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CPS and City Partners Announce More Than 250 Contingency Sites for Students on April 1

Contingency Sites Will Keep Students Safe, Fed and Engaged During the April 1 Teacher Strike

CHICAGO – Chicago Public Schools today announced more than 250 contingency sites that will keep students safe, fed and engaged during this Friday’s teacher strike. In partnership with the Chicago Park District, Chicago Public Library and Safe Haven, sites are located throughout the city so families have a place to go if they cannot keep their children at home or exercise alternative options on April 1.

“Chicago’s students need to be in their classrooms with their teachers, and their leaders need to be at the bargaining table so that we can reach a final agreement and present a united front to end Springfield’s discriminatory education funding formula that shortchanges Chicago children. CPS remains at the bargaining table, and we believe a final agreement is possible, since we already reached a tentative agreement with the CTU leadership in January,” said CPS CEO Forrest Claypool. “While it’s unfortunate that CTU leadership is pushing an illegal strike, CPS is committed to providing all of our students with safe environments that will keep them fed and engaged.”

The more than 250 contingency sites will be made up of 107 CPS schools, 80 Chicago Park District facilities, all 80 Chicago Public Library locations and numerous Safe Haven locations. Teachers are welcome in their classrooms or can report to a CPS contingency site. CPS Central Office staff also will be deployed to schools to assist at contingency sites.

While CPS and its city partners will be operating contingency sites throughout the city, the District urges families that can make alternate arrangements to take advantage of their other options. April 1 will not count for student attendance purposes. Students at contingency sites will be provided with online learning opportunities, as well as physical education, and arts and crafts programming. All students who attend contingency sites will be provided with free breakfast and lunch. To help students make it safely to the contingency site of their choice, the Chicago Transit Authority will provide free transportation to all students on Friday.

Parents can find a full list of the schools, parks and libraries that will serve as contingency sites, as well as the sites nearest to their home, by visiting www.CPS.edu/April1 or by dialing 311. CPS requests that families interested in using contingency sites register online for the site of their choice at www.CPS.edu/April1 so that CPS can optimize staffing at each location. Advance registration is not required, and no students will be turned away from any sites.

Chicago Public Schools serves 392,000 students in 660 schools. It is the nation's third-largest school district.

