

# THE FAIREST MAP OF THEM ALL

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Co-Founder, IAAFER



Illinois African Americans  
For Equitable Redistricting

# Our Leadership Team (In Alphabetical Order)



Karl Brinson, President  
Chicago Westside Branch  
NAACP



Natasha Dunn  
Founder and Executive  
Director Black Community  
Collaborative



Lafayette Ford  
Retired LSC Specialist  
Chicago Public Schools



Valerie F. Leonard,  
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Dwayne Truss  
Former Member  
Chicago Board of Education



Craig Wimberly, President  
Coalition Of African  
American Leaders (COAL)



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# Who We Are

- Illinois African Americans for Equitable Redistricting is an ad hoc group that has come together to ensure that the 2021 redistricting process is implemented taking into account issues of concern to Black people around the State.
- Given that operationalizing the new Elected Representative School Board in Chicago requires drawing electoral districts utilizing apportionment, we are sharing our thoughts on the process.



# What We Do

- Provide
  - Education surrounding redistricting issues, policies and programs
  - Oral and written testimony at redistricting hearings on the state and local levels
  - Mapping proposals

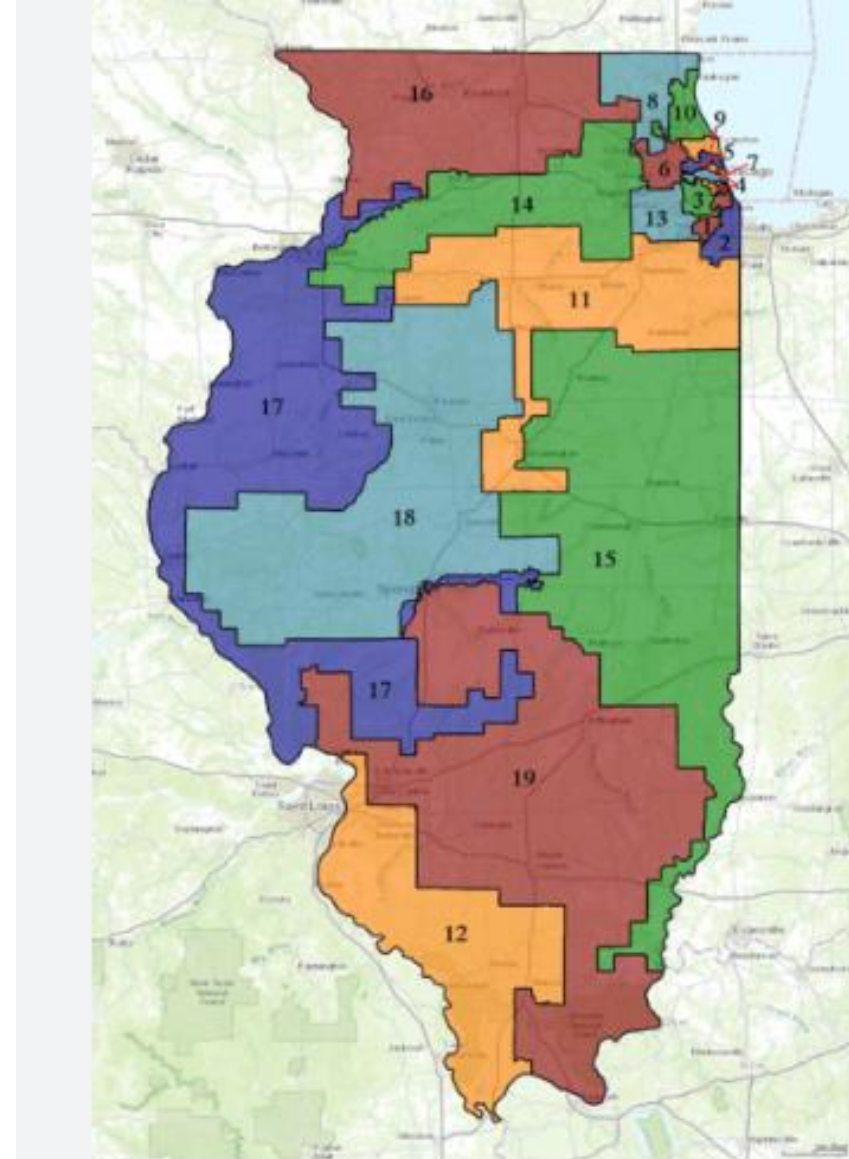






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## Accomplishments For The Year

