



Board of Education

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September 18, 2024 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 September 2024 ARC follow-ups and responses below.

Item Description	Follow-Up Question	District Response	Responding Department
Agenda Item 8 - Multi-Function School Activity Buses	Please share what cost-saving methods are being considered.	Investing in a multi-function school activity bus can significantly reduce transportation costs by eliminating the need for external services, which typically range from \$300 to \$1500 per trip. This internal solution offers greater flexibility, control, and potential long-term savings.	Transportation Services
Agenda Item 8 - Multi-Function School Activity Buses	Is there a list of schools that own small buses, and can that be made readily available for other schools in the network?	Please see the list of the 21 schools with MFSABs here: MFSAB Contact List	Transportation Services
Agenda Item 10 - Custodial Consumables/ Supplies	Can MWBE data be disaggregated by geography, to see where money is being spent in terms of local suppliers? How many vendors are local and are they reflective of the CPS student body?	CPS has a strong track record of ensuring MWBE participation in procurement. Currently, close to half of all addressable dollars (48.25%) are spent with certified MBE and WBE, far outpacing the District's goal of 37% and making CPS a national leader in MWBE procurement. Exceeding goals in this area not only strengthens our communities economically -- it means that CPS' vendors reflect the diversity of the District's student body. While CPS does not track the exact geographic location of each vendor, the majority of local services at CPS are provided by vendors from Illinois. Items purchased from the MWBE vendors go to every school.	Facilities, Operations & Maintenance

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Agenda Item 10 - Custodial Consumables/Supplies	What is being done to engage locally owned businesses, specifically Latinx businesses?	<p>The Office of Business Diversity (OBD) actively engages with agencies that support Latino communities, including HACIA, Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Little Village Chamber, Latino Leadership Council, Latino Caucus, and others. Additionally, OBD conducts global outreach and engagement to all MBE + WBE, including in-person outreach at events and engaging partners directly; for example: the City of Chicago Construction Summit, City of Chicago Vendor Symposium, IHCC Event, GPC Forum with State of Illinois APEX, Cook County Pathways, MSDC, WBDC, Chicago United, Chicago Transit Authority, City of Chicago BCAP, all certifying agencies, and Chicago Chamber of Commerce.</p> <p>OBD also connects with community partners such as Community Action Councils, Local School Councils, and not-for-profits, and attends events such as Fiesta del Sol, Mexican Independence Day events, Puerto Rican festivals, and other organic introductions to meet MBE And WBE where they are. Globally our numbers for Latino businesses that MBE are the highest minority participation for the district.</p>	Facilities, Operations & Maintenance