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# VOYCE Students Urge CPS to Invest in Mental Health Services



Voices of Youth in Chicago Education (VOYCE)

expressed disappointment at the Chicago Board

of Education after they reaffirmed its commitment

to maintaining police in schools for the upcoming school year, a program that has caused grave harm to thousands of Black and Brown students. The board's vote directing Chicago Public Schools officials to develop a comprehensive community engagement process could potentially result in the phasing out of these school resource officers in the future. That doesn't go far enough. The board's vote continues to direct millions of dollars in critical financial resources to the SRO program for this school year.

In the school year 2019-20, more than 19,000 Black students and 17,000 Latinx students attended high schools without police presence in their schools, demonstrating that CPS has strategies to promote school safety without the use of SROs. VOYCE reiterates its call for the Board to end the SRO program immediately and we are not stepping back. An investigation of the Chicago Police Department by the U.S. Department of Justice found "routinely abusive behavior within CPD,

especially toward Black and Latino residents of Chicago's most challenged neighborhoods. "This is a bad move by the Board of Education," said Marques Watts, junior at Mather High School. "As young people, we have been telling CPS exactly what we need, and CPS is continuing to play games with our future. This is not right. What we need is for CPS to invest in us, not to continue to criminalize us."



### Chicago Public Schools Announce Record-High Graduation Rate

Chicago Public Schools (CPS) CEO Jackson announced that CPS students have set a new record high 5-year graduation rate of 82.5 percent (up from 80.9 in 2019 using the new methodology), which was propelled by the academic progress of Latinx students. Over the last decade, Chicago's graduation rate has risen

nearly 27 percentage points from 2010 when only 55.8 percent of CPS students earned a diploma.

#### Major Improvements Among Latinx and African American Students

The racial groups making up the largest percentage of CPS students, Latinx students and African American students, both saw significant increases over 2019 with a 2.2

percentage point increase (from 82.3 percent to 84.5 percent) for Latinx students and 1.2 percentage point increase (from 76.8 percent to 78 percent) for African American students. Since 2017, the percentage of African American students earning a diploma has increased by 4 percentage points, which is the highest increase among all major racial groups in the district

during that time period. Diverse CPS Schools Across Chicago Achieve **Highest Graduation Rates** Schools with the highest 5-year graduation rates in 2020 represent a diverse group of schools, with multiple school types and geographic regions represented, including enrollment. selective neighborhood open enrollment schools, and



a charter school. The top ten schools with the highest 5-year graduation rates are: Whitney Young, Northside College Prep, Walter Payton, Lane Tech, Jones College Prep, Hancock High School, Perspectives - Joslin High School, Back of the Yards, Westinghouse, and Williams High School.

### Ald. Cardenas Introduces Ordinance Targeting Air Quality Reforms



On Wednesday, Alderman Cardenas, Chair of the Committee on Environmental Protection and Energy in partnership with Mayor Lori Lightfoot introduced an ordinance addressing air quality through industrial zoning and permitting reforms. "I have been working hard to reform the outdated Planning Manufacturing District (PMD) section of our zoning code that has not been touched in over 20 years. For years, pollutionintensive industries have been "permitted by right" within PMDs and other industrial zones. This new ordinance requires that all intensive manufacturing be approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals, and that City Council review and approve major projects for most industrial uses, within 660 feet of any residential, business, or commercial district or if the site exceeds 10 acres. Alderman Cardenas introduced the following legislation related to zoning reforms earlier this year.

