities can attend high-quality neighborhood schools, starting in elementary school and continuing through high school graduation. We will work hard to make sure this is the case, and provide a high-quality neighborhood high school option for the Near South community.

Late yesterday a legal opinion was issued that prevents the district from converting National Teachers Academy (NTA) to a neighborhood high school to expand high quality neighborhood options for the Near South community. The district determined that due to the potential disruption to children that further legal action may create, and the considerable amount of time needed to successfully establish NTA as a high school, CPS will not appeal the ruling and the transition will not move forward.

What this means for Near South families:

- Your child's neighborhood high school option will revert back to the previous boundaries. (Map Attached)
- If your child is an eighth grader, we encourage you to learn more about your high school options and, if necessary, adjust the rank order of your preferred high school options in GoCPS. The application deadline is December 14, 2018. If you have questions related to GoCPS, please call 773-553-2060 or email gocps@cps.edu.

Next Steps

Although the district will not be moving forward with its plan to convert NTA into a high-quality high school, we are fully committed to working with the Near South Steering Committee and Near South families to explore alternate opportunities to create a high quality neighborhood high school.

Thank you for your engagement and thoughtful feedback during this process. If you would like to stay involved in the high school planning process or have additional questions, please email transitions@cps.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice K. Jackson".

Janice K. Jackson, EdD
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