Three CPS Schools Welcome Mandarin Exchange Teachers through State Department Program Suder Montessori Magnet, Moos Elementary, LaSalle Language Academy

Suder Montessori Magnet School, Moos Elementary, and LaSalle Language Academy have participated in a nationwide competition to host a Teachers of Critical Language Program (TCLP) teacher and are three of 29 schools nationally to have been selected. Moos Elementary School is a dual language and IB MYP school located in beautiful Humboldt Park. This year is the first year they are expanding their language offering to include Chinese. Moos is committed to bringing a wide range of high-quality educational experiences to all students. Suder is a diverse public Montessori school dedicated to ensuring successful, nurturing, and enriching experiences for all children. This is the second year hosting a teacher from China through TCLP and children flourish participating in a range of cultural experiences enhancing the learning of Mandarin. LaSalle Language Academy is a K-8 magnet school with a focus on world languages in addition to a rigorous curriculum in the core subjects. Students learn the same language – either Chinese, French, Italian, or Spanish – for nine consecutive years, culminating with the opportunity to travel abroad in the Middle School Overseas Exchange Program.

Las escuelas Suder Montessori Magnet, Moos Elementary y LaSalle Language Academy han participado en una competencia a nivel nacional para recibir a Maestros del Programa de Lenguaje Crítico (TCLP) y son tres de 29 escuelas, a nivel nacional, que han sido seleccionadas. Moos Elementary School es una escuela de lenguaje dual y IB MYP localizada en el hermoso Humboldt Park. Este año es el primer año que amplian su oferta de lenguajes, incluyendo el chino. Moos está comprometida a dar experiencias de alta calidad educativa a todos los estudiantes. Suder es una escuela Montessori pública y diversa, dedicada a garantizar experiencias exitosas, nutritivas y enriquecedoras para todos los niños. Este es el segundo año que recibe a un maestro de China a través de TCLP y los niños prosperan participando en una variedad de experiencias culturales que les ayudan en el aprendizaje del Mandarin. LaSalle Language Academy es una escuela magnet K-8 con enfoque en idiomas del mundo, además de un riguroso currículo en las materias principales. Los estudiantes aprenden el mismo idioma – ya sea chino, francés, italiano o español por nueve años consecutivos, cultivando con la oportunidad de viajar en el Programa de Intercambio Middle School Overseas.

Attorney General Madigan ‘Secretary DeVos puts predatory for-profit schools ahead of defrauded students’

Attorney General Lisa Madigan criticized the U.S. Department of Education (Department) and Secretary Betsy DeVos for putting the interests of predatory for-profit schools ahead of students. Madigan and 19 other attorneys general submitted comments to the Department sharply rebuking proposed changes to borrower defense regulations. If enacted, Madigan said these rules would make it more difficult for defrauded students to obtain financial relief while protecting unscrupulous and predatory schools. “Students need to have their loan debt forgiven if they attended a school that lied to them and failed to provide them education and training,” Madigan said. “Students should not be left footing the bill when a school breaks the law.” Borrower defense is the process by which students who have been defrauded by their schools can have their federal student loans forgiven. For example, after the collapse of Corinthian Colleges in 2015, Madigan led an effort to ensure the Department provided loan relief to tens of thousands of defrauded students around the country, including thousands of students in Illinois. In the letter to Secretary DeVos, Madigan and the other attorneys general said that the Department’s proposed regulations would make it almost impossible for students to secure debt relief. They also outline a number of issues with the Department’s proposal, including:

- Providing an unreasonable and inadequate timetable for borrowers to submit claims.