

Proposed closure of Hope High School

Recommendation: That the Board vote to approve the closure of Hope High School located at 5515 South Lowe Avenue at the end of the 2019-2020 school year

Basis for Recommendation:

- At no point in the 2019-2020 school year have any students attended Hope High School; as a result, CPS is proposing to close Hope High School at the end of the 2019-2020 school year
- There are no student implications for this action
- There are currently no teachers assigned to Hope High School; none of the teachers formerly employed at Hope HS were laid off. The district is working with the 4 remaining employees to identify other locations and/or positions for all who would like to continue working at CPS.

Implication(s) if agreement is not approved: If no Board action is taken, the school will close on June 30, 2021



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Additional Info:

- The district is committed to supporting students impacted by Hope High School's closure through provision of \$6,100 per student per year to student's receiving schools
- These funds are used to support student's academic, social and emotional, safety, and other needs
- Hope High School was voted for delayed closure (after SY20-21) during the school actions taken to open the new Englewood STEM High School

Equity Focus: This closure was associated with the district's investment to build the new Englewood STEM HS

Community Perspective/Concerns:

- Community perspective was shared during CPS' two community meetings and one public hearing; documentation of these meetings can be found at www.cps.edu/transitions
- The primary topic that was shared focused on the alumni community's desire to preserve the legacy and memory of Hope HS; CPS staff are working to develop a plan to address this issue

