



# **Building Neighborhood Schools for Near South Community**

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# Agenda

- **Feedback from community**
- **Key facts and figures**
- **Preliminary framework**
- **Potential conversion process**
- **Other high school options**
- **Next steps**

# Feedback from Community

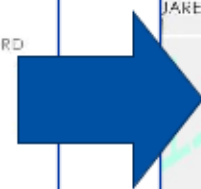
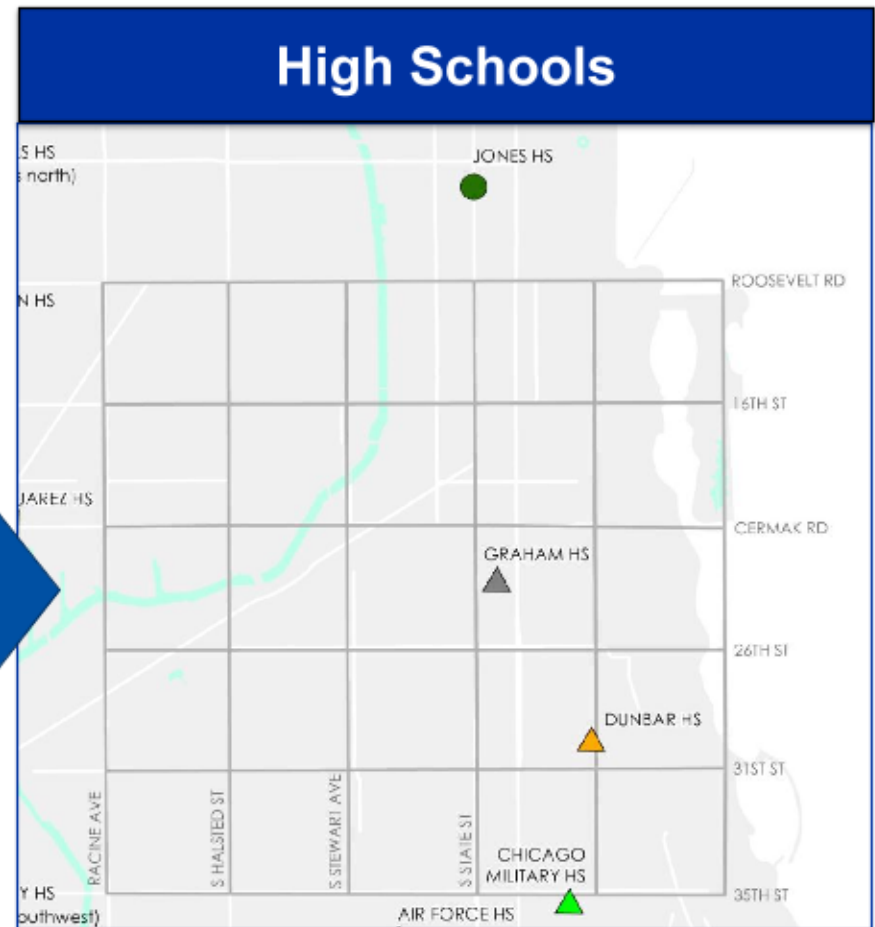
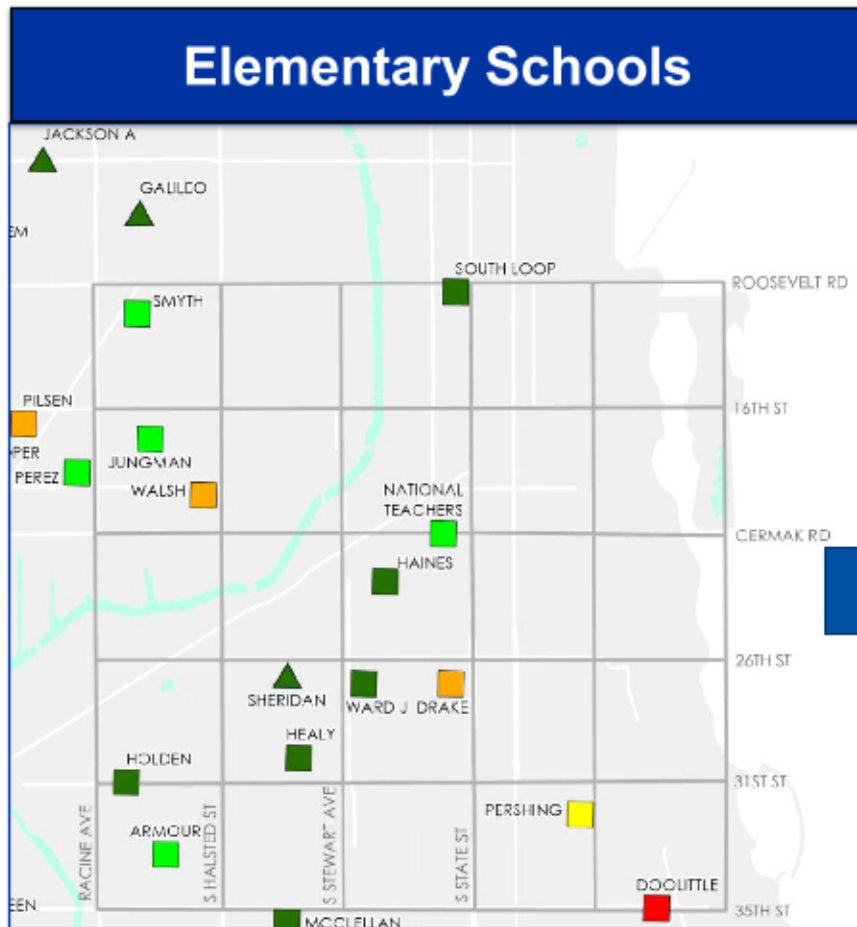
## Who We Heard From