- Provided written and oral testimony at the first hearing held at Westinghouse High School
- Wrote an op-ed for Crain's Chicago Business
- Raised awareness of the issues surrounding the Chicago Elected Representative Board of Education (ERSB)
- Coordinated with over 50 other organizations to write a joint letter to our elected officials outlining our issues and proposals for the ERSB
- Developed a proposal for the creation of a standing committee of the Board of Education which focuses solely on issues of Black CPS students and their families
- Developed a mapping proposal depicting 10 ERSB electoral districts throughout the City of Chicago
- Invited by the Senate Special Committee on Chicago Elected Representative School Board to Present our proposal during a public hearing
- Garnered support for our proposal from Westside Black Elected Officials and the Former Chairman of the City Council Black Caucus

# Signatories to IAAFER Letter to Elected Officials

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- Tina Augustus, Member, Illinois African Americans for Equitable Redistricting
- Clifton Ballard, Founder, Dreamchasers United, NFP
- Matt Brandon, President, Operation Neighborhood Safety
- Karl Brinson, President, Chicago Westside NAACP
- Apriel Campbell, Founder, The Ivy Group
- Michael Cannon, Founder, C.A.N.D.O.R. Enterprises, NFP
- Rosita Chatonda, Founder, CAUSE
- Bernard Clay, Executive Director, Introspect Youth Services
- Willie Cole, Member, Illinois African Americans for Equitable Redistricting
- Cecile DeMello, Executive Director, Teamwork Englewood
- Michelle Dinneen-White, Founder, Play Smart Literacy
- Audrey Dunford, Founder, Be Aud
- Natasha Dunn, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Black Community Collaborative
- Christyn S. Freeman
- Mary Russell Gardner, President, Urban Technicians, LLC, Resident, Austin Community
- Rev. Walter C. Harris, Pastor, Carey Tercentenary AME Church
- Nicole Jeanine Johnson, The Lotus Lair
- Joyce Lane, Resident, Bronzeville
- Valerie F. Leonard, Co-Founder, Illinois African Americans for Equitable Redistricting
- Essie Leonard, Retired Educator, Chicago Public Schools
- Brian Mullins, Founder, Brian Mullins, Citizens for Civic Education, Co-Founder, Black Community Collaborative
- Nonprofit Utopia, LLC
- Crystal Overton, The Overton Group Consultants
- Dr. Carmen Palmer, PhD, Founder, Educational Village Keepers (EDVK)
- Tanesha Peeples, Executive Director, The Roots Initiative, Co-Founder, Black Community Collaborative
- Mattie J. Phillips, BA, MACM, DD, Senior Pastor, Jesus Word Center Church
- Nachele Pugh, Co-Founder, John Walt Foundation
- Tumia Romero, Resident, Austin Community
- Queen V. ShaRize, Executive Director, BLACK - Building Leadership And Community Knowledge
- Gloria Smith, Executive Director, the Black Star Project
- Ruby Taylor, Executive Director, Taproots
- Cata Truss, Resident, Austin Community
- Dwayne Truss, Resident, Austin Community
- Karen Cecile Wallace, Kenwood Oakland Community
- Tawana Watts, Founder, BeBe's Ark
- Kenneth Wesbrooks Founder and Chairman, A Work of Faith Ministries, Inc.
- Audrey L. Woodley, Founder, Changing Oasis, Inc.
- Wanda Wright, President South West Area Civic League

