

Elected Chicago School Board Legislation

What the bill does?

- SB 15 draws 20 subdistricts to elect 20 members of the Chicago School Board ([Chicago School Board Map](#));
- Adopts Mayor Johnson's hybrid election approach where 10 CPS Board members will be elected in 2024, 10 CPS Board members will be appointed by the Mayor for 2024-2026, and the CPS Board Chair will be appointed by the Mayor for 2024-2026;
- Provides that all 20 CPS Board members will be elected in 2026 in 20 subdistricts and the President of the CPS Board will be elected Citywide in 2026
- Provides that the members of the Chicago School Board are subject to the same existing ethics and conflict of interest provisions as every other school district;
- Creates the Chicago Board of Education Black Student Achievement Committee, which is a standing committee of the Board with the purpose of providing Black students with the maximum opportunity for success;
- Allows the CPS Board to establish additional committees or advisory boards to seek guidance on addressing disparities and individualized needs;

What is the election timetable for the elected Chicago Public School Board?

2024 Election (School Board Districts 1-10 – 2-year terms):

- *March 26, 2024*: petition circulation period begins – Candidates must file 1,000 valid signatures (3,000 maximum)
- *June 17, 2024*: First day to file petitions with the Chicago Board of Elections
- *June 24, 2024*: Last day to file petitions with the Chicago Board of Elections
- *August 7, 2024*: First Day to apply for Vote By Mail

- *September 26, 2024*: First day to early vote at the election authority
- *October 21, 2024*: First day to early vote at permanent polling locations
- *November 5, 2024*: General Election Day

What the Chicago School Board will look like starting January 15, 2025?

- 1 Chair appointed by the Mayor,
- 1 Elected School Board Member elected from each District (1-10), and
- 1 School Board Member appointed by the Mayor from the subdistrict where the elected member does not reside (i.e. if Candidate Jane Doe is elected from District 1 and resides in Subdistrict 1a, then the Mayor shall appoint an individual who resides in Subdistrict 1b).
- The Mayor must make the appointments no later than December 16, 2024.

2026 Election (Who is on the ballot):

- President of the Chicago School Board – 4-year term – Elected Citywide
 - Petitions: 2,500 valid signatures
- 20 elected School Board Members from each subdistrict (1a – 10b)
 - 10 members will have a 2-year term (those from subdistricts appointed by the Mayor in 2024)
 - 10 will have 4-year terms (those elected in 2024)
 - Petitions: 500 valid signatures (maximum of 1,500)

What the Chicago School Board will look like starting January 15, 2027?

- 1 Chair elected citywide
- 1 School Board Member elected from each of the City's 20 subdistricts

Will Chicago continue to have local school councils after an elected school board?

- Yes, local school councils will continue to serve as a governing body for schools. This legislation does not change local school councils.

Does the legislation address selective enrollment or close schools?

- No. Currently under State law there is a moratorium on closing on school closures in Chicago until the elected school board takes office on January 15, 2025.

Does the legislation remove school resource officers from Chicago schools?

- No, the legislation does not deal with school resource officers.

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