

**Community Meeting with Crown Community Academy of Fine Arts**

**Register Here:** <https://tinyurl.com/crown-meeting>

**Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2020**

**Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

Purpose of Meeting: The North Lawndale Community Coordinating Council/North Lawndale Community Action Council (NLCCC/NLCAC) has been exploring an opportunity to bring a school with science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics programming to the North Lawndale neighborhood.

CPS held a virtual community meeting so the district could hear thoughts on a community-led proposal that could impact Crown Community Academy of Fine Arts, Lawndale Community Academy, and Sumner Math and Science Community Academy.

Attendance: Andre Jefferson, Juan Maldonado, Adrienne Garner, JM Fletcher, Dr. Valerie Prendergast, Emmanuel Salazar, sherry eagle, PDZoom, Donna Ray, Matasha @ Crown, Rep Lakesia Collins, kingj, Tiffany Kerr, James, Bing Howell, Nonenitt Joiner-Feazell, Aaron Gray, Tutoria, Tutoria (WYN), Pamela Price, SMHigginbottom, Chip Johnson, E'Shia French, April, Heather (she/her), Pierce Boyd-Bagby, Leonard Moore, sharon miller, Gladys Heard, dixonromeo, Rodney Brown, Betty Allen-Green

**Q&A/Comments**

-What is the present attendance at Crown and what is the projection for the next four years?  
-What plans are in place to ensure that the technology is updated regularly and remains current? JM Fletcher  
-Where will the new school be located? Tiffany Kerr

Is there research to show that a coalition of the three schools will have better outcomes than simply upgrading the present schools with the funds a new school would require? Newness does not necessarily translate into better outcomes. - kingj

How long has this plan been in development and is this the first meeting we have had with community members and parents – dixonromeo

How would a school in a different location affect the social culture of the independent locations? Would there be more gang conflict and how would it be handled? - kingj

this school proposal look very large in size, what location in Lawndale can hold such a large size

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school without uprooting the neighborhood –  
Aaron Gray

Sumner is approximately 3 miles from Crown.  
How will this work in terms of transportation for  
students? – JM Fletcher

What do we as parents need to do to get this  
started? I'm on board this is what our community  
needs. Tiffany Kerr

Is the potential STEAM School meant to replace  
those three schools? & with the this STEAM  
school being in the proposal stage, is there a plan  
in place to offer more aggressive STEAM program  
to those schools until the STEAM School is built? -  
E'Shia French

Is it possible to run this STEAM program in each  
of these three schools? Why would CPS not  
advance this program in each of these schools? –  
kingj

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If the community decides it does not want the  
school will the community partners work with the  
3 schools and how many of these partners have  
been working with the 3 schools already ?  
What happens to the staff at the school's in a  
merger ? - dixonromeo

Does this plan include holistic things in the  
community like housing, construction jobs going  
to community members & making the school

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sustainable so its not merge with another school down the line. dixonromeo	
Discussion Question #1: What kind of Arts programming would you like to see?	<p>It depends on the student. Will all of these programs be offered? JM Fletcher</p> <p>I believe our children deserve all five art programs. - dixonromeo</p> <p>We need all five. We also need Cultural classes to help our children learn and respect other cultures. – Tiffany Kerr</p>
Discussion Question #2: What did you like and/or dislike about the community-led STEAM school proposal?	<p>I love the hands on learning Teaching our children how to be successful adults. – Tiffany Kerr</p> <p>Positive: Broad subject and student interaction – Broad subject interaction.</p> <p>I like that you are including black history as well as North Lawndale history. - E’shia French</p> <p>I dislike that you’re not including any hispanic history within the curriculum – pierce Boyd-Bagby</p> <p>I like many of the ideas that were proposed. I'm just concerned about the growing number of abandoned school buildings in the community. I just wish there was a way to enhance the buildings that are already standing! – Matasha @ Crown</p> <p>Uncertain how safety of students is being taken into account. - Kingj</p>

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Discussion Question #3: What else would you like in this community-led STEAM school proposal?	Provide parents with more job skillsYes this community needs it our children need it. – Tiffany Kerr
Discussion Question #4: Are you in favor of this community-led proposal? Why or Why not?	<p>I would like to hear more about the proposed way of transitioning the students from their current school to a the STEAM – Jutoria (WYN)</p> <p>No I think community investment that would go to this school should be used to help with the schools we're in a pandemic and we need to focus on the students - Pierce Boyd-Bagby</p> <p>Still in question about a combination of schools joining together. Question remains as to why CPS does not fund all three schools to improve them. - kingj</p>
Other notes/Additional questions or comments here	