- Near South area ES parents from:
  - NTA
  - South Loop
  - Haines
  - Healy
  - Ward
  - Drake
  - Sheridan
- Community Organizations from:
  - South Loop
  - Bronzeville
  - Armour Square
  - Chinatown
  - Bridgeport
- Aldermen, State Representatives

## What We Heard

- Desire for high quality continuum of school options from PreK-12 in the Near South community.
- Need for a neighborhood high school in the Near South Community. Students currently travel too far for High School.
- Desire to maintain NTA ES and the strong culture it has created.
- Need for additional capacity at South Loop ES to alleviate overcrowding.
- Desire for additional details on proposal, including conversion timeline and high school boundaries.

# In Contrast to Elementary Options, There Are Few High School Options



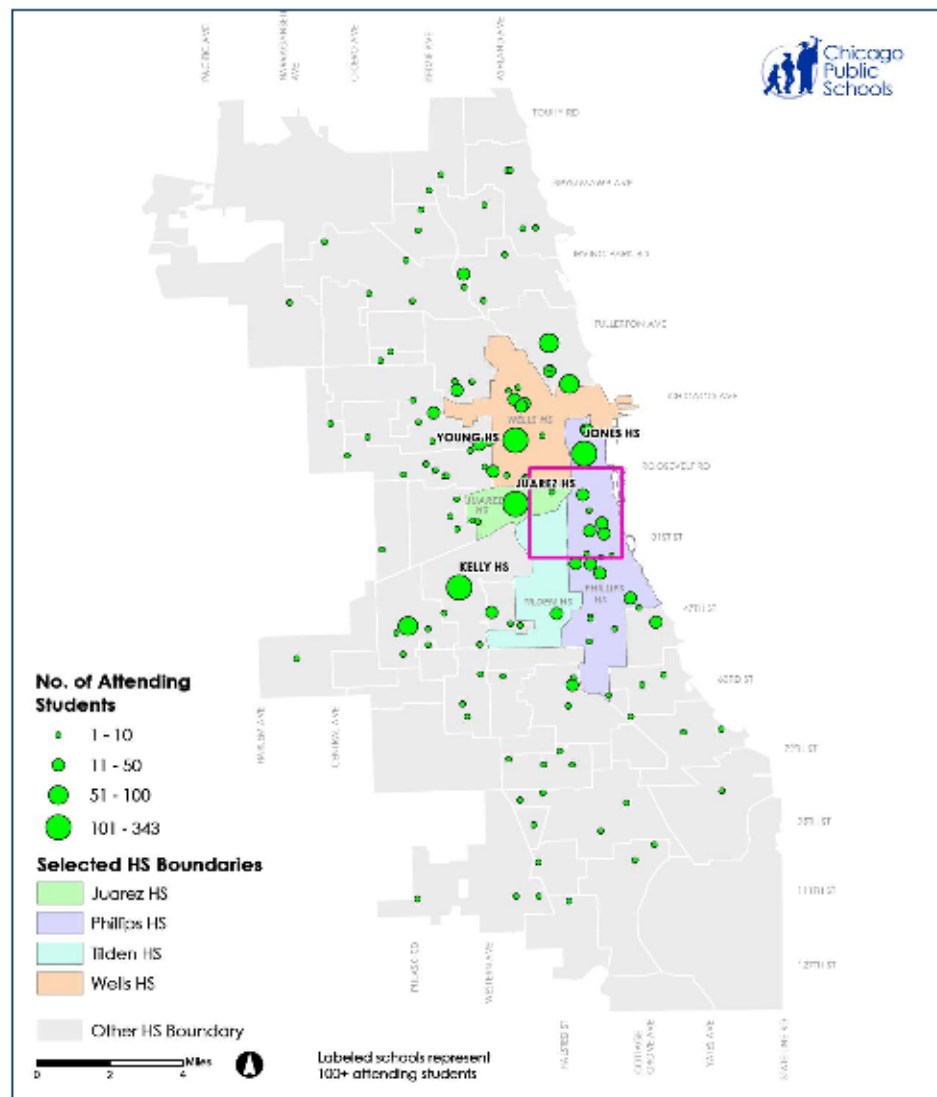
School Type	SQRQ Rating
□ District - Neighborhood ES	Level 1+ (Dark Green)
△ District - Citywide ES	Level 1 (Light Green)
□ Half-Square Mile	Level 2+ (Yellow)
	Level 2 (Orange)
	Level 3 (Red)

