

**State Senator Mattie Hunter, Majority Caucus Whip, 3rd Legislative District
&
Grand Boulevard Federation's PPEN invite you to:**



**“KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!” COMMUNITY FORUM
LEGAL MANDATES AROUND CHICAGO
SCHOOL FACILITIES, PLANNING, & SCHOOL ACTIONS**

**Tuesday, November 15th, 2011
10 W. 35th Street, IIT
Schultz Auditorium, 1st Floor
6:00 – 7:45 PM**

**(metered parking, a for-pay visitor's parking lot, and CTA green,
red, and bus lines are nearby)**

Chicago residents now have rights and a voice when it comes to SCHOOL ACTIONS, CAPITAL RENOVATIONS AND UPGRADES, and LONG-TERM EDUCATIONAL AND FACILITIES PLANNING at the citywide, community, and local levels, putting CPS in planning mode, and empowering the public to be involved. The legal mandates and associated due dates will be discussed at this forum plus:

- ✓ CPS has to detail how it will assess **School Action Guidelines by November 1st, 2011**. Why not reach out to principals, teachers, or Chief of Schools experts to come up with criteria? Visit CPS' website to review the recent guidelines.
- ✓ CPS will announce **School Actions by December 1st** – Find out your school's rights and the rights of *all* impacted children and schools, even receiving schools.
- ✓ Frustrated that CPS' **school building utilization** formula doesn't take into consideration how the building is being used fully? The law now requires a new utilization and school performance standards to be developed by January 1st.
- ✓ Learn how to advocate for **CIP repairs, modernization, and upgrades**. It encourages schools to recommend your CIP needs and takes into consideration your capital and facility needs as aligned with your educational goals.
- ✓ *Get involved* with citywide, **community, and local level Educational and Facilities Master Plans** today, or they will make the plans for you and your community!

Who should attend? Parents, principals, teachers, and education stakeholders who believe that facilities are a tool for helping our schools achieve their academic goals. This law is about more than school actions; it requires facilities planning aligned with educational goals (i.e. opportunity to align SIPAAA goals with facility needs).

RSVP is optional to Andrea Lee @ andrealee@grandboulevardfederation.org or (312) 794-5047 ext. 19

Background: Representative Cynthia Soto introduced the reform bill with Senator Martinez, Senator Mattie Hunter, Representative Esther Golar and many others as joint sponsors. On August 20, 2011 Governor Quinn signed it into law. These reforms came out of multi-year legislative efforts (HB 363→SB 620→SB 630) leading to the creation of the General Assembly's "Chicago Educational Facilities Task Force." To learn more about the Chicago Educational Facilities Task Force, go to: www.isbe.net/CEF.

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