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# Our Methodology

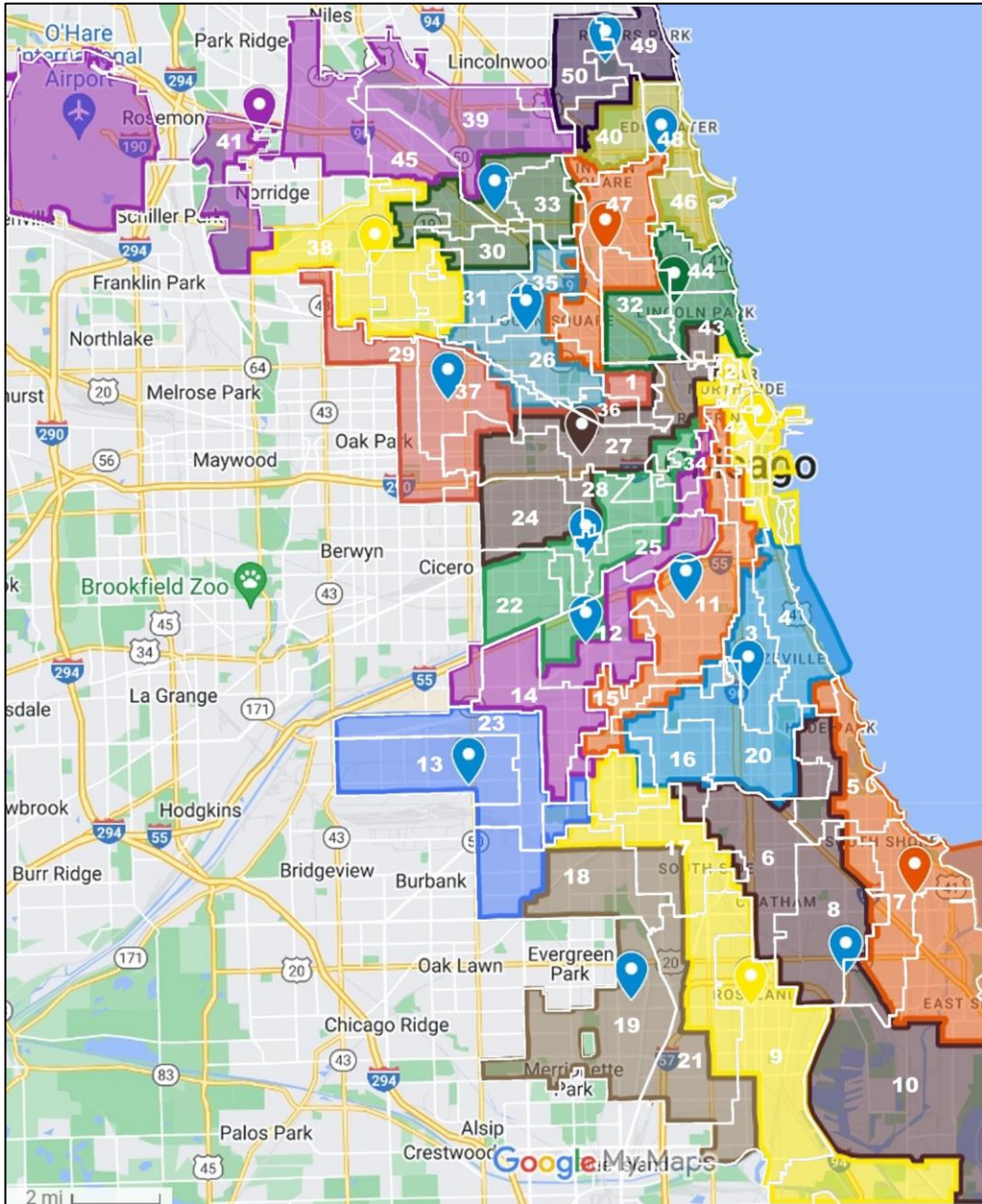
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- Reviewed Enabling Legislation For Elected Representative School Board
  - Board Structure
  - Provisions for Creating Districts
  - Creation of Non-Citizen Advisory Board
- Reviewed State Legislature's Proposals
- Incorporated Feedback from other groups