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# As a Result, High School Students in the Near South Area Travel All Across Chicago to Attend Their School of Choice

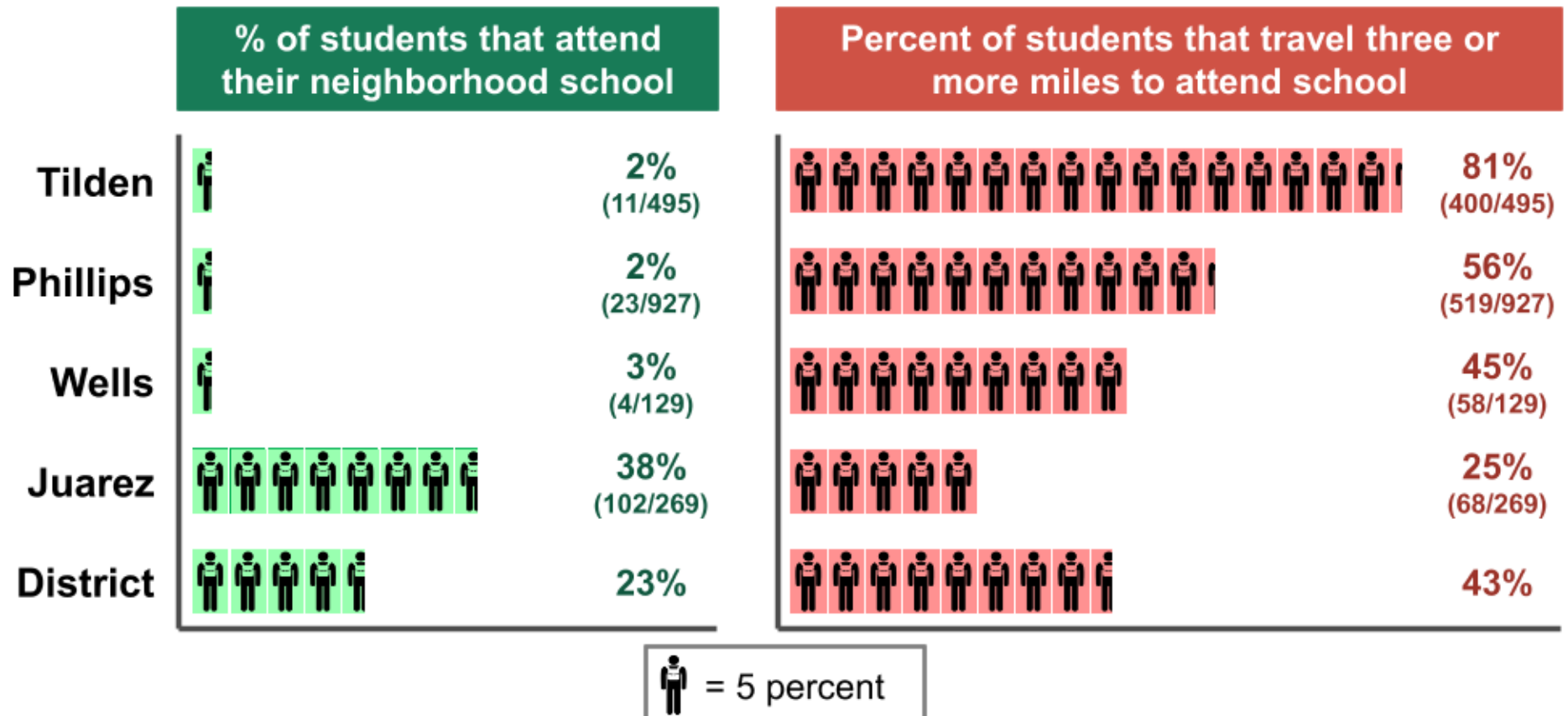
## Facts and figures

- High school students in the Near South area attend 127 different high schools.
- Only 8% of high school students in the Near South area attend their neighborhood high school.
- 57% of high school students in the Near South area travel more than 3 miles to attend school.



# Current Near South High School Enrollment

- High school students in the Near South area that are zoned to Tilden, Phillips or Wells as their neighborhood high school:
  - Attend their neighborhood school at much lower rates than the district average
  - Are more likely to travel 3 or more miles to attend school than the district average



# CPS' Priorities for Near South Community

- 1 Ensure **high quality continuum of neighborhood school options** for all PreK-12 students in the Near South area
- 2 Create **sufficient capacity** of high quality seats for the growing student population.
- 3 **Build diverse school communities** into a set of high quality PreK-12 schools

# Preliminary Framework for Creating PreK-12 Neighborhood School Continuum

## Proposed Changes for New South Loop Building

New, state-of-the-art Elementary School for Near South Community

South Loop ES will have three buildings

Expand South Loop boundary to 22nd Street

## Proposed Changes for New High School

NTA gradually converts to HS.

ALL current NTA students can attend South Loop regardless of where they live.

Older students can stay and graduate from NTA.

