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Nov. 21 Town Hall to Unpack Inaugural Chicago School Board Election Results

Citywide hybrid Town Hall featuring parents and community leaders to discuss what's next for Chicago's new School Board

WHAT: Join Kids First Chicago for a post-election conversation on Chicago's continuing transition to an elected school board. On [Thursday, November 21](#), we'll break down the recent election results, share how stakeholders can directly engage with the new board, and hear from a diverse panel of parents, students, and community leaders on ways to ensure genuine, inclusive engagement.

In-person Watch Parties & Virtual Participation. Kids First Chicago will partner with five community-based locations to host in-person watch parties for CPS parents around the city.

Language Accessibility. English, Spanish, and Chinese translation services will be provided to ensure the program is accessible to Chicago Public Schools' families and community members.

WHO: 200 partners have registered to attend. Panel discussions will be moderated by [Reema Amin](#) of Chalkbeat Chicago. Confirmed speakers include:

1. Daniel Anello, Kids First Chicago
2. Carrie Glaspie, Kids First Chicago Elected School Board Task Force Member
3. Grace Chan McKibben, Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community
4. Juan F. Soto, Pilsen Neighbors
5. Abigail Vences, Kids First Chicago Elected School Board Task Force Member
6. Mikva Challenge Student Advisory Council Members

WHEN: Thursday, November 21, 2024, 6:30 to 9:00 pm

WHERE: In-person Watch Parties and Virtual (Zoom). Watch Party locations include:

1. BUILD, Inc., 5100 W. Harrison
2. Education Community Committee, 5908 W. Diversey Ave.
3. Instituto del Progreso Latino, 2520 S. Western Ave.
4. Project: Vision, 236 W. 22nd Place
5. S.T.A.R.R. Community, 1440 W. 89th Street

REGISTER TO ATTEND THE ZOOM EVENT AND WATCH PARTIES AT:

kidsfirstchicago.org/town-hall

BACKGROUND:

- Chicago's school board is transitioning from being appointed by the mayor to being a 21-member board fully elected by voters.
- On Tuesday, November 5, 2024, Chicago voters elected 10 members to the Chicago Board of Education for the first time. The Mayor has until Dec. 16 to make 11 additional appointments to the Board. All new Board of Education members will begin their terms in Jan. 2025.
- In fall 2026, the remaining appointed seats will be up for election.
- **Since 2021, Kids First Chicago's parent-led Elected School Board Task Force has closely followed and provided input on Chicago's school board transition. Learn more at kidsfirstchicago.org/school-board.**

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ABOUT KIDS FIRST CHICAGO

Kids First Chicago's mission is to dramatically improve education for Chicago's children by ensuring their families are the respected authorities on what their kids need and decision-makers in their kids' education. We do this by partnering with families to support them in gaining the resources, access, and voice they need to achieve their vision for their children. K1C provides transparent and rigorous education analysis to families, educators, and policymakers alike to inform data-driven and inclusive decision-making about the future of Chicago's public schools. Visit kidsfirstchicago.org.