

**Melinda Young - Self**

Dear Representative Aquino and Committee members,

I am a constituent located in Representative Aquino's district and a parent of 3 CPS students. When you draw the districts, it is incumbent upon you to ensure that there is:

**Transparency and inclusivity in the district mapping.** Districts should be drawn and presented to the public, alongside relevant data, with sufficient time for the public to provide feedback and for revisions to be made.

**Fair racial representation.** As much as possible, and consistent with legal and constitutional requirements, the districts should be created in a way that takes into account the racial makeup of CPS students and families.

If lawmakers adhere to these two core principles, then CPS families will be better represented and better served by the future elected School Board — leading to better outcomes for CPS students.

CPS families have long waited for the opportunity to have school board members who are accountable to the public. This is a big moment for me as a parent, my children the students, and the many Chicagoans and lawmakers who worked hard to make this a reality. Let's make sure we get off to a good start by creating fair, representative districts in a transparent and inclusive manner.