

# A MEMO FROM THE JENNER/OGDEN COMMUNITY STEERING COMMITTEE

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Dear Parents and Caregivers at Jenner and Ogden Schools:

The Jenner-Ogden Community Steering Committee is pleased to inform you that the report and additional reference materials regarding the possibility of a merger between Ogden International School of Chicago and the Jenner Academy of the Arts is available for viewing on a new website: [www.jenner-ogden-merger.com](http://www.jenner-ogden-merger.com)

The report was produced following a three-month community engagement process to gather input from parents/caregivers of both schools, Near North community members, CPS officials, Faith leaders and educational thought leaders throughout the nation. It was led by NextLevel NPO, an independent consulting firm retained by the Jenner-Ogden Community Steering Committee to explore the potential merger and other options through an unbiased, fact-based lens. The report has been submitted to Chicago Public Schools for their review.

It is our hope that you will take the time to read the report and its findings.

Respectfully,



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