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## **CPS to Host Back-to-School Bashes Throughout the City to Celebrate the New School Year**

*All 13 Community Events Will Feature Free School Supplies, Food, Entertainment and Access to Immunizations*

**CHICAGO** – Chicago Public Schools today announced that the district will be hosting Back-to-School Bashes across the city next month for students, families and community members to come together to celebrate and prepare for a productive start to the school year. Starting next week, 13 community celebrations will be hosted for school networks in the district – allowing all CPS students to receive school supplies, meet new classmates and reconnect with their school community for the year ahead.

“Back-to-School Bashes are an opportunity for families to reengage with their schools and ensure their children have the helpful resources and supplies needed to hit the ground running on day one of the school year,” said CPS CEO Dr. Janice K. Jackson. “I know our families are motivated to kick off a new, successful school year, and we look forward to bringing them together in the coming weeks to celebrate the remarkable progress their schools have made.”

Thanks to partnerships and sponsors, each Back-to-School event will offer a wide variety of music, food, games and activities, including: performances from the Jesse White Tumblers, appearances by local radio personalities, access to immunizations and vaccinations for students, and information on Medicaid and other programs for families. CPS staff and volunteers will be available to help answer questions regarding the upcoming school year, and transportation will be available to and from events through shuttle services.

Each Back-to-School Bash will also feature a Chicago Early Learning Corner, where families will have the opportunity to enroll their children in available early childhood programs and learn more about Mayor Emanuel’s plan to provide full-day pre-kindergarten for all 4-year-olds in Chicago by the fall of 2021.

### **CPS Back-To-School Celebrations:**

<b>Network Events</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
Network 9: Woodlawn	8/2/2018	Williams Prep HS, 4934 S. Wabash, 60615	2-5 pm
Network 13: West Roseland/Pullman	8/3/2018	Smith ES, 744 E. 103rd, 60628	2-5 pm
Network 5: Garfield Park	8/6/2018	Cather ES, 2908 W. Washington, 60612	2-5 pm

Network 1: Albany Park	8/7/2018	Hibbard ES, 3244 W. Ainslie, 60625	2-5 pm
Network 3: Austin/ Belmont Cragin	8/8/2018	Michele Clark HS, 5101 W. Harrison, 60644	2-5 pm
<b>Network 6: Near West Side</b>	<b>8/9/2018</b>	<b>Crane HS, 2245 W. Jackson, 60612</b>	<b>2-5 pm</b>
Network 2: Lincoln Square	8/13/2018	Mather HS, 5835 N. Lincoln Ave., 60659	2-5 pm
Network 12: Roseland	8/14/2018	South Shore HS 1955 E. 75th, 60649	2-5 pm
Network 8: Brighton Park	8/15/2018	Kelly HS, 4136 S California Ave, 60632	2-5 pm
Network 4: Hermosa/Belmont Cragin	8/17/2018	Avondale/Logandale ES 3212 W. George, 60618	2-5 pm
Network 7: Saucedo/Telpochcalli Campus	8/20/2018	Saucedo ES, 2850 W. 24th Blvd., 60623	2-5 pm
Network 10: Ashburn	8/21/2018	Durkin Park ES, 8445 S. Kolin, 60652	2-5 pm
Network 11: Englewood	8/22/2018	Earle ES @ Lindblom Park, 6054 S. Damen, 60636	2-5 pm

For more information on the events and details on other resources to help families prepare for a successful year ahead, families can visit the Back-to-School website at [www.cps.edu/b2s](http://www.cps.edu/b2s). The Back-to-School site includes information on academic programs, community events, frequently asked questions, enrollment procedures, medical forms, health requirements and more.

Families with children between the ages of 3 and 5 can visit the Chicago Early Learning Portal at [www.cps.edu/readytolearn](http://www.cps.edu/readytolearn) to explore school and community-based early childhood programs that will best meet their needs. Parents can also call the Chicago: Ready to Learn! Hotline at (312) 229-1690 for one-on-one assistance.

For any additional questions regarding Back-to-School, parents may email [b2s@cps.edu](mailto:b2s@cps.edu) or call 773-553-1580.

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