O2020-2217 Amendment of Municipal Code Section 17-13-0905-C to further regulate special uses within planned manufacturing districts O2020-2222 Amendment of Municipal Code Chapter 11-4 by modifying Section 11-4-360 and adding new Section 11-4-365 regarding enforcement of inspections and violations environmental regulations Call R2020-82 for informational hearing(s) on environmental and health impacts of Planned Manufacturing Districts on Chicago neighborhoods







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### 29 Illinois Counties at Warning Level for Coronavirus Disease



The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) reported 29 counties in Illinois are considered to be at a warning level for novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19). A county enters a warning level when two or more COVID-19 risk indicators that measure the amount of COVID-19 increase. Twenty-nine counties are currently reported at a warning level

- Boone, Bureau, Clinton, Coles, Cumberland, Edgar, Effingham, Fayette, Greene, Henry, Jasper, Jefferson, Jersey, Lake, Lawrence, Madison, McLean, Monroe, Pulaski, Randolph, Rock Island, Shelby, Stark, St. Clair, Union, Wabash, Warren, Williamson, Will.

Although the reasons for counties reaching a warning level varies, some

of the common factors for an increase in cases and outbreaks are associated with college parties, weddings, large gatherings, bars and clubs, long-term care facilities and other congregate settings, travel to neighboring states, and spread among members of the same household who are not isolating at home. Cases connected to schools are beginning to be reported. Public health officials are observing people not social distancing, gathering in large groups, and not using face coverings.

In some counties, local law enforcement and states' attorneys are not enforcing important mitigation measures like social distancing and the wearing of face coverings. Individuals are also waiting to get tested believing their symptoms are allergies or some other cause.

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### Aviso oficial aprobado por el Tribunal de bancarrota



### Reclamos para la Bancarrota de los Boys Scouts de America por casos de abuso sexual

Independientemente de qué edad usted tenga el día de hoy o de cuándo haya ocurrido el abuso sexual, usted deberá presentar su reclamo antes de las 5 p.m. (hora del este) del 16 de noviembre del 2020.

Los Boy Scouts of America ("BSA") se han declarado en bancarrota a fin de reestructurar su empresa sin fines de lucro y pagar a los sobrevivientes de abuso sexual. Debe leer este aviso atentamente, ya que el mismo podría afectar sus derechos en contra de BSA, los Consilios Locales de BSA y las organizaciones que patrocinaban su tropa o grupo de Lobatos (Cub Scouts), y le proporciona información respecto al caso de bancarrota *In re Boy Scouts of America y Delaware BSA, LLC*, No. 20-10343 (Bankr. D. Del.) Este aviso es un resumen breve. Visite www.OfficalBSAclaims.com o llame al 1-866-907-2721 para obtener más información.

### ¿Quién debe presentar un Reclamo por abuso sexual?

Cualquier persona que haya sufrido abuso sexual durante su periodo en los Scouts (actividades relacionadas con los Scouts), en la feche de o antes del 18 de febrero del 2020, debe presentar un reclamo. Esto incluye abuso sexual relacionado con los Scouts (Boy Scouts), Lobatos (Cub Scouts) o cualquier entidad o actividad relacionada con los Scouts (programas Scouting). Los Reclamos por abuso sexual incluyen, a título enunciativo más no limitativo: conducta sexual inapropiada, explotación, o caricias, comentarios sexuales acerca de una persona u otros comportamientos que hayan conducido al abuso, incluso aunque el comportamiento no haya sido sexual o estado legalmente prohibido, e independientemente de si usted pensaba que el comportamiento era abuso sexual o no. Estos actos pudieron haber sido entre: (1) un niño y un adulto o (2) entre un niño y otro niño.

#### ¿Cuándo y cómo debo presentar un Reclamo por abuso sexual?

Usted debe presentar su reclamo usando el Formulario de Prueba de Reclamo de Sobreviviente de Abuso Sexual a más tardar el 16 de noviembre del 2020 a las 5:00 p.m. (hora del este). Si usted no presenta el Reclamo por abuso sexual de manera puntual, podría perder sus derechos contra BSA, los Consilios Locales de BSA o las organizaciones que patrocinaban su tropa o grupo de Lobatos (Cub Scouts), incluyendo cualquier derecho a indemnización. Solo BSA está en bancarrota. Si usted tiene una demanda contra los Consilios Locales de BSA u otras organizaciones, deberá emprender acciones judiciales adicionales para preservar y hacer valer sus derechos.