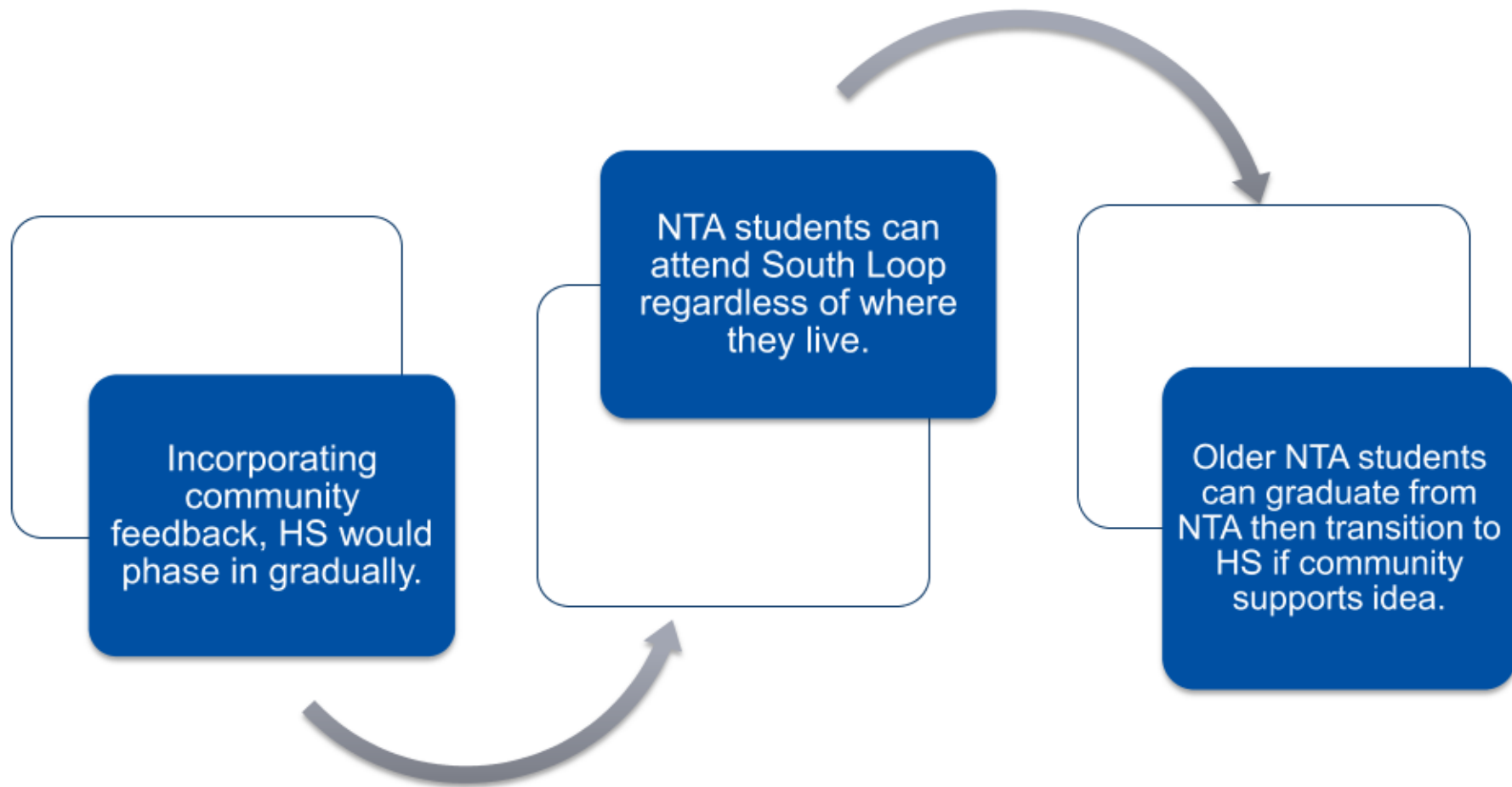


# South Loop ES

- Science Labs
- Computer rooms
- Music room
- Art rooms
- Library
