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**GoCPS Update**

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A promotional graphic with a dark blue background. On the left, the text 'High-Quality Options Not Limited to Selective Enrollment Schools' is written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. To the right, there is a photograph of a smiling young man and woman, both wearing backpacks. The man is holding a smartphone. The background of the photo is decorated with colorful icons: a purple graduation cap, a yellow pencil, a pink notebook, and a blue starburst. The silhouettes of the man and woman are overlaid in bright cyan and magenta colors.

## High-Quality Options Not Limited to Selective Enrollment Schools

Dear Parents and Families,

One of the challenges we have struggled with as a district was a confusing high school application process that was difficult to navigate and required too much of our working parents and families. In order to align with our vision for an equitable school district, it became clear that we needed to address this issue.

That's why we created GoCPS. Through our new universal enrollment application, I hope you received clear and comprehensive information about your options than in years past, so you could make an informed decision about your child's education.

Earlier this morning, the Federal Reserve and [The University of Chicago Consortium](#) on School Research released their [preliminary findings](#) on the implementation of GoCPS, and I'm happy to report that GoCPS worked as we intended.

The preliminary findings from this report are encouraging and reflect feedback that I received from parents and families during my regular school visits and community meetings.

The report found:

- **High participation rates:** 91 percent of CPS eighth graders participated in GoCPS.
- **GoCPS worked as intended:** 81 percent of students received their first, second, or third school choice and students were matched with their highest ranked choice with available seats for which they were eligible.
- **High quality options are not limited to selective enrollment schools:** 23 percent of students who received both a selective enrollment offer and a non-selective enrollment offer chose the latter. There are many high quality school options across the district, and this data point demonstrates that many families recognize that and are evaluating their options to the fullest.
- **Parents looked for diverse selection of course offerings:** CTE, Arts programs, and programs at schools with high SQRP ratings were popular choices for students. This shows us that parents are engaged, discerning, and looking for high quality programmatic options.

I'm thrilled that nearly all of our students participated in GoCPS, and I believe we made a significant step toward a high school selection process that's equitable, transparent, and accessible for all Chicago families. Whether it's expanding free, full-day Pre-K for every 4-year-old, starting with the most at risk, or making sure that all of our high school students have a state-of-the-art science lab, GoCPS is one more investment we're making to ensure students in every neighborhood has access to a great education.

I thank you for your continued engagement and support of Chicago Public Schools.

Janice K. Jackson, EdD  
Chief Executive Officer  
Chicago Public Schools

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