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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Yesterday's meeting with the architects for the new school went very well. Ogden School on Walton Street is slated to officially close at the end of this school year and relocate to the Truth School facility at 1443 North Ogden Avenue. The relocation site will be solely occupied by Ogden students and staff.

We have been working with the Department of Transportation to arrange for buses to transport our students to the Truth School. At this time, there will be dedicated buses for Ogden to transport students to both campus, 1250 West Erie Street and 1443 North Ogden Avenue. The bell schedule at the East Campus will not change; however the bell schedule at the West Campus will change. First Period classes at the West Campus will begin at 8:20 a.m. and dismissal will be at 3:00 p.m. We will still follow the six schedule matrix as outlined during the Middle School Curriculum Night.

At this time, Washington Square Park at Dearborn and Walton will serve as our central location for bussing. Students in grades 6-8 will depart from Washington Square Park at 8:00 a.m. and head to the West Campus. Students in grades K-5 will depart from Washington Square Park at 8:35 a.m. These times may need to be adjusted once we analyze traffic patterns and other construction projects; however, there should be no major deviation in the time schedule.

Students in the International Baccalaureate Preparatory Program will receive a bus application tomorrow and should return it to school no later than Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Your site location and pick-up time will be communicated to you just before school begins in September. Students who reside east of Michigan Avenue and south of Chicago Avenue and pay for bus service will not have to pay for bus service; however two stops will be identified as pick-up points, one in the East Randolph corridor and one north of the river and east of Michigan Avenue. Finally, students in grades 6-8 will have the option to receive CTA passes to get to the West Campus rather than ride the school bus. The West Campus is easily accessible to public transportation via the Chicago Avenue and Grand Avenue buses and the Blue Line. This year quite a number of students provided their own transportation to the West Campus.

Students at the West Campus will end their day at 3:00 p.m. Buses will transport them to Washington Square Park or their designated bus stop (original pick-up point or Lake Shore Park). Students from the West Campus being transported to Washington Square Park should arrive by approximately 3:20 p.m. Students at the East Campus (1443 North Ogden) will be dismissed at 3:30 p.m. and should arrive at Washington Square Park by 3:50 p.m. Students in the Park Kids Program will continue from Washington Square Park to Lake Shore Park. We are still working on late bus service for after school programs.

There will be two bus monitors at Washington Square Park to supervise the boarding and debording of buses. Parents/Guardians willing to assist are also highly encouraged to do so. Please contact me if you are willing to serve as a bus monitor or volunteer at Washington Square Park.

Transportation at any level is a complicated process. In order to better gauge the needs of our parents/guardians and students, please complete the bottom of this letter and return it to school no later than Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. **With the exception of the International Baccalaureate Preparatory students, this will serve as your application for bus service for 2009-2010.** Based on your responses, we will better be able to determine the transportation program for 2009-2010 academic year. Specific information will be posted on our website and mailed to your home over the summer. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Student \_\_\_\_\_ in Grade \_\_\_\_\_ September 2009

My child will:

- \_\_\_\_\_ not require transportation services.
- \_\_\_\_\_ require transportation services from Washington Park to the West Campus.
- \_\_\_\_\_ require transportation services from Washington Park to the East Campus.
- \_\_\_\_\_ require transportation services from one of the two downtown stops:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Randolph Corridor stop (to be determined)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ East of Michigan, north of the river stop (to be determined)
- \_\_\_\_\_ require transportation from one of the IB Preparatory stops. Please complete
- \_\_\_\_\_ need CTA passes and will not require school bus service.

the CPS Request for Transportation form.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number 2 \_\_\_\_\_