- Rooftop play area
- Gym + Stage

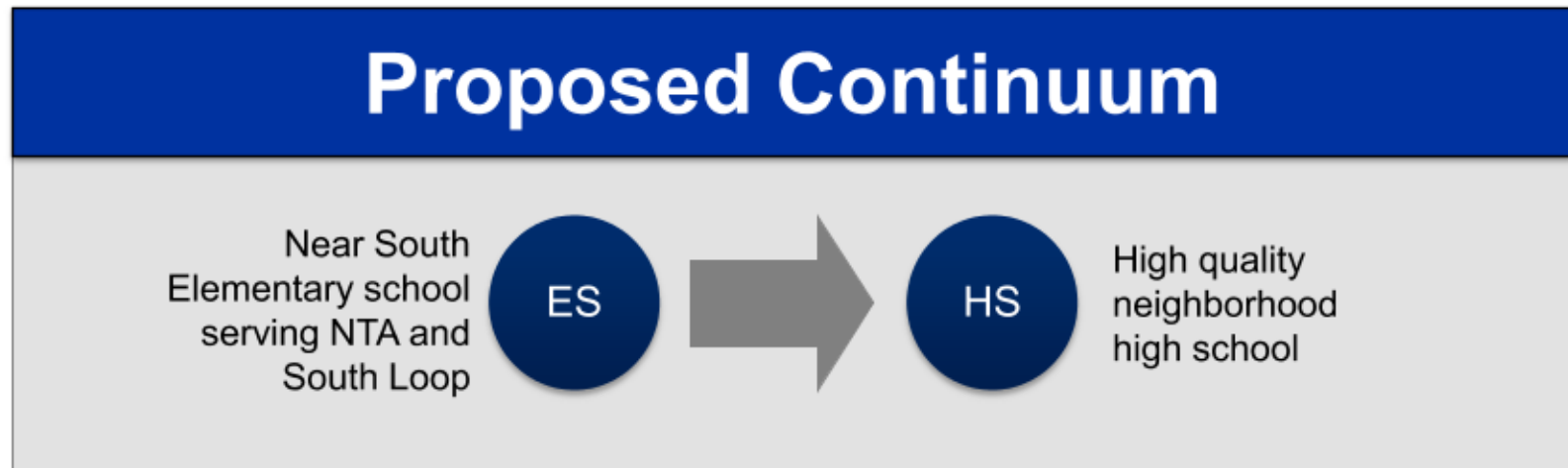
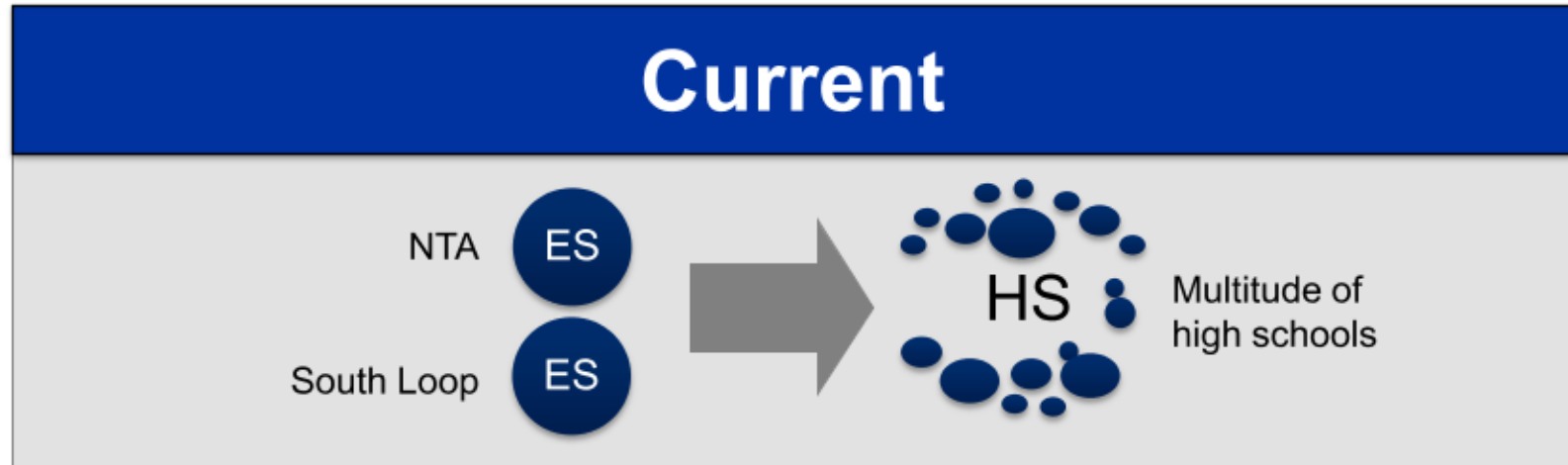


