

**Chicago Board of Education September 23, 2019 Meeting: 2 minute script  
(Christina Tassone)**

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. My name is Christina Tassone and I am a LSC Parent Rep speaking on behalf of Sauganash Elementary School. I am here with our principal, Christine Munns, fellow LSC member and parents. Please refer to the handouts to follow along with pictures.

We are here to discuss the need for a capital expansion to reduce overcrowding at our school. As of today, we are at **123% capacity**, we have consistently grown **4% every year**, this year it rose to **6%** with an additional **36 students**. Space is our issue, as an example our two 3rd grade classrooms have 40 students in one and 39 in the other.

We have maximized all space, storage closets, hallway areas and stairwell landings have been converted for instruction. We have lost a Library and Music Room, music is now on a cart visiting homerooms. We are not compliant with Special Education IEP testing space requirements. Our nurse sees students in the MDF room. We have received several fire department citations for unsafe conditions. Again Space is our issue with a safety liability.

In addition, our gym is too small to house large class sizes for gym, sport games cannot fit teammates, there is no space for a parent audience.

Our ask is for a capital expansion to re-build a larger gym with 12 classrooms above the gym to support 3 classes per grade level and the upcoming mandated pre-school classes.

Please note, what is not an option and will not be accepted from our community are boundary changes or closed enrollment as a neighborhood school. Capital expansion is what we need, we would like a follow-up to our ask, to be fair to our students and teachers. We will be here every month until we have a solution.  
Thank you.

## **Chicago Board of Education October 21, 2019 Meeting: 2 minute script**

**(Marykay Hagerty)**

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a LSC Parent Rep speaking on behalf of Sauganash Elementary School. Please refer to the handouts to follow along with visuals.

We are here to discuss the need for a capital expansion to reduce overcrowding at our school. Space is our issue, today it is important to emphasize a sense of urgency if we do not have a solution.

*Pull in points from visuals*

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