

2019 INCS Action Municipal Survey

Charter public schools are publicly funded, open enrollment, tuition-free schools. Charter public schools are free from many of the rules and regulations imposed by state and local agencies. In exchange for this freedom, which comes in the form of greater flexibility in hiring, curriculum, and teaching methods, charter public schools are held accountable for student performance. In the 2018-2019 academic year, there are 143 charter schools in Illinois serving 64,000 students, of which 128 are located in Chicago, serving roughly 60,000 students and families.

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Please complete the following Survey 

If you would like to expand on any answers or subjects, we strongly encourage you to use the "Comments Page" at the end of the survey.

Survey

Supporting Our City's Schools 

Do you support the right of Chicago families to choose the best fit public school for their children, regardless of whether the school is a magnet, traditional, theme, charter public school, or a selective enrollment school? *

Yes

No

As Alderman, will you engage with the charter public school community to improve educational outcomes for Chicago youth? *

Yes

No

Facilities

In July 2018, the City of Chicago, working in conjunction with the Chicago Public Schools, released a capital budget to improve public school facilities and build new schools. Do you support providing state and local facilities support for Chicago charter public schools? *

Yes

No

School Funding

Charter public schools are public schools and therefore receive funding like other public schools from federal, state, and local sources. Charter schools have traditionally not received funding equal to the funding provided to similarly situated traditional public schools. In 2017, the Illinois legislature passed a law to ensure equitable funding for charter public schools. Do you support equitable funding for charter public schools in Chicago? *

Yes

No

Quality Growth

According to current CPS data, roughly 50,000 Chicago students are enrolled in schools that are not meeting State academic standards. Do you support increasing access to high-quality charter public schools in your ward as a way to ensure that these students have access to a higher performing public school? *

Yes

No

In 2015, a number of aldermen signed on to a non-binding Charter Moratorium Resolution, which sought to limit charter growth in Chicago, regardless of the quality or performance of the school in question. Will you oppose future efforts to impose such a moratorium? *

Yes

No

The charter public school community is committed to school quality above all else. While the vast majority of charter schools in Chicago succeed and provide a great education, there are a few charter schools that continue to struggle academically. For such schools, INCS has supported efforts to consolidate, transition, or close charter schools that consistently fail to meet minimum academic standards. Do you support the consolidation and/or closure of charter schools that consistently fail to meet minimum academic standards? *

Yes

No

Do you support providing charter applicants a merit based appeal process if the local school district denies a charter school application? *

Yes

No

Please expand upon any of your answers here:

I support true planning for growth of our communities and planning our schools to grow with our communities instead of being a hindrance to that growth. I believe that there is a place for charter schools within the system of public schools as incubators and testing grounds for innovation that can then be applied system-wide. I do not believe that charter schools should be used as a replacement for public schools as this leads to divestment from public education. While I may not support expansion of charters, I do support currently operating institutions that our communities are relying on as long as those charters are meeting academic standards.

Submission

In general, INCS Action does not release the answers of these surveys to the public; however, I acknowledge that it reserves the right to do so. I also understand that INCS Action PAC will use my answers to the questions above as one of a number of factors in consideration for endorsement of my candidacy.

Name: *

Jacob Ringer

Typing your Last Name,First Name below indicates you acknowledge the completion of this form *

Ringer, Jacob

Date *

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