# Phasing In New High School



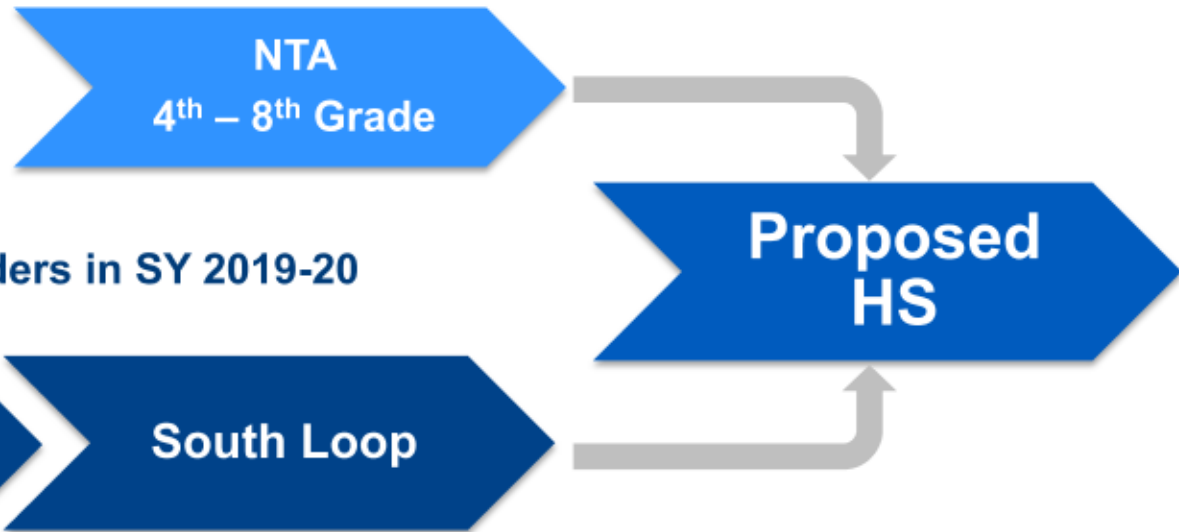
This is a preliminary framework. Seeking community input on the phase-in model for the new high school

# Continuum of High Quality PreK-12 Options



# Gradual Phase In of New High School

Rising NTA 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders in SY 2019-20 stay at NTA.



Rising NTA PreK - 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders in SY 2019-20 transition to South Loop.