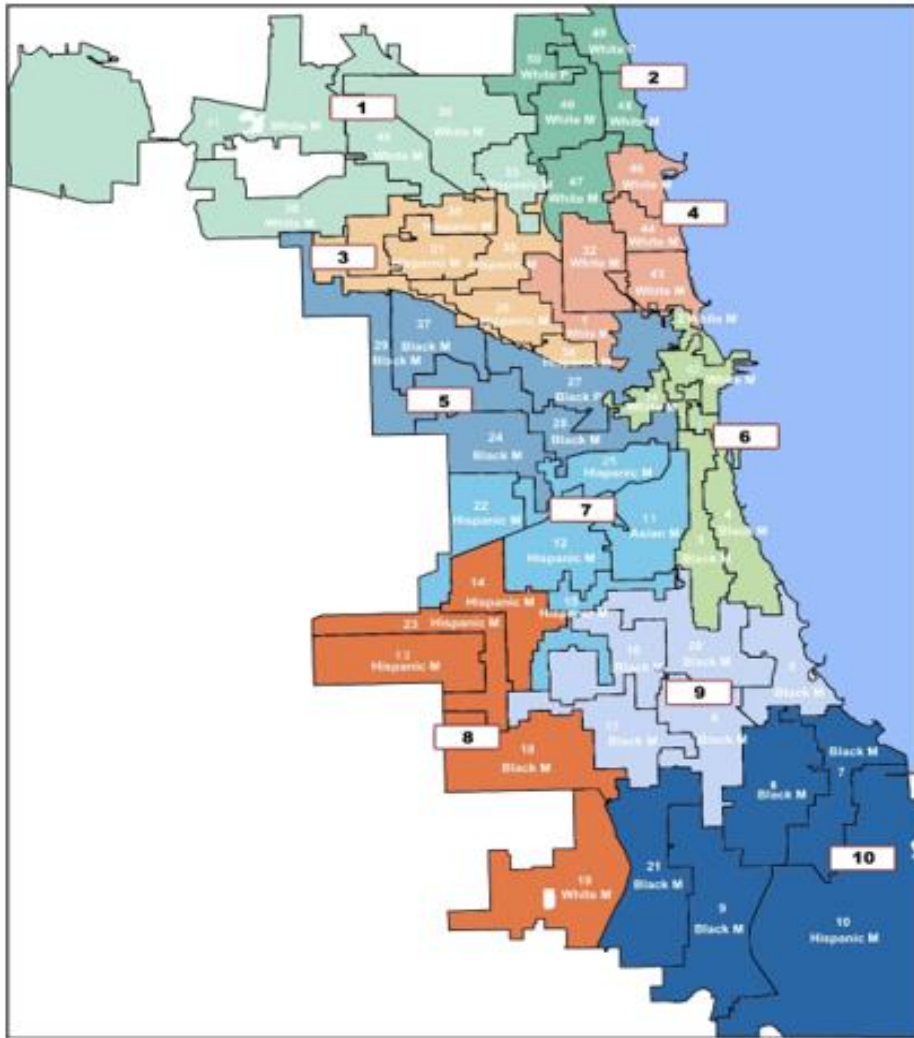


# State Proposed Map

- Doesn't follow the state law it was intended to fulfill
- Breaks up communities around the City
- Has a racial gerrymander, connecting Austin to the Ukrainian Village
- Does not allow for the natural flow of Aldermen to work together i.e., breaks up the West Side wards
- Some districts have parts of 3 wards and some include parts of up to 7 wards, which confuses voters and creates a situation where elected board members and aldermen have an unequal work load.







<b>District 1</b>
41 <sup>st</sup> Ward
38 <sup>th</sup> Ward
45 <sup>th</sup> Ward
39 <sup>th</sup> Ward
33 <sup>rd</sup> Ward
<b>District 2</b>
50 <sup>th</sup> Ward
49 <sup>th</sup> Ward
40 <sup>th</sup> Ward
48 <sup>th</sup> Ward
47 <sup>th</sup> Ward
<b>District 3</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> Ward
31 <sup>st</sup> Ward
35 <sup>th</sup> Ward
26 <sup>th</sup> Ward
1 <sup>st</sup> Ward
<b>District 4</b>
48 <sup>th</sup> Ward
44 <sup>th</sup> Ward
32 <sup>nd</sup> Ward
43 <sup>rd</sup> Ward
1 <sup>st</sup> Ward
<b>District 5</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> Ward
37 <sup>th</sup> Ward
27 <sup>th</sup> Ward
28 <sup>th</sup> Ward
24 <sup>th</sup> Ward

