



August 28, 2017

Dear Parents

We wanted to share few updates with you regarding our application for expansion.

Our group attended the community hearing on August 21, 2017 at the CPS headquarters regarding CMSA's expansion. We had staff members, community members and more than 10 students who testified in support of the measure. There were, as we expected, also had a few opponents from the Rogers Park community who testified. However, it was a great learning experience for the students in terms of seeing how the democratic process works.

Our students were very articulate about their passion for the school and we received many compliments about how they conducted themselves. Other community members, another charter school principal, and even the opponents congratulated us and expressed how impressed they were with the students! Kudos to all you parents who partner with our staff members who mentor and educate our students. It's a true reflection of your hard work at home and outside the classroom.

However, in the days following the hearing, we received a phone call from CPS stating they would NOT recommend to move forward with some of the applications for expansion, and CMSA was one of them. Their leadership team has not given us the official reasons why and they added we would receive a letter (formal communication) soon.

We wish to thank ALL of you who helped prepare our application by: securing signatures, attending meetings, and speaking to others in our community about the great work being done at CMSA. Your efforts and support mean a great deal to all of us and we are deeply grateful.

Rest assured that CMSA will continue to fulfill our mission as always, and your children's success is our top priority.

Thank you very much again, for your support.

Sincerely,

Michael Kuran
Principal