Proposed conversion timeline at NTA by school year					
SY 2019-20	SY 2020-21	SY 2021-22	SY 2022-23	SY 2023-24	SY 2024-25 +
Grades 4-9	Grades 5-10	Grades 6-11	Grades 7-12	Grades 8-12	Grades 9-12

# This Means Minimal Change for Current NTA Families

Students who are currently rising NTA 2nd graders can continue their education at NTA through high school.

Transition to South Loop in Fall 2019	Can Continue at NTA
Rising PREK + K	
Rising First Grade	
	Rising Second Grade
	Rising Third Grade
	Rising Fourth Grade
	Rising Fifth Grade
	Rising Sixth Grade
	Rising Seventh Grade
	Rising Eighth Grade

# High School Boundaries Process and Reference Point for Feedback

## Timeline for Proposed HS Boundary

- **At this point in the process, given that we have not made any decisions, it is too early to propose boundaries.**
- **Boundaries for new schools are typically not proposed until about one year prior to a new school opening.**
- **We will use our study area as a reference point for feedback.**



# Building More Diverse Schools

- If NTA were converted to a high school, South Loop and NTA students would be combined in one of the most diverse and high achieving schools in Chicago

		NTA	South Loop	Combined
<b>Demographics</b>	<b>African American</b>	82%	43%	<b>61%</b>
	<b>Asian</b>	3%	13%	<b>8%</b>
	<b>Hispanic</b>	7%	10%	<b>8%</b>
	<b>White</b>	5%	26%	<b>17%</b>
	<b>Other</b>	3%	8%	<b>6%</b>
<b>Statistics</b>	<b>Low Income</b>	79%	29%	<b>53%</b>
	<b>Diverse Learner</b>	11%	6%	<b>8%</b>
	<b>Limited English</b>	4%	10%	<b>7%</b>

*\* Example of the demographics of combined student populations at NTA and South Loop*

# Building More Diverse Schools

- If NTA is converted to a high school, the new Near South High School would be one of the most diverse schools in Chicago.

Demographics of 6th grade students in Near South area	
African American	31%
Asian	31%
Hispanic	26%
White	9%
Other	4%

*\* Based on Near South study area (25 half mile squares surrounding NTA)*



# Other Options Considered

Build new high school on vacant land.

Repurpose new SLES building for high school.

Strengthen existing neighborhood schools in Near South area.

Increase neighborhood seats at Jones.

# Next Steps

- **CPS Will Provide an Update Before the First Day of School**
- **Continue Gathering Feedback from Community**

**Additional questions and comments received at [Transitions@cps.edu](mailto:Transitions@cps.edu)  
Presentation and FAQ posted to [www.cps.edu/nearsouth](http://www.cps.edu/nearsouth)**

# Continuum of High Quality PreK-12 Options

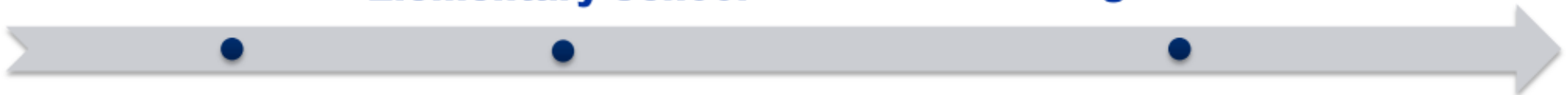
## Proposed Continuum for Students in Near South Area



