LSC Empowerment Bill

HB 334 and SB188
Chief Sponsor Rep. Sonya Harper (6th District)
Chief Sponsor Sen. Ram Villivalam (8th District)

What are Local School Councils (LSCs)?
Publicly elected community representatives with the authority to:
- Approve discretionary funding in their school district
- Approve and monitor implementation of the annual school improvement plan
- Hire and evaluate school Principal contract

How this Legislation Empowers LSCs
1. Every school receiving public funds will also have an elected, fully empowered LSC. This includes Charter, Small, Military and Contract Schools (AUSL)
   - (A) In Military Schools the Commandant will be on the LSC (in place of the principal)
   - (A) In Charter and Contract Schools, this bill will take into effect new contracts that are given the day after passage of this bill. In addition, Charters and Contract schools must have a fully empowered LSC in place (not advisory LSC) for at least 1 year to renew any contracts. Unless there are less than 2 years left in contract once this bill has been passed

2. LSCs will keep decision-making authority status regardless of their probationary, or Level 5, status

3. An independent training commission will be in charge of training LSC members

4. 7th and 8th graders will be able to engage as members of LSCs
   (A) 7th and 8th graders will be advisory members, with no voting power

5. Schools will not be closed or reconstituted in any other substantive way, without a supermajority vote of their LSC
   (A) In order to close a school there must be a supermajority of 8 votes in favor move forward a CPS action to close a school. These votes must come from the 6 parent Reps, 2 community Reps. And in High Schools the 1 student Rep
Why LSC Empowerment is Important

- LSCs are an important component of school-based democracy
- Schools without LSCs have higher teacher turnover rates (Designs for Change).
- Schools with LSCs perform better - schools in areas of high poverty with active LSCs who chose their principals outperformed schools without LSCs at reading (Designs for Change)

History of Legislative Support
During the IL 95th General Assembly, House Joint Resolution 0071, sponsored by Senator Hunter (D - 3) and Representative Golar (D - 6), was adopted in the Illinois House of Representatives. HJR0071 expressed the General Assembly’s support for empowerment of LSCs as effective local, publicly-elected decision-making bodies in the City of Chicago and the sponsorship of subject-matter hearings on the needs of LSCs to ensure their continued success

Who Serves on LSCs?

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