

DID YOU KNOW?

*A fact sheet
about NTA*

Did you know that National Teachers Academy is a Level 1+ school with the highest rating for school culture? NTA's neighborhood program has fueled the tremendous rise in student achievement under Principal Isaac Castelaz. For the past several years, 100% of NTA 8th graders have been accepted into Level 1/1+ high schools of their choice. NTA is among only 16 CPS elementary schools doing so well with such a high concentration of poverty.

Did you know that NTA students have been displaced multiple times? When South Loop development started, low-income families were cut out of South Loop Elementary's boundaries. NTA was built to give low-income families a beautiful school of their own. Residents displaced due to Ickes redevelopment were promised NTA would be their educational home.

Did you know that 300 students live within an 8-minute walk of NTA — and would have to walk more than 22 minutes to get to South Loop Elementary? Currently, Ms. Peaches is the neighborhood's "walking school bus," caring for students who navigate to school without a parent. Many older students walk younger siblings to school. Neither transport plan would be possible under the CPS proposal to have three SLE campuses, and would likely accelerate the departure of low-income families from the South Loop.

Did you know that NTA was designed to help low-income families? From aftercare that costs \$186 annually to a health clinic, NTA was built to support students facing the pressures of poverty. NTA is a community school model of best practices.

For these reasons and more, did you know that NTA families want to stay at their school? The NTA community has worked hard to build a thriving school, which is gaining more traction with families of many backgrounds. NTA is a school that integrates by family choice — the best model for integration. To shut down National Teachers Academy now would be to erase the dedicated efforts of its entire community.

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