



PARENT-LED INFORMATION FROM KIDS FIRST CHICAGO

OUR STUDENTS, OUR SCHOOL BOARD

Did you know? You may have heard that Chicago will have a new elected school board soon. Kids First Chicago is here to help you know what that means and how it will impact CPS families and schools.

PARENT PRIORITIES

In 2021, Kids First Chicago hosted a series of conversations with more than 300 CPS parents to better understand what they wanted in a future school board. Parents are not uniform in their beliefs, but there is no question that they wanted a seat at the table.

Chicago parents have four key priorities for the future school board:

- 1. Campaign spending limits.** Parents do not want money to determine who wins school board elections.
- 2. Parent seats on Board.** Parents want to know that other parents just like them have seats on the new board.
- 3. Non-citizen participation.** Parents want to ensure that the non-citizen population will have a voice in this new system.
- 4. Fair racial representation.** Parents want the School Board to look like the families who attend CPS.

TRANSITION TO AN ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD

Chicago is moving from a 7-member mayor-appointed school board that oversees budgets, policy and structures of CPS like teacher contracts, opening and closing of schools, vendor contracts and much more, to a 21 member fully representative elected school board. This process will occur in phases with the first 10 members being elected in November of 2024 and the remaining 11 elected in November of 2026 culminating in a fully elected school board in effect January 2027. Chicago is currently the only school board in the State of Illinois that is not elected. **This will be a big change!**

GET INVOLVED!

- Learn how parents just like you are taking charge to make sure the future elected school board belongs to parents, not special interests or political groups.
- Join other parents to fight for these parent priorities and to ensure the future elected school board is accessible to parents and representative of our families.
- Visit kidsfirstchicago.org/schoolboard

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