<b>District 6</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward
42 <sup>nd</sup> Ward
34 <sup>th</sup> Ward
3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward
4 <sup>th</sup> Ward
<b>District 7</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> Ward
12 <sup>th</sup> Ward
25 <sup>th</sup> Ward
11 <sup>th</sup> Ward
15 <sup>th</sup> Ward
<b>District 8</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> Ward
23 <sup>rd</sup> Ward
13 <sup>th</sup> Ward
18 <sup>th</sup> Ward
19 <sup>th</sup> Ward
<b>District 9</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> Ward
20 <sup>th</sup> Ward
6 <sup>th</sup> Ward
5 <sup>th</sup> Ward
17 <sup>th</sup> Ward
<b>District 10</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> Ward
8 <sup>th</sup> Ward
7 <sup>th</sup> Ward
9 <sup>th</sup> Ward
10 <sup>th</sup> Ward

# Proposed Boundaries

Proposed boundaries are aligned with specific wards for greater accountability and coordination with members of the City Council while maintaining racial equity and balance.

Ward boundaries were vetted for compliance with the VRA during the most recent redistricting process.

Once ward boundaries are set, elected school board boundaries are set

All elected school board districts will have the same number of wards

All districts will be served by 2 elected school board members and 5 aldermen

Author: Craig Wimberly, President COAL Chicago.  
Data Sources: City of Chicago, U.S. Census Bureau

This map was drawn to align CPS Elected School Board districts with specific wards for greater accountability and coordination with members of the City Council while maintaining racial equity and balance. Ward boundaries were vetted for compliance with the VRA during the most recent redistricting process.

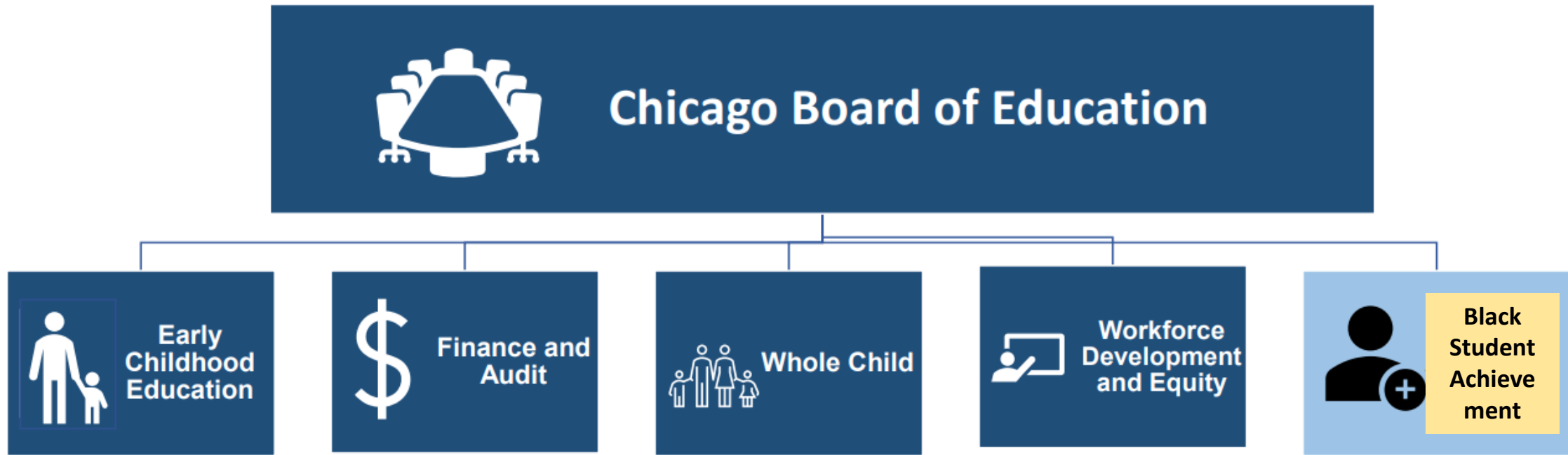


# Black Student Achievement Committee

- 15-member standing board committee with co-chairs from the Board of Education
- Overall goal: eliminate Black Student Achievement Gap
- Design a data-driven strategic management process with CPS and stakeholders
- Report progress once a quarter



# Proposed Chicago Board of Education Structure



**Legend**

- Existing Board Committee
- Proposed Board Committee

# Campaign Finance Reform And Compensation For Board Members

- We stand in solidarity with Educators For Excellence's proposal for campaign finance reform and compensation for board members.
- Levels the playing field for people of modest means
- Minimizes influence of special interests