<u>Su información se mantendrá confidencial.</u> Puede descargar un formulario de reclamo en www.OfficialBSAclaims.com o llamar al 1-866-907-2721 si necesita ayuda sobre cómo presentar el reclamo por correo postal. Su información se mantendrá confidencial.

### ACTÚE AHORA antes de que se agote el tiempo:



Presente su Prueba de Reclamo de Sobreviviente de Abuso Sexual.



Si su reclamo es aprobado, usted podría recibir una indemnización de la bancarrota.



¿Tiene alguna pregunta? Llame o visite el sitio Web para obtener más información.

Si se aprueba el plan para la reestructuración de BSA, se podrían divulgar reclamos que usted tenga en contra de ciertos terceros, incluidos los Consilios Locales de BSA y las organizaciones que patrocinaban su tropa o grupo de Lobatos (Cub Scouts). Por favor visite el sitio Web para conocer más al respecto.

### Otras formas de apoyo

BSA financiará sesiones de terapia psicológica en persona para Scouts actuales o personas que hayan sido Scouts, o para sus familiares. Para solicitar terapia en persona, por favor llame al 1-866-907-2721 o escriba un correo electrónico a restructuring@scouting.org.

Su información se mantendrá confidencial.

### **Emergency Preparedness Tips for Alzheimer's Caregivers**



September is National Preparedness Month. Emergency situations, such as tornados, hurricanes, heatwaves and blizzards, can significantly impact everyone's safety, but they can be especially upsetting and confusing for individuals living with Alzheimer's and

other dementias. Being prepared is crucial. There are steps and precautions you can take to be as ready as possible. However, if you find yourself in an emergency situation and you haven't made advance preparations, there are still actions you can take to keep you and the person

living with dementia as safe as possible.

Plan ahead

•Find out residential facility disaster plans. If the individual lives in a residential facility, learn about its disaster/ evacuation plans. Find out who is responsible for evacuating the person in

the event of an emergency.

•Identify those who will help you. Are there friends or relatives you can stay with if you have to evacuate? If the person receives routine health procedures at a clinic or with home health, who are the back-up service providers? Have contact

information easily accessible.

•Learn how to get prescriptions and care. Purchase extra medication to have a supply on hand. Download Medicare's Getting Care and Drugs in a Disaster Area. It explains how Medicare beneficiaries have special rights to get out-of-network care if they live in an area where the President has declared a disaster.

•Make sure medical records are accessible. It's important to have access to health records, especially in the case of an emergency. There are now

many options for storing personal health records, including online services that make it possible to access records from anywhere in the world. Regardless of how you choose to store personal health information, make sure there are people other than the primary caregiver who have access to or copies of the person with dementia's medical history, medications, physician information and family contacts.

The Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline is available around the clock, 365 days a year at 800.272.3900 should you need assistance.

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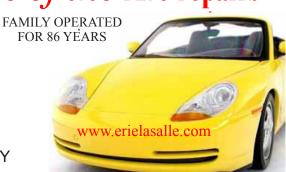
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### **You Count!**



Every Thursday throughout September, you have a chance to meet State Representative Lisa Hernandez and learn more about the census while enjoying some free tamales and *cafecito*. This weekly event will take place outdoors, in front of the representative's office, located at 6117 West

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### In Huge Victory, Immigrant Leaders Shut Down ICE "Citizen's Academy"



Courtesy of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights Edited by Lawndale Bilingual News

Members of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR), Chicago Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression (CAARPR) and Organized Communities Against Deportations (OCAD) are celebrating the notice by the Chicago Field Office of US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) that it is postponing the "citizen's academy" that it planned to start on September 15. ICE had announced plans to hold the "citizen's academy"

in July. The invitation included few details, but specifically stated that the academy would include training in "firearms familiarization and targeted arrests."

