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Dear LSC Candidates, Members, School Leaders, and Community Partners,

We are writing to provide you with an important update on the status of the Local School Council Elections. We are happy to announce that the Illinois Legislature has approved our COVID19 LSC election package and is now awaiting Governor Pritzker's signature.

Some of the key changes include:

New Election Date: Pending approval from Governor Pritzker, 2020 LSC Elections will be held during first semester report card pick up days this fall. The new dates are Nov. 18, 2020, for elementary schools, and Nov. 19, 2020, for high schools.

Current Terms Extended to 30 Months: To ensure LSCs are able to continue supporting our schools prior to the next election, the approved LSC Elections Package allows CPS to extend current member terms to 30 months as opposed to 24 months, meaning members' terms will expire on January 10, 2021.

Future Terms Shortened to 18 Months: To allow the district to return to its usual spring election cycle in 2022, LSC member terms for 2020-2022 will be shortened to 18 months and conclude on July 1, 2022.

Election Format: Until now, state law mandated that LSC elections be held in person. Under the new legislative change, the Office of Local School Council Relations will have the option to host electronic and mail-in ballots for this year's election, should in-person elections not be possible. In the event that in-person elections will not be possible, we will introduce a plan to ensure widespread participation in our upcoming election.

We will continue to keep you updated, and we look forward to partnering with you in the coming months to make the 2020 elections successful.

Thank you,

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