



Board of Education

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March 3, 2025 Agenda Review Committee Follow-Ups

Agenda Review Committee (ARC) follow-ups are shared publicly so that members of the public can view responses to issues that directly impact the CPS community in advance of the Board’s consideration at regular Board meetings. Follow-ups are unanswered questions asked by Board Members during a public meeting. See the March 2025 ARC follow-ups and responses below.

Item Description	Follow-Up Question	District Response	Responding Department
Agenda Item 2 - Various Vendors for College and Career Readiness	What is being provided by these vendors? Can a description of what each vendor is offering be provided?	We will add the category each vendor has been awarded to the recommendation memo and reshare it with the Board office. This is an internal document, it cannot be shared publicly. The categories for each vendor are identified in the actual Board Report (which is a public document).	Department of Procurement
Agenda Item 2 - Various Vendors for College and Career Readiness	What is the number of students that will be impacted?	This vendor pool is made available for schools to opt in to using the services. All schools in the district are eligible to opt in and use their own funding. The number of students depends on how schools opt in. The impact report will show current usage.	Office of College & Career Success
Agenda Item 2 - Various Vendors for College and Career Readiness	Does the contract cover the full cost of schools to participate, or does it allow schools to participate at a reduced cost?	Each individual vendor contract has pricing, which has been negotiated by Procurement, for each service that the vendor will provide to the schools. Prices are fixed for the term of the agreement.	Department of Procurement
Agenda Item 2 - Various Vendors for College and Career Readiness	Are some of the services extended to parents as well?	The Request For Quotation scope states, "To support the vision of preparing students for college and career success, the Board is seeking proposals from organizations that can provide In-School and Out-of-School College & Career Readiness Services to K-12 students, their parents, and/or their counselors/educators."	Office of College & Career Success
Agenda Item 2 - Various Vendors for College and Career Readiness	Are the services provided culturally sensitive?	All vendors must follow CPS equity policy. By providing these resources to all schools, we aim to decrease barriers and foster fair and equitable access to the support that prepares students to explore postsecondary pathways, develop workforce skills, and achieve long-term goals	Office of College & Career Success

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Agenda Item 2 - Various Vendors for College and Career Readiness	What schools are taking advantage of these services?	This is being provided in the impact report .	Office of College & Career Success
Agenda Item 2 - Various Vendors for College and Career Readiness	Could you clarify why different vendors bid different amounts? What accounts for that difference (level of service, capacity, etc.)?	The costs submitted by the various vendors are based on each vendor's unique offerings. Some vendors are being recommended for multiple categories, which may contribute to differences in bids.	Department of Procurement
Agenda Item 2 - Various Vendors for College and Career Readiness	Is the Pearson contract for materials for CPS clinicians to use while doing career assessments for students that they are working with?	The materials being offered specifically by Pearson via the College and Career Readiness Services are intended to be more student-facing. Clinicians may have another Board Report that is leveraged for performing career assessments. School Links is the tool that aids in career assessments for students.	Office of College & Career Success
Agenda Item 36 - PBC Kenwood Link & Mechanical Project	Which TIF district funds are being used for this project?	The 53rd Street TIF District	Citywide Facility Operations & Maintenance