

**June 21, 2023 Agenda Review Committee Written Comments
Received between Friday, June 16th and Thursday, June 22nd
Submitted via Written Comments Form**

1	I would like to make sure that the Near South High School project stays on track, as this is desperately needed for Near South communities. We have hundreds of families who are vying to ensure that this project proceeds as planned, as many of us are using this as a deciding factor for staying in the Near South and even in the City of Chicago, as our children near high school age. The selective enrollment options are stacked against us, yet we do not have a viable and nearby High School option, so this is a lose lose situation for Near South residents. Please make sure that this critical issue to Near South residents is prioritized!
2	I am a parent of a CPS student in the Near South Community and would like updates and discussion about the proposed Near South High School. I am part of a parent advocate group and we asked citizens in the Near South communities via a survey to tell us about their families and explain why a new Near South High School is important to them. This survey was distributed via community and school social media groups throughout the region. In a one week span, we received hundreds of compelling written narratives from families that are in strong support for this proposed high school. Not only are the narratives impactful, but the vast majority say a viable high school is a big factor for staying or leaving the city. We would greatly appreciate that the Near South High School be addressed at the upcoming board meeting or at least provide the community with an update on this project.