Although ICE cited COVID-19 concerns as an excuse for postponing the academy, advocates believe the real reason was the overwhelming voice

of immigrant and allied communities opposing the academy. Working with Organized Communities Against Deportations (OCAD) and the Chicago Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression (CAARPR), ICIRR and its members have been planning a People's Academy bringing together 500 people outside the ICE office when the "citizen's academy" would have started on September 15. ICIRR and its members had already flooded ICE

leadership with nearly 1,000 emails demanding they shut down the academy.

We know this fight is not over. We need to mobilize against the administration's deployment of agents from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and other federal agencies attacking and detaining protesters calling for racial justice and an end to police violence. We need DHS to stop defying rulings by the US Supreme Court and start accepting new DACA

applicants so that hundreds of thousands of immigrants get protection from deportation. On September 15th, we will gather for our People's Academy Rally and Teach In to celebrate a victory in shutting down another oppressive ICE tactic by educating and mobilizing our community to take action to defund ICE, CBP, and police at the People's Academy. The work is not over yet, so we will empower and turn out voters to the polls this fall to make our voices heard on November 3rd.



### Pappas: Are you one of the 8,500 homeowners getting an automatic refund?

More than 8,500 homeowners who overpaid their First Installment taxes are set to receive \$12.8 million in refunds without filing an application, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas said. "Since we

launched the automatic refund program in July, 2018, 110,000 property owners have received about \$56.4 million in refunds without an application," Pappas said. More than 60 percent of the refunds

will be deposited directly into property owners' accounts. To see if you are receiving a refund, visit cookcountytreasurer. com and select the purple box labeled "Your Property Overview." Just put in your





address. The refunds will be issued starting and completed by Monday, October 2, 2020. Here is the breakdown:

• 4,552 homeowners who earlier this year paid by check or online will receive credits to their bank or credit card accounts totaling \$8.1 million

• 3,998 homeowners who paid through a bank/ mortgage escrow account

will be mailed refund checks totaling \$4.7 million

• In addition, 306 homeowners whose taxes totaling \$400,000 were paid in cash will be mailed a refund application to ensure the proper party receives the refund

Most of the refunds go to homeowners receiving property tax exemptions, which are applied to the Second Installment tax bill and reduce the total taxes due. The exemptions include: Homeowner's, Senior Citizen, Senior Assessment Freeze and Disabled Persons. The Second Installment property tax bill was due August 3, but property owners can pay without late fees through Thursday, October 1.

### Organizations Turn to City Hall to Stop the Use of All CPD Gang Databases



In 2018, organizational members of the Coalition to Erase the Database entered into a federal class action lawsuit against the City of Chicago and the Chicago Police Department over the

use of the highly inaccurate and racially discriminatory gang database. Yesterday (September 2, 2020), that lawsuit came to a close. The two-year long lawsuit resulted in settlements for the individual plaintiffs, and a voluntary dismissal by the organizational plaintiffs. The organizational plaintiffs issued the following statement: "The City of Chicago and Chicago Police Department will frame this settlement as a win, and suggest this is proof that they are taking reform of the criminal

#### TOWN OF CICERO NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Town of Cicero Zoning Board of Appeals (the "ZBA") will convene a public hearing on **Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 1:00 P.M.** in the Council Chambers, at the Town of Cicero, 4949 West Cermak Road, Cicero, Cook County, Illinois

Said Public Hearing is convened for the purpose of considering and hearing testimony with regards to a proposal initiated by the owners of the property located at **5515 West 16th Street, Cicero IL 60804**, is requesting a **Sign Variance** to install an illuminated sign at the existing business (Alvarez Auto Sales and repairs) in a C-1 Zoning District.

PIN: 16-21-301-001-0000

Legal Description:

THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS TOO LARGE TO BE DISPLAYED. A COPY CAN BE VIEWED OR OBTAINED IN THE TOWN OF CICEROS ZONING DEPARTMENT 4949 WEST CERMAK RD., 2ND FLOOR, CICERO, ILLINOIS.

The ZBA will entertain the submission of documents, testimony and public comment regarding said Proposal. All persons who are interested are invited to attend the public hearing to listen and be heard. The Proposal and all related documents are on file at Town Hall, Legal/Zoning Department, located at 4949 West Cermak Road, 2nd Floor, Cicero, Illinois.

This Public Hearing may be continued to a further time, date and place without further notice being given except as may be provided in the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Chairman

legal system seriously: however, this settlement is insufficient to redress the harm of Chicago's gang database. We are glad the city compromised and presented a solution that would help a few individuals harmed by the biases and racism by CPD and the gang database, but this is a drop in the bucket in comparison to the many tens of thousands of Chicagoans who remain in the database without the same opportunity to pursue a lawsuit.

The Organized Communities Against Deportations Coalition will continue working to expose the harms by systems like the original gang database and the new CEIS (Criminal Enterprise Information System), and we will continue to rally around abolishing these systems because we know

that we—as community members and neighbors keep each other safe, not racist algorithms and policing. This lawsuit has shown to all what communities have known all along, that there are glaring issues of inequity with the gang database, and there is much more work to be done to undo and redress the damage it has inflicted upon people and their families. This is just one step in working toward a more equitable Chicago that values its residents. CPD still has vet to be held accountable for their misuse of the gang database, and CEIS replicates many of the same harms. We demand that Chicago elected and appointed officials work to eliminate the use of racist data systems," said a member of the Coalition.

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PIN: 16-28-227-048-0000 Legal Description:

LOT 80 AND THE EAST ½ OF LOT 79 IN HAWTHORNE LAND AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY'S RESUBDIVISION OF BLOCKS 13 AND 14 IN MORTON PARK IN THE NORTHEAST ¼ OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

The ZBA will entertain the submission of documents, testimony and public comment regarding said Proposal. All persons who are interested are invited to attend the public hearing to listen and be heard. The Proposal and all related documents are on file at Town Hall, Legal/Zoning Department, located at 4949 West Cermak Road, 2nd Floor, Cicero, Illinois.

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PIN: 16-20-426-028-0000, 16-20-426-029-0000 & 16-20-426-030-0000 Legal Description:

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### Notice Invitation to Bid to METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

Sealed proposals, endorsed as above, will be submitted back to the District via an electronic upload to the Bonfire Portal only, from the date of the Invitation to Bid, up to 11:00 A.M. (Chicago time), on the bid opening date, and will be opened publicly as described in the Invitation to Bid by the Director of Procurement and Materials Management or designee at 11:00 AM on the stated bid opening date below for:

### CONTRACT 20-613-12 SCAVENGER SERVICES AT VARIOUS SERVICE AREAS (RE BID) Bid Opening: October 6, 2020

Compliance with the District's Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D (Groups D and E) and Appendix C is required on this Contract.

### **CONTRACT 20-627-11**

### REPAIRS TO AIR COMPRESSORS AND AIR DRYERS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS Bid Opening: September 29, 2020

Compliance with the District's Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D, Appendix C and the Multi Project Labor Agreement is required on this Contract.

The above is an abbreviated version of the Notice Invitation to Bid. A full version which includes a brief description of the project and/or service can be found on the District's website, www. mwrd.org; the path is as follows: Doing Business → Procurement and Materials Management → Contract Announcements.

Specifications, proposal forms and/or plans may be obtained from the Department of Procurement and Materials Management by downloading online from the District's website at www.mwrd. org (Doing Business—Procurement & Materials Management—Contract Announcements). No fee is required for the Contract Documents. Any questions regarding the downloading of the Contract Document should be directed to the following email: contractdesk@mwrd.org or call 312-751-6643.

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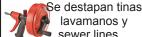
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