

LETTER TEMPLATE FOR OUTREACH

SUBJECT: Ogden-Jenner School Merger

MONTH - DAY - 2017

Dear (Professional Title) (Last name)

My name is (your first and last name) and I am a (family member/parent/educator/advocate/community member) residing in your district.

I am writing to you today to express my support for the proposed Ogden-Jenner School Merger.

- The proposed merger will save taxpayers money, increase student achievement, and build a strong legacy for equal opportunity education in Chicago Public Schools.
- The Ogden/Jenner merger is a win for Chicago taxpayers, who won't need to finance high-interest construction bonds to build a new school for overcrowding at Ogden or spend money to close and open a new school for the Jenner district.
- The Ogden/Jenner merger is beneficial for all current and future students because diverse learning in neighborhood schools strengthens critical thinking and problem-solving skills, which research shows increases academic achievement.
- The Ogden/Jenner merger will lead the way for a strong and enduring future in our neighborhoods and our city. We know public education is one of the proven sustaining equalizers of personal opportunity and reducers of violence.

We also know this merger is a viable option for Chicago Public Schools based on an independent recommendation from NextLevel NPO.

(Include a personal story. Explain why the issue is important to you and how it affects you, your family member and your community.)

Therefore, I am asking you to publically express support for this merger at one of the upcoming community meetings.

1. **February 15, 2017** (5-7p): Community meeting #1 at Ogden's East Campus (24 W. Walton St.)
2. **March 18, 2017** (12-2p): Community meeting #2 at Jenner Academy of the Arts (1119 N Cleveland Ave)
3. **April 19, 2017** (5-7p): Community meeting #3 at Ogden's West Campus (1250 W. Erie St.)

Sincerely,

YOUR FULL NAME
YOUR ADDRESS