



**Schools as Anchors:  
Communities Planning for Their Schools  
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**Friday, July 12, 2019**

- 9:00 - 9:30 Registration & Breakfast  
9:30 - 9:40 Welcome  
9:40 - 10:10 Presentation: **Schools as Anchors: CPS Facility Reform**  
Cecile Carroll-DeMello, Blocks Together, CPS parent  
10:10 - 10:30 Icebreaker led by Alexios Rosario-Moore  
10:30 - 10:40 Break  
10:40 - 12:00 Workshop #1: **School Buildings & the Planning Process in Your Community**  
12:00 - 12:20 Lunch  
12:20 - 12:45 Finish Lunch & Small Group Discussions  
12:45 - 12:50 Break  
12:50 - 1:50 Presentation:  
**Community PK-12 Planning Practices that Support Pathways to Opportunity**  
Mary Filardo, 21st Century School Fund  
1:50 - 2:50 Workshop #2: **Addressing the Problem Through Planned Intervention**  
2:50 - 3:00 Break  
3:00 - 3:30 Workshop #2 Report Out  
3:30 - 3:45 Reflections, Mary Filardo  
3:45 - 4:00 Closing & Evaluation

**Saturday, July 13, 2019**

- 9:00 - 9:20 Registration & Breakfast  
9:20 - 9:40 **Welcome and Summary & Reflections from Friday**  
Cecile Carroll-DeMello, Mary Filardo, Jennie Biggs  
9:40 - 10:20 **Elected Officials and Communities Planning for Their Schools**  
Alderman Byron Sigcho Lopez, 25th Ward  
Alderman Jeanette Taylor, 20th Ward  
10:20 - 10:25 Break  
10:25 - 11:30 **The Power of Public Engagement in Planning for Our Schools**  
Mary Filardo, Cecile Carroll-DeMello, Sarah Rothschild, Jennie Biggs  
11:30 - 12:00 Lunch, Experts Available for Q & A, Evaluation  
(Lunch will also be available to grab and go.)

***Thank you to Crossroads Fund for supporting this event!  
Thank YOU for attending and sharing this experience with your community.***

**21st Century School Fund: <http://www.21csf.org/csf-home/>**

**Blocks Together: <http://www.btchicago.org/>**

**Raise Your Hand: <https://www.ilraiseyourhand.org/>**

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**SCHOOLS AS ANCHORS: CPS FACILITY REFORM**

Objectives: Frame the issue, provide local background, introduce laws, outline challenges, promote power of community engagement and opportunities.

**WORKSHOP 1: SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND THE PLANNING PROCESS IN YOUR COMMUNITY**

Objective: Review facilities and planning needs in light of remedies described in the law.

1. What school planning or school facilities issues are you concerned about?
2. Does Public Act 100-0965 address any of these issues?
3. What potential remedies are you interested in exploring? How might this remedy address the specific issue at your school or in your community?
4. What other solutions might you imagine outside of this legal framework?

**LUNCHTIME DISCUSSION PROMPT**

What do you envision for your school facility? What needs and assets do you think are unique to your school and community? How might your vision address needs and leverage assets?

**MARY FILARDO PRESENTATION: COMMUNITY PK-12 PLANNING PRACTICES THAT SUPPORT PATHWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY**

Topics: school footprint, joint use, community planning, repurposing, school boundaries--best practices of those options.

**WORKSHOP 2: ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM THROUGH PLANNED INTERVENTION**

Prompt: Choose one of the issues you identified in workshop one. Explore which of the strategies presented might address that issue. Reference *for generations to come* guide for renewing school buildings, especially Step 3: Planning the Project. Use this section as a reference as you work together using chart paper to create a Solution Map

Level One: Root Cause(s) of Problem

Level Two: Proposed Solutions

Level Three: Potential Obstacles

Level Four: Actions

Optional: fictional scenarios for participants not interested in joining community-based team.

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**SATURDAY'S FOCUS:** Going from the focus on school and community level issues to citywide challenges. Thinking about the state-mandated Educational Facilities Master Plan, transparency in investments and repairs, and a citywide public engagement mechanism.

**PROMPT FOR ALDERFOLKS** What has your experience been with communities planning for schools in your area of the city? Now that you are an elected official, how will you be involved?

**PRESENTATION: HOW TO ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY IN SCHOOL PLANNING**

Objectives: Generate models for community engagement. Propose political strategies to implement citywide public engagement model for school planning.

**Resources from this event will be posted here:**  
[https://www.ilraiseyourhand.org/anchors\\_resources](https://www.ilraiseyourhand.org/anchors_resources).