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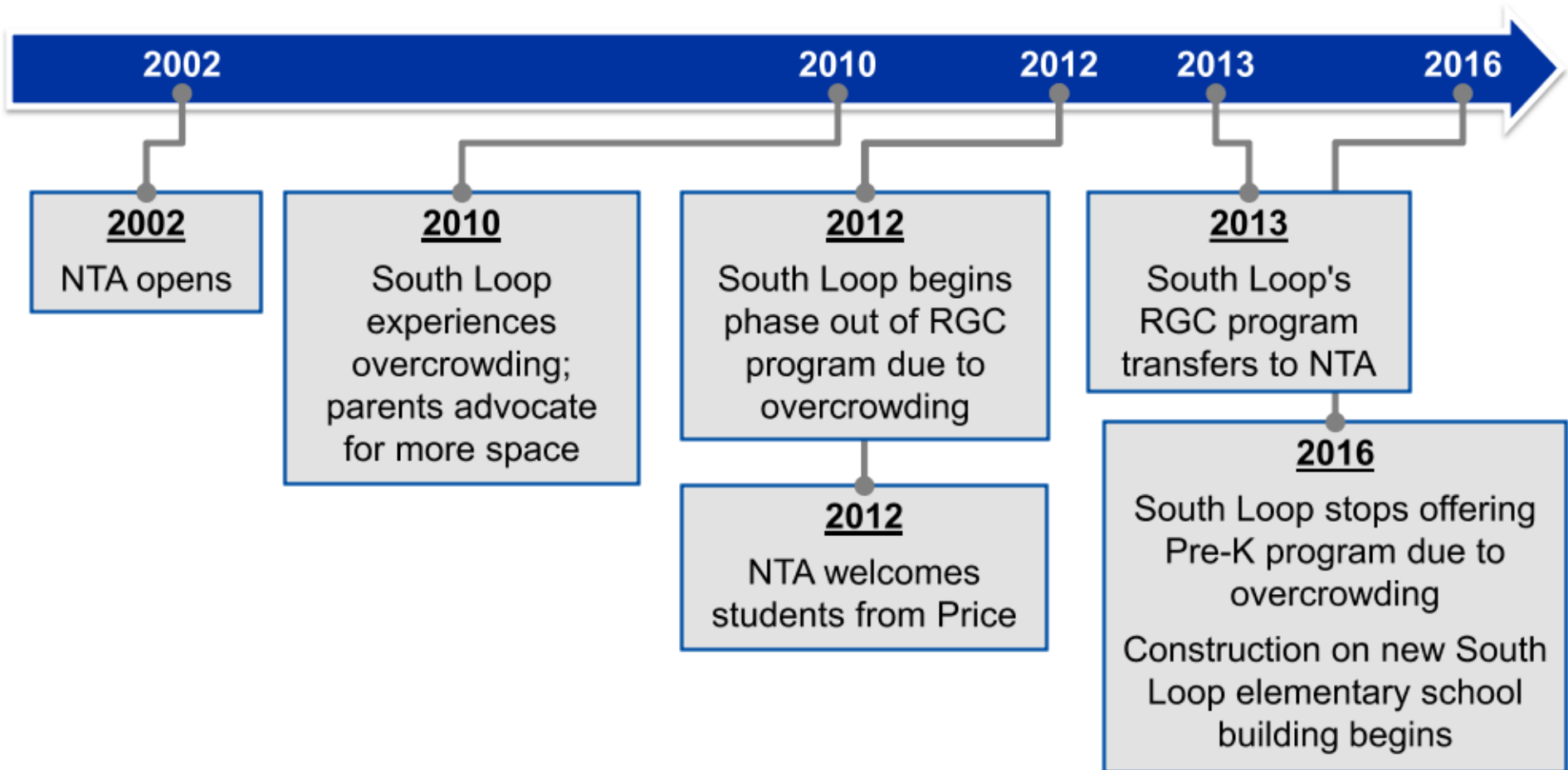
**Elementary School**

**High School**



## Appendix

# History of NTA and SLES



# Impact of Preliminary Framework

Preliminary framework would create ~1300 new seats for Near South families.

		Seats at NTA and South Loop <sup>1</sup>			
		ES	HS	Total	
<b>Current State</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Current state of NTA and South Loop</li></ul>	1530	0	1530	} <b>+ ~1300 new seats</b>
<b>Potential Future State</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New South Loop ES building</li><li>• Convert NTA to a HS</li></ul>	~1800	~1000	~2800	

# School Performance

		NTA	South Loop
<b>SQRP Metrics</b>	<b>% of grade 3-8 students meeting or exceeding national average in growth (NWEA)</b>	54%	75%
	<b>Grade 3-8 national growth percentile (NWEA)</b>	52nd math 58th reading	95th math 92nd reading
	<b>Grade 3-8 national attainment percentile (NWEA)</b>	47th math 56th reading	95th math 98th reading
	<b>5 Essentials Survey (My Voice, My School)</b>	Well organized	Moderately organized
	<b>SQRP (2016-2017)</b>	Level 1	Level 1+

# Overview of NTA and SLES

NTA and South Loop are both quality PreK-8 schools that have similar programming.

	NTA	South Loop (current)
Grades served	PreK-8	PreK-8
Programming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PreK program (1 class)</li><li>• Neighborhood track (K-8)</li><li>• Regional Gifted Center (K-4)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PreK program (0 classes<sup>1</sup>)</li><li>• Neighborhood track (K-8)</li><li>• Regional Gifted Center (5-8)</li></ul>
Utilization	84%	113%
Enrollment	706	779