

**Message from the
JENNER/OGDEN COMMUNITY STEERING COMMITTEE**

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NextLevel NPO, LLC (NextLevel), is an advisory firm that works with non-profit organizations and has been hired by Local Initiatives Support Corporation Chicago (LISC Chicago) on behalf of the Jenner/Ogden Community Steering Committee; a group comprised of parents, community leaders and faith leaders from the Near North community. NextLevel was retained in response to CPS's support for a project to explore options for improving education opportunities for all students in the Near North community, which includes, but is not limited to, a potential merger between the Ogden International School of Chicago and Jenner Academy of the Arts.

NextLevel focuses on improving the operational, financial, and strategic initiatives of non-profit organizations. Their work is fact based and data driven, which brings an unbiased approach to project management, relying on inputs including research, one-on-one interviews and focus groups. This team is responsible for reporting its findings to the community-based group, the Jenner/Ogden Community Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will provide a recommendation with respect to options for Ogden and Jenner by the end of September 2016.

NextLevel is actively seeking input from all interested parties at Jenner Academy of the Arts, Ogden International School and residents of the Near North community. Everyone's input and perspectives are welcome and will ensure a representative and relevant process.

Should you be interested in providing confidential input or speaking with a member of the NextLevel team, please contact them via:

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