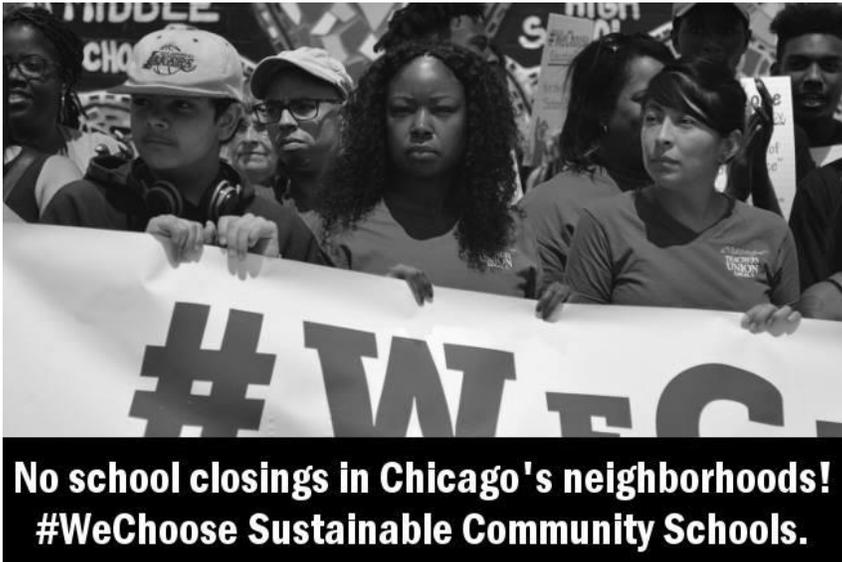


The Annihilation of Neighborhood Schools: Intentional Sabotage



Paul Robeson High School.

Closed.

John Hope High School.

Closed.

William Rainey Harper High School.

Closed.

Englewood High School

(currently "TEAM Englewood").

Closed - again.

Every neighborhood high school in the once venerable South Side neighborhood of Englewood will be closed by the end of this school year if Rahm and his appointees are allowed to follow through on their plans. The first question you might ask is, "Where will the children of Englewood go to high school now?" Rahm doesn't even care enough to have an answer.

There are a few charter schools who can absorb a few more students. KIPP occupies the Hope High School building, Urban Prep occupies the old Englewood High School building, and a Noble franchise occupies the old Reed Elementary School building, to name a few. But these schools can't handle a fraction of the kids who will be searching in vain for a place next year.

The truth is...there is no plan for these kids.

The plan is to push every working class Black person out of Englewood and remake the neighborhood in the image of Wicker Park. It's Orwellian, really. Destroy the village in order to save it.

The convicted felon, Barbara Byrd-Bennett, oversaw the destruction of nearly 50 neighborhood elementary schools in 2013, many of which were in Englewood. And now Janice Jackson has been handed the job that Forrest Claypool started: close all of the neighborhood high schools.

While it's perfectly reasonable to curse these "CEO's" of the Chicago Public Schools, don't let the architects of this devastation off the hook. Mayor Daley started this annihilation with his "Renaissance 2010" project, and then Rahm took the wanton destruction to a new level in 2013 by closing all those schools on the south and west sides of the city.

If Rahm and his appointees at CPS actually cared about the kids in Englewood, they would ask the community what they want for their kids. And they would build up the neighborhood by restoring their schools, not destroying them.

We need Sustainable Community Schools throughout Chicago.

"Student Based Budgeting" is Intentional Sabotage

Neighborhood high schools, like the ones closing in Englewood, have seen significant declines in student enrollment over the last several years, largely due to institutional sabotage.

Student Based Budgeting provides extra per-pupil spending for the most advantaged students in the system, but does little to address the tremendous needs of low income students of color who deserve more, not less, resources than their more privileged peers.

Rather than supporting schools with additional programming, resources, wrap-around supports, and

clinical staff to help students coping with trauma and violence, these students have been abandoned.

The new "plan" for Englewood calls for current students to travel 5 to 8 miles outside their neighborhood boundaries to attend receiving schools: a plan that will be a health risk at best and a death sentence at worst.

Be sure to attend one or more the closing hearings to support our brothers and sisters working, living, and learning in our city. See the schedule here:

[http://cps.edu/About CPS/Policies and guidelines/Pages/transitionsandguidelines.aspx](http://cps.edu/About_CPS/Policies_and_guidelines/Pages/transitionsandguidelines.aspx)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Camaraderie at Lou Malnati's

Wednesday, December 13

Lou Malnati's [1235 W. Randolph]

After the House of Delegates

Special Ed Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 14, 4:30pm

CTU Offices [1901 W. Carroll]

CORE Holiday Party

Friday, December 22nd, starts at 4:30

121 Elmwood, Oak Park



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