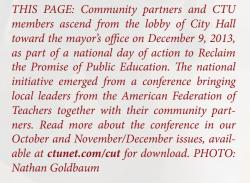
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THIS PAGE: CTU Delegates, Local School Council representatives and other school leaders gather at Teamster City on November 13, 2013, for a daylong training to build power in our schools. PHOTO: Nathan Goldbaum 0

Sisters and Brothers,

Now that the New Year is upon us, here is a resolution I'd like you to consider: Resolve to share, advocate and mentor in your schools. By design, corporate school reform seeks to isolate teachers, paraprofessionals and clinicians in a "Hunger Games"/"Survivor" race to the bottom. Isolation breeds contempt, fear and paranoia—so much so that the solidarity you built during our historic contract campaign and strike seems like a distant memory. That is why we must work with each other to reclaim our rightful places as experts in all education matters.

Collaboration is at the heart of great educational experiences. When we share our experiences, we help each other through the tough times and double the excitement of the good times. When we advocate for each other, we practice skills that build real movements, and our continued advocacy will lead to the ultimate demise of corporate control of our schools.



The best gift you can give to a colleague is mentoring, which is a two-way street. If done well, the lessons you learn will be valuable not only for your career, but in your life, as relationship building is inherently rooted in mentoring.

Each of us can find a way to collaborate in our schools and worksites. Clinicians, if you have found a way to enter your notes into the system that is time-saving, share that with your fellow clinicians. PSRPs, if you see one of your sisters or brothers having difficulty with a student, show them something that worked for you. Teachers, if you see a colleague struggling with classroom management, share some techniques that work for you.

When we work together, we build solidarity. When we share our knowledge, we build strength. When we advocate for each other, our students and our communities, we build a movement. Movements change the lives of ordinary people.

Share, advocate and *mentor.* You'll hear this often from the Chicago Teachers Union, but it must be more than a slogan—it must be a way of life.

In Solidarity -, NBCT Karen GJ Lewis, NBCT

By Pavlyn Jankov

THE ROLE FOR COLLABORATION IN THE CORPORATE EDUCATION PLAN

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s the push to bring competition, standardization and the profit incentive into public education continues, there has been a national decline in time for teacher collaboration. The Met Life national survey of teachers found that in 2009, just 25 percent of teachers had three or more hours a week for collaboration. By 2012, the National Center for Literacy Education found that the percentage had declined to 10 percent.¹

The corporate reform plan does leave room for teacher collaboration to boost data-driven instruction, despite a comprehensive examination by the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) in 2009 that found a lack of compelling evidence to support the use of data to drive instruction.² Another IES study from 2012 found that the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), which combines benchmark assessments with a systematic program of analyzing and utilizing data to determine and differentiate instruction, was not effective in improving achievement.³ Even when using standardized-tests as outcomes-the only measure that matters for the boosters of data-driven instruction-these practices are not shown to be effective.

Corporate reforms not only hollow out the substance of collaboration, but undermine the capacity for schools to sustain the cooperation and trust so important to professional learning communities. "Innovations" in management, exemplified by charter school organizations, have created schools where half the teaching staff leaves every year. This means few veteran teachers are available to mentor new teachers in schools where the average teaching experience is about four years. Performance bonuses and other merit pay-based schemes that use economic incentives are part of the corporate reform package, but these practices are ineffective and counter the intrinsic motivation and feelings of mutual responsibility that are necessary in successful schools.

The corporate education movement also threatens cooperation and trust between the school and the broader community. At charter schools, local school councils are non-existent and teacher diversity is severely lacking, which makes building trust between staff and the students and communities they serve challenging. Public schools are increasingly pulled into competition instead of collaboration with one another, which increases disconnect between the community and the school. Supporters of school choice and competition say that if parents don't like their schools, they should just vote with their feet and find another one. The only decisionmaking allowed, however, is choosing a school, with no parental participation in decisions about school policies. This characterizes market-based "choice" in other arenas as well.

The emphasis on competition and economic incentives that undergird the education reform movement known as "corporate" reform is also problematic in corporate management. Individual employee evaluations based on narrow outcome measures, internal competition, hyper-accountability and economic incentives are also detrimental for organizations that measure success by profit margins.⁴

While the corporate reform movement continues to spin the merits of their baseless prescriptions, thousands of teachers, paraprofessionals and school staff engage every day in building the relations of trust and mutual dependence in defiance of the corporate and individuating narrative. This heroic work is just one example of teachers deciding to reject corporate "logic" to do what's best for students.

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TEACHER EVALUATION STUDY GROUPS Collaboration is underway at roosevelt high school

By Keith Plum, Tim Meegan

oosevelt High School's Professional Personnel Leadership Committee (PPLC) decided to take over professional development this year because last year's professional development (PD) was not true development—the majority of it dealt with housekeeping issues. We decided to use the Chicago Public Schools Framework for Teaching as an outline for constructing PD because of the Framework's importance in teacher evaluation.

This September, the PPLC negotiated with the administration for control of about 50 percent of the PD sessions. Our goal was for faculty to help each other achieve a "proficient" or better summative rating. Our administration believed this was impossible because that would trigger a CPS audit, but the PPLC argued that the REACH Frameworks are evidence-based, and therefore it is possible for everyone in the building to attain a "proficient" or better rating. In order to make sure our evaluators were consistent and fair, we recognized that it was essential that as a faculty we share openly and honestly our scores and our experiences.

We created a Google document that allows faculty to record every observation in the building, whether it is a formal or informal observation, the nature of the visit, who visited (administrator, teacher, network, etc.) and the outcome or feedback.

To make sure we were going to design meaningful PD, our PPLC also sent two Google Docs surveys to teachers. One survey asked teachers for their component-level scores from last school year's evaluations, and the other survey asked teachers to select the components they would most like to work with in PD.

One of our biggest challenges was to make people feel comfortable sharing their component scores with each other. Because of the personal nature of our work, teachers feel judged by their scores. We emphasized that the scores represent a snapshot of our teaching—not our value as teachers—and often the REACH Framework is implemented subjectively. The results from both surveys showed that staff wanted more support on Domain 3 of the Framework for Teaching, which focuses on instruction. In Domain 3, teachers were most interested in component 3d (Using Assessment in Instruction). Our PPLC reached out to Jennifer Johnson at the Chicago Teachers Union's Quest Center, and she provided us with a good template (below), which we still use:

- 1. Unpack the levels of the rubric and discuss differences between "Unsatisfactory," "Basic," "Proficient," and "Distinguished" levels of performance.
- Ask teachers who earned a "Proficient"
 (3) or "Distinguished" (4) to share their teaching strategies and observation experiences from that component.
- 3. Create a list of best practices related to each component.

We compiled all of these best practices into our Google document and we continue to update it as we collaborate. We also decided that rather than whole faculty instruction, PPLC members would lead individual departments in PD in order to allow all teachers to participate fully.

During our PPLC meeting following our first PD, each member reported back that teachers overwhelmingly found our PD to be both professionally meaningful and extremely practical. A PPLC folder was created on the school's Google Drive so that teachers would have instant access to all the materials we presented and all the best practices shared by their peers. Our PPLC has used this process for each of the five components for Domain 3.

Based on recent teacher feedback, the PPLC has decided to shift our next focus to pre- and post-observation conferences and what they should look like. Our PPLC will continue to work to ensure that teacher PD actually develops the professional and helps everyone in this evaluation process.

Keith Plum is the delegate and Tim Meegan is an associate delegate at Roosevelt High School.

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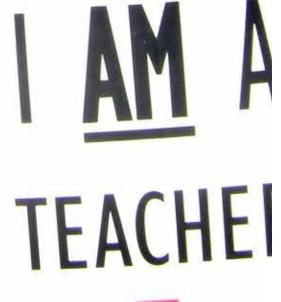
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SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS The struggle for dignity and respect

By Debby Pope

They are the "invisible army." Every school depends on them. Without enough substitutes to fill in when regular teachers are absent, chaos ensues. We know this first-hand from the many bad experiences we heard about last year when Chicago Public Schools

was not hiring enough substitutes and many schools found themselves severely shorthanded. Teachers were over-burdened, the contract was being violated and students' needs were not being adequately met.

I recently spoke with Burma Green, chair of the CTU Substitute Teachers Committee. I asked her what the biggest issues facing substitutes are, and without hesitation, she said the number one problem is "disrespect from the clerk and colleagues at the school...we are often ignored."

Another issue she raised was that of extra duties being heaped upon substitutes, such as extra classes, recess duty, lunchroom supervision and attendance phone calling—all done with no extra remuneration, of course. Another problem Green mentioned is one that many regular teachers also face in their daily work—a lack of administrative support in dealing with discipline problems. This is particularly difficult for substitutes because for the most part, they don't have ongoing relationships with security personnel who might help them deal with difficult student behavior.

Substitute teachers have also had problems with the AESOP, which is the automated assignment system that CPS began to use this school year. While it may prove effective in the long run, many substitutes at this point are first experiencing problems in getting assignments, and then additional problems when they arrive at schools and are told that they are not needed.

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If this happens, substitutes should fill out a grievance authorization, including the details and the confirmation number they received when they were called. Substitute teachers are members of our bargaining unit. They are covered by many of the protections in our

contract. They are often targeted, however, if they stand up for their rights.

It is all too easy for an administrator to write up a substitute, and with two write-ups, the substitute can be dismissed. There have also been instances of substitutes being blocked by a network, which is, in essence, a form of blacklisting.

How can the rest of us help our substitute brothers and sisters? Green asks that we "remember that substitute teachers are educators too.

"Many are highly qualified,

multi-faceted individuals with a wide variety of abilities," she said. "Many are experienced displaced teachers who have not been rehired." Those of us who are regular employees in a building can help make the atmosphere more hospitable for our substitute colleagues. We can greet them, make sure they know where the school facilities are, and, if needed, offer assistance in whatever way we can. It's both the right thing to do and an important way to show our CTU solidarity.

Debby Pope works in the Chicago Teachers Union Grievance department.

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S GOAL OF EDUCATION

By Brandon Johnson

The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education.

—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

So-called corporate "reformers" fail to recognize the fundamental goal of public education, which is to build a more just and conscientious society. Guided by stingy corporate hands, members of both political parties see no incentive to uphold education as a public good. Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker and former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas adhere to policies that promote the inherent bias of standardization, the cruelty of disinvestment from neighborhood schools and the corrupted schemes of the privatization of public schools through charters-all of which undermine public accommodations and worker rights. These failed policies have left our school communities desolate, greatly stratified and with little to no means to improve the quality of life for those who find refuge in these neighborhoods.

In other words, the driving forces of this ideology do not see education as a mechanism to challenge the status quo or the debilitating racism and class schisms that are deeply entrenched in American society. In an era where student achievement is calculated only by a single test, and when many of our students and their families are trying to survive in poverty, we must not merely reflect on the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., but we must actively advocate for the restoration of broken promises.

As a champion of civil rights, Dr. King battled alongside labor, faith and civic leaders to end hateful practices of segregation. He understood that the fight for civil rights must be tethered to a broader struggle for social and economic justice. It is clear that Jim Crow has given birth to a son and the legacy of these policies, while not necessarily decreed by government, is permitted. As unionists, we cannot afford to fight just for our students to have equal access to high quality public education—we must ensure that our students and their families have affordable housing, employment, livable wages, health services, capital resources and a justice system that does not allow corporations to exploit black and brown people for selfish lucre.

As Chicago Teachers Union members, we bear witness to the axiom "our working conditions are our students' learning conditions" daily, and we know that our students' performance on standardized tests tell us more about their social and economic status and less about their intelligence. Therefore, if we hope to witness a more just and equitable public education system that encourages critical thought, deep questioning and true intellectual prowess, we must advocate for policies that improve the quality of lives of our students and their families.

The political climate during the civil rights movement was vicious, and claimed many lives. Although it is no longer fashionable to literally "kill" dreamers, the political landscape today possesses a familiar spirit and aids in the assassination of the character of those who dare reject de facto segregationist policies. Many political and corporate leaders who benefit from the misery and isolation of the poor have criticized our union, but just as King took on the vile conditions of his time, we must slay the foul policies that continue to plague our nation.

More and more poor black and brown students are concentrated, isolated and confined to underfunded and under-resourced schools and neighborhoods. We who wish to imbibe the spirit of justice are required to decry those who ignore the intensely segregated living and learning conditions of the people we serve; if we do not lash out against these injustices, our silence will implicitly condone state and municipal governments' misuse of public tax dollars that support charter schools and whose practices feature the denial of full access and equal participation. New English speakers, special education students and minorities will continue to suffer as segregation grows, and only a select few are given an opportunity in the name of "choice" and "competition." The great TIF scandal will continue to send our tax dollars to rich developers who do not invest in the very communities that have the greatest need.

Educational justice and social and economic equity have all but disappeared from the public discourse, and working to collectively reverse the legacy of racism has been replaced with a relentless focus on "individual responsibility" and "personal accountability." In other words, how we work to improve the living conditions and educational experiences of our students and their families is no longer systemic, but personal, and measured solely by individual performance and personal choice.

As we celebrate the life of Dr. King and all who participated in the civil rights movement, let us learn from their example and consider the new forms of resistance to our continued struggles for justice. Policies backed by billionaires and endorsed by members of both political parties have all but erased many of the gains of previous generations. We must push the CTU and other unions to build broad-based coalitions that will continue decades-long efforts to eradicate racism and inequality.

Although Dr. King's and many other voices still echo in the halls of justice, our voices must ring through the streets and government chambers till justice is secured for all.

Brandon Johnson is the interim political director for the Chicago Teachers Union.

FOUR BOOKS TAKE CWA'S TOP HONORS

By Randy Richardson

The four winners of the Chicago Writers Association's third annual Book of the Year Awards on their face are as different as can be: a novel written by 30 high school students at Whitney Young High School; a debut novel authored by a Chicago playwright and disabilities-rights activist; a memoir inspired by the death of a childhood best friend; and Jack Kerouac-inspired road trip about the generational bonds of fathers and sons.

The one common thread that seems to run through all of the books chosen this year is that each, in its own unique way, draws on the power of the human spirit. All of the stories are very real and moving, and filled with all the joys and pains that come with ordinary and sometimes extraordinary circumstances.

The winning books are:

- Traditional Fiction: "Good Kings Bad Kings" by Susan Nussbaum
- Non-Traditional Fiction: "30 Days to Empathy" by The 31 and Jay C. Rehak (Editor)
- Traditional Non-Fiction: "We Hope You Like This Song" by Bree Housley
- Non-Traditional Non-Fiction: "Any Road Will Take You There" by David W. Berner

The awards will be presented at 7 p.m. on Jan. 18 at The Book Cellar, 4736-38 Lincoln Ave., in Chicago's Lincoln Square community. At the event, which is free and open to the public, the authors will read from their award-winning books and have copies available for purchase and signing.

The finalist judges were three of last year's winning authors—Patricia Ann McNair ("The Temple of Air"), Renee James ("Coming Out Can Be Murder") and Richard C. Lindberg ("Whiskey Breakfast")—and special guest judge David Katzman ("A Greater Monster").

"I congratulate all of the winners, and indeed all of the twelve finalists," said Book of the Year Awards Chair Tori Collins. "I thank the judges for their time and thoughtful selections. They had to make some very tough choices."

McNair, in choosing Nussbaum's already award-winning "Good Kings Bad Kings" (the book won the PEN/Bellwether Prize for Socially Engaged Fiction), wrote: "There is heartbreak in these stories, this story, but there is hope, grace, and transcendence as well."

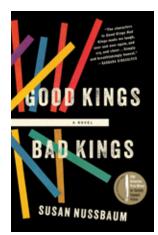
In selecting the Kerouac-inspired memoir "Any Road Will Take You There" as the best in the non-traditional non-fiction category, Katzman called it "a thoughtful, touching, and at times heartbreaking account of the struggles of fatherhood, career, marriage and the death of a parent."

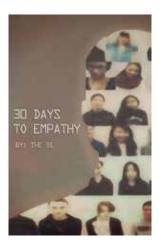
James, the judge in the non-traditional fiction category, found "30 Days to Empathy" to be "an incredible educational accomplishment" whose 30 authors collectively "paint a picture of high school student life that is gritty and hopeful and very human."

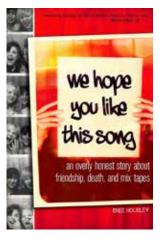
In selecting "We Hope You Like This Song" as winner of the traditional fiction category, Lindberg called it a "touching homage" to the author's childhood friend that "draws inspiration through humor, reflection, and hope."

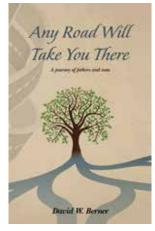
The awards, divided into four categories (traditionally and non-traditionally published fiction and non-fiction), were open to books published between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013 and authored by Chicago area authors or CWA members. (Non-traditional is defined as self- and print-on-demand published.)

Randy Richardson is president of the Chicago Writers Association.









NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS FAIR PARENTS AND EDUCATORS GOOPERATE TO SHOWCASE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS

By Nathan Goldbaum

n Nov. 16, 2013, about a dozen parents brought together more than 50 schools from 27 wards to highlight the high-quality education offered at neighborhood public schools. In one of Roberto Clemente High School gymnasium, school bands, theater groups and cheer squads performed while children played and made art. The other gym was packed with tables sporting balloons and display boards from schools throughout the Chicago Public Schools district and from organizations that support them. Parents and teachers highlighted afterschool programs, bilingual specialization and community partnerships in a cooperative event designed to counter the propaganda of New Schools for Chicago and their New Schools Expo.

The New Schools Expo has been held each January since 2007 to promote charter schools, and has excluded all but a token handful of neighborhood schools. Since 2004, the Commercial Club of Chicago, through their Civic Committee, has promoted the expansion of charter schools in an effort to turn public education into a marketplace, with students and schools in competition rather than cooperation and with winners and losers rather than a shared common good. Their vehicle was the Renaissance Schools Fund, named to complement former CPS CEO Arne Duncan's infamous Renaissance

2010 initiative. In 2011, the Renaissance Schools Fund was rebranded New Schools for Chicago and now devotes millions invested by the likes of the Rauner Family Foundation, the Walton Family Foundation, the CME Group and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation specifically to promote charters. Not coincidentally, The Civic Committee shares

offices with Civic Consulting Alliance, which provided logistical support free of charge to CPS throughout the mass school closing proceedings last year.

The Neighborhood Schools Fair is the brainchild of Rousemary Vega, a parent who fought unsuccessfully last year to save Lafayette Elementary—including a sit-in at the school in June—and whose children now attend Pritzker Elementary and Lincoln Park High School. Her daughter was crestfallen when Lafayette's award-winning string orchestra where she played cello was forced to disband, and Vega decided there was more she could be doing.

> Protesting was important, but it didn't reach everyone. She wanted a venue where families and communities could show pride in their schools and not just anger over their closing.

> "The purpose was to showcase our neighborhood schools by coming together to say, 'We choose public

education,' to focus on what we have to be proud of and to break the rumor that our neighborhood schools have nothing to offer." She hoped to tell parents and the public, "Take a look, this is what is in your backyard. Fight for it, save it, give it a chance."

Having connected with other parents through the struggle against school closings, including CPS parents who are also CTU members, Vega spearheaded a multicultural group of organizers known as the "Bad Ass



Moms." They launched a page on GoFundMe. com and raised more than \$2,000. They made connections with local businesses and aldermen, getting discounted lunches from Smoke Daddy Grill and dozens of other offerings of time and materials. "This is by parents and for parents," Vega said. "It is put together by the grassroots.

"While we showcase our schools with hard work and dedication, love and unity, New Schools Expo showcases their charters with millions of dollars from corporations."

More than 700 participants made the Neighborhood Schools Fair a huge success. "At the Fair people exchanged ideas and information," Vega says. "It was not a competitive event—the idea was to lift each other up." Parents and educators came away from the event excited with a rousing success behind them, but the "Bad Ass Moms" are not stopping there. Vega wouldn't reveal what the next event will be but says it will be something big. We can hardly wait.

Nathan Goldbaum is a Member Communications Coordinator for the Chicago Teachers Union.



TOP: The "Bad Ass Moms" introduce the day's events in the gym of Clemente High School. From Left: Janet Meegan, Shoneice Reynolds, Carolyn Brown, Sherise McDaniel, Yessenia Cervantes-Vázquez, Jessica Suarez, Rousemary Vega (center with microphone), Adenia Linker, Nellie Cotton, Julie Fain, Julie Kosowski, Cassandra Cresswell, Ellen Gradman. ABOVE: One corner of the second gymnasium at Clemente High School, which was filled with tables from schools and organizations across the city. PHOTOS: Nathan Goldbaum

SHARE. ADVOCATE. MENTOR.

By Jennifer Johnson

WE HAVE TO THINK OF TEACHER **EVALUATION AS A COLLABORATIVE** CAMPAIGN. WE CANNOT LEAVE EACH OTHER TO WORK WITH OUR STUDENTS IN ISOLATION. TEACHING IS NOT A CONTEST AND **NEITHER IS TEACHER EVALUATION.**

We must share best lessons and strategies as well our observation scores with one another. We must advocate for ourselves in pre/post observation conferences and in other arenas (like Professional Problems Committee, Professional Personnel Leadership Committee, etc.). We must mentor each other whether we are new educators or veterans.

Put this mantra to work in your school by organizing teacher evaluation study groups. Chicago Teachers Union staff members have modeled how to organize evaluation study groups at the November 2013 delegate training and in numerous school meetings so far this school year. Our CTU Teacher Evaluation Liaisons will also help share this strategy widely.

We are confident that by studying the Framework for Teaching with our colleagues, we can begin to use it to become better educators and to hold our evaluators accountable for conducting the process more fairly.

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To volunteer, e-mail Jennifer L. Johnson, CTU Quest Center Teacher Evaluation Facilitator, at JenniferJohnson@ctulocal1.com.

New Teacher Institute

For teachers with 5 or fewer years of teaching



All Quest Center courses are suitable to meet the ISBE 20% requirement for regular education teachers of students with specialized needs.

Organizing the Elementary Classroom for Teaching and Learning

This offering encompasses the fundamental professional responsibilities required of all elementary teachers: classroom management, community building, establishing routines, participating in the professional community, managing and monitoring student learning, communicating with families, and motivating students. Participants study theories and methods related to these aspects of teaching and will bridge theory and practice by exploring their practical applications in the classroom. <u>This offering is tailored to the needs of teachers in their first five years and currently teaching</u>. Walter Taylor, NBCT, instructor. **This offering is aligned to the CPS Framework for Teaching - Domain 2, Components a, b, c and d; Domain 3, Component c; Domain 4, Components c, d, and e.** <u>A book is required for this course*.</u>

Organizing the High School Classroom for Teaching and Learning

This offering encompasses the fundamental professional responsibilities required of all high school teachers: classroom management, planning and preparation, delivering instruction, communicating with parents, colleagues and students. Participants also explore methods and resources for developing and maintaining their own professional growth and development. This offering is tailored to the needs of teachers in their first five years and who are currently teaching. Michael Moriarty, NBCT, instructor. This offering is aligned to the CPS Framework for Teaching - Domain 2, Components a, b, c and d; Domain 3, Component c; Domain 4, Components c, d, and e. - A book is required for this course*.



REGISTRATION DEADLINE JANUARY 12, 2014

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Tuition

\$150 - 45 CPDUs/PTPs only \$195 - 3 Lane Placement Credits and 45 CPDUs

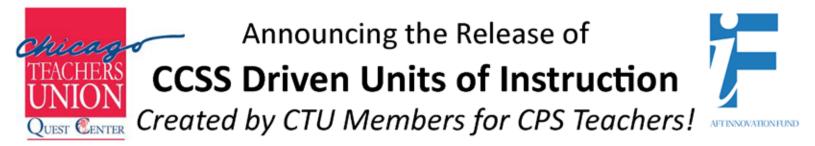
\$200 (non-member) -45 CPDUs/PTPs only

\$225 (non-member) - 3 Lane Placement Credits and 45 CPDUs

*Book fee not included

Both courses held at: Chicago Teachers Union 222 Merchandise Mart Plaza, Suite 400 Chicago, IL 60654

Dates and times for <u>both courses</u> are: January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 17, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 17, 18, 25, April 1, 2, 8, 2014. Time: 5-8 p.m.



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Presents

Winter 2014 Professional Learning

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All Quest Center courses are suitable to meet the ISBE 20% requirements for regular education teachers of students with specialized needs and are aligned to the CPS Framework for Teaching and the Common Core State Standards.

Common Core in the Primary Classroom - (3 CPS Lane Placement Credits/45 CPDUs)

This course focuses on issues in implementation of the English language arts Common Core State Standards affecting all K-2nd grade teachers. Participants study the shifts in focus, close reading, and instructional design. Keshanna Milsap and Kelly McCann, NBCTs, instructors. This offering is aligned to the CPS Framework for Teaching - Domain 1, Components a, c, and d will be addressed. **Dates:** Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 2014

Time: 4:45 - 7:45 p.m.

Location: Carroll Elementary School, 2929 W. 83rd St. Chicago, IL 60652

Parking: school parking lot or street parking available

Registration: online at ctunet.com/pd; Deadline - January 15, 2014

Teaching English Learners (ELs) in Mainstream Academic Classes- (2 CPS Lane Placement Credits/30 CPDUs/PTPs)

Mainstream teachers who have English Learners (ELs) in their classrooms are often not aware of how to meet their EL students' needs. This offering supports teachers by focusing on adapting high-level teaching strategies to ensure ELs at varied levels of English ability have access to content as well as learning language in the English-only classroom. Gloria Henllan-Jones, NBCT, Instructor. This offering is aligned to the CPS Framework for Teaching - Domain 1, Components b, d, and e; Domain 3, Component a; Domain 4, Component d. **Dates:** Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2014

Time: 5 - 8 p.m.

Location: Chicago Teachers Union, 222 Merchandise Mart Plaza, Suite 400, Chicago, IL 60654

Transportation Options: Brown line comes into the Merchandise Mart. \$16 parking after 3 p.m. at MartParc on the northeast corner of Kinzie and Wells.

Registration: online at ctunet.com/pd; Deadline - January 15, 2014

Common Core ELA State Standards - Enhancing the Listening and Speaking Skills of Elementary Students (2 CPS Lane Placement Credits/30 CPDUs/PTPs)

This course addresses issues in the implementation of the ELA Speaking and Listening standards of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) required of all elementary teachers. Participants study shifts in focus, instructional design, and assessment in light of the CCSS. Michelle Nash, NBCT, instructor. This offering is aligned to the CPS Framework for Teaching - Domain 1, Components a and d; Domain 3, Component c; Domain 4, Component d.

Dates: Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2014 **Time:** 5 - 8 p. m **Location:** Burley Elementary School, 1630 W. Barry Ave., Chicago, IL 60657

Parking: available in school parking lot.

Registration: online at <u>ctunet.com/pd</u>; Deadline - <u>January 21, 2014</u>

Course Tuitions

Members: 30 CPDUs/PTPs only - \$100 2 Lane Placement Credits - \$130

Non-members: 30 CPDUs/PTPs only - \$135 2 Lane Placement Credits - \$160 45 CPDUs/PTPs only - \$150 3 Lane Placement Credits - \$195

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Back by Popular Demand . . . <u>APPy Hour</u>

For the Kindergarten through 8th Grade Teacher

This workshop is for elementary teachers whose students have in-class access to Apple or Android mobile devices such as IPADs, Kindle Fire, tablets, and IPOD Touch.

Participants discover classroom tested "apps" to start using the next day with their students and their mobile devices. This 3 hour session introduces beginning users to the most influential "apps" that are accessible on handheld technology. The focus is on free, interactive, and student friendly educational tools that transform digital learning. The "apps" discussed can be used in many technology configurations from 1 device to 30.

This workshop addresses the CPS Framework for Teaching Domains: 1, Component a (Demonstrating Knowledge of Content and Pedagogy), Component d (Designing Coherent Instruction); Domain 3, Component c (Engaging Students in Learning), Component d (Using Assessment in Instruction), Component e (Demonstrating Flexibility and Responsiveness).

<u>Participants must download the following "apps" to their mobile device PRIOR to the</u> workshop and bring it to the session: Edmodo, Educreations, croak.it!, Videolicious, and <u>OR maker.</u> This will be an interactive session.

Participants will receive 3 CPDUs/PTPs

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REGISTRATION:

Online registration fee - \$15 ctunet.com/pd

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Find out about pursuing National Board Certification, Illinois Master Teacher Certification, and the role of the Quest Center in supporting Chicago Public School teachers through the process.

Requirements:

- 3 years teaching at current certificate level
- 3 years commitment to teaching in CPS
- Successful completion of professional profile

Register Online: at <u>ctunet.com</u> under the "Quest Center" tab Transportation: Brown Line comes into the 2nd floor of the Merchandise Mart

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For more information on **Nurturing Teacher Leadership**, or to register for the informational meeting , visit us online at <u>www.ctunet.com/pd</u> or contact Lynn Cherkasky-Davis at (312) 329-6274 or <u>LynnCherkasky-Davis@ctulocal1.com</u>.

What is Nurturing Teacher Leadership?

Nurturing Teacher Leadership is a 3 year program of professional development and candidate support that prepares CPS teachers for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification. It includes:

- ✓ Weekly professional development and small group facilitation
- Collaboration with a cohort of other CPS teachers going through the certification process – professional learning community
- ✓ Technical support
- Assessment Center preparation simulations
- Individual mentoring
- ✓ Professional lending library
- Computer lab access

NTL: The sole support program for CPS teachers

The Chicago Teachers Union Quest Center's **Nurturing Teacher Leadership** (NTL) program offers a small supportive group setting in which National Board Certification (NBC) candidates work collaboratively and are mentored by National Board Certified Teachers. We read, study and discuss literature and research on current issues and concepts in education, applying our new or refined insights to our teaching practice. We provide multiple resources, support, and incentives. Our focus is on developing, improving, and validating teaching, thereby increasing student achievement.

During weekly meetings, successful teaching practices are recognized and shared. NTL facilitates all aspects of the intensive new 3 year NBC process. We assist teachers with descriptive, analytical, interpretative, and reflective writing required for the National Board portfolio. We provide technical assistance for required documentation of your work, facilitation with analyzing student work, individual coaching and mentoring, and preparation for the rigorous Assessment Center exercises. NTL supports teachers throughout the entire certification process, providing technical, professional, intellectual and moral support. After achieving National Board Certification, opportunities are available for you to support others—at a professional wage. The CTU Quest Center is *teachers* working for *teachers* to improve the achievement of Chicago's children.

What is National Board Certification?

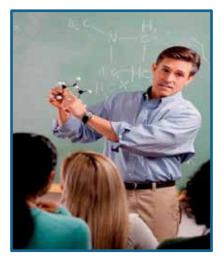
NBPTS Certification offers teachers the opportunity for career advancement. It:

- provides an advanced credential consistent with what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do,
- certifies that you have the status of one who has met professional teaching standards,
- certifies that you have prepared a professional portfolio demonstrating your teaching abilities,
- certifies that you have fulfilled the rigorous Assessment Center exercises, and
- entitles you to receive the Illinois Master Certificate.

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What are the Benefits of NTL?

- ✓ 98% success rate
- annual pensionable cash award - \$1,870
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 Teacher mentors
- Illinois Master Certification good for 10 years
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 and instruction
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- public recognition
- 1st consideration for Consulting Teacher roles
- coaching incentives
- teacher leadership roles
- becoming a better teacher



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Egwuekwe Maxey, Kelechi S. Fullerton, Katrina Hildreth, Iris E. Wagemaker, Anne E. Young, Joanne

BP1 BURNHAM PARK Elementary

Blakey, Nina Butler-Mitchell, Paulette B. Crawley, Dorothy Q. Laidler, Autumn M.

BP2 BURNHAM PARK Elementary

Hegwood, Catherine Laws, Antoinette D. Olson, Genni L. Paranjape, Janak S. Weems, Pricilla W.

EG1 ENGLEWOOD-GRESHAM Elementary

Robinson, Lorna R. Ruff, Nadra C. Smith, Vera I. Threlkeld, Selena M. Wilkinson-Troutman, Cynthia G.

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Coleman, Angela K. Garner, Darnell J. Jackson, Ashley M. Mallory, Latasha I.

LC2 LAKE CALUMET Elementary

Craig, Sharion D. Curtin, Carolyn E.

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PE1 PERSHING ELEMENTARY

Broderick, Christine B. Martinez, Mario M. Spedale, Mary Lou Torres, Leticia M. Villwock, Lauren

PE2 PERSHING ELEMENTARY

All Present

PL1 PILSEN-LITTLE VILLAGE Elementary

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PL2 PILSEN-LITTLE VILLAGE Elementary

Killis, Codi Lohitsa, Sushma S. Ma, Amy Olazaba, Phillip J. Sansininea, Alma O. Sologaistoa, Leslie J.

RR1 RAVENSWOOD-RIDGE Elementary

Arnold, Ruth M. Bucasas, Lorraine Duffy, Jonathan D. Feeney, Charles L. Lancaster, Elizabeth R. Mays, Alison G. McLaurine, Cody P. Pulliam, Davina M. Roberts, Jason M. Rodrigues, Patrick Thomas, Katherine G.

RR2 RAVENSWOOD-RIDGE Elementary

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RI1 ROCK ISLAND Elementary

Carroll, Margaret L. Collins, Linda S. Fenner, Soreida M. Majka, Margaret A. Martin, Donna M. McAllister, Tradonna M. Phillips-Mitchell, Caprice A. Sparks, Jeri L.

RI2 ROCK ISLAND Elementary

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SW2 SOUTHWEST SIDE H.S.

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