Contingency Plan

Overview for Families

As CPS and Mayor Lightfoot's Office work toward fair contract agreements with our teachers and school support staff, we have plans in place to provide students with a safe place to stay during the day and warm meals should a work stoppage occur on Thursday, October 17.

Will district schools be open to students during a work stoppage?

Classes will be canceled during a work stoppage. However, CPS school buildings will be open during their normal bell schedule. If your child needs a safe place to stay, we encourage you to send your child to their regular school, but your child is welcome at any district school that serