Chicago Public Schools

Office of Strategic School Support Services (OS4)

"Reinvesting in Our Neighborhood Schools"

What Is OS4?

The Office of Strategic School Support Services (OS4) is a newly designed CEO office created to provide our neighborhood schools with the comprehensive and coherent support services and resources required to dramatically improve and sustain student achievement.

In addition, this office is responsible for monitoring and overseeing implementation of the School Improvement Grant (SIG) program.

Why Create OS4?

- Historically, CPS intervention efforts have been focused on school-level reforms; using turnaround, closure, and restart as the only models of intervention.

- OS4 was created in response to a need for a district-led systematic and coherent process to improve our high-need schools; providing these schools the supports and resources required to engage in a successful whole school transformation effort prior to the initiation of other measures.

- Research has proven that struggling schools do not possess the internal capacity to do this work alone. Factors such as a lack of rigor in the instructional program, high teacher and leadership turnover, inconsistent instructional quality, etc., serve as major challenges that many of these schools struggle to overcome. The District is committed to supporting these schools to ensure long-term student success.

OS4 Overarching Vision/Goals

District's Vision: Every Chicago Public Schools student in every neighborhood will be engaged in a rigorous, well-rounded instructional program and will graduate prepared for success in college, career and life.

OS4's Vision: Ensure high-performing neighborhood schools for all students in every school community

Overarching Goals:
- Dramatically improve student achievement in District's neighborhood schools
- Increase school internal accountability
- Ensure effective school leadership and staff in all neighborhood schools
- Ensure meaningful and focused LSC and stakeholder engagement
- Ensure equitable distribution and application of resources and support
- Ensure strategic measures are taken to support schools

How will OS4 support targeted schools?

OS4 school support will include:

- School Diagnostic Reviews to identify needs, plan and deliver customized school support (using both qualitative and quantitative data)

- Building capacity to move from a prescriptive approach as defined by the School Diagnostic Review to autonomy

- Implementation of the Common Core State Standards

- Using data to drive instructional decision making

- Comprehensive/differentiated professional learning support for teachers and support staff

- Non-academic student support services (e.g., social-emotional, medical, attendance and truancy)

- Building relations with the community to impact student achievement (e.g., LSC, CAC)

- Capital improvements through Facilities Department as approved by the Board of Education

How were schools selected?

School selection criteria:

- Elementary Level 3 Schools except for 2 schools – Morgan Park High School and Esmond Elementary School (Level 2)

- Communities significantly impacted by school actions

School Improvement Grant (SIG) Funded Schools

- State requires that all SIG-funded schools work with a Lead Partner Provider

- Lead Partner Providers are expected to:
  -Work in collaboration with the school and OS4 to develop and support the implementation of a sustainable improvement plan based on the assessed needs of the school
  -Provide the support required to build staff capacity to improve teaching and learning

- Through a structured Lead Partner Provider selection process, all current and potential SIG-funded schools have selected a Lead Partner Provider

School Improvement Grant (SIG) Funded Schools

- Of this year's 40 Tier I CPS SIG eligible schools, 11 applied

- ISBE awarded 4 grants state-wide. Two CPS schools are among the awardees- Kelly and Bronzeville

SIG Funded schools for 2013-2014 school year:

- 13 Continuation Schools (See chart on slide 9 for school names)
    - ✓ 8 schools are in year 3, including one charter school **(Transition Year)**
    - ✓ 5 schools are in year 2

- 2 New SIG-funded schools

Schools Served by OS4

Current SIG-Funded Schools	New SIG-Funded Schools	Reinvestment Schools (Non-SIG Funded)
Cohort 2 Schools (Grant period concludes at the end of the 2013-2014 School Year) •Tilden •Juarez •Julian •Kelvyn Park •NLCP Collins (Charter) •Hancock •Wells •Richards **Cohort 3 Schools** (Grant period concludes at the end of the 2014-2015 School Year) •CVCA •Al Raby •Bogan •Bowen •Clemente	• Kelly • Bronzeville	• Aldridge • Ashe • Barnard • Beidler • Brentano • Brown, W • Burke • Carnegie • Carver, G • Crown • Esmond • Ericson • Hammond • Holmes • Joplin • Lawndale • Manierre • Morgan Park • Reavis • Robinson • Smyth • Telpochcalli

Next Steps

- School Principals have been notified of Reinvestment Schools

- School LSC Presidents have been notified of Reinvestment Schools

- Network Chiefs have been notified of Reinvestment Schools

- Meeting scheduled on July 31, 2013 with Principals and LSC Presidents of the Reinvestment Schools

- Partner Providers for SIG schools have been selected
  - University of Chicago – NCS
  - Southern Regional Education Board
  - Synesi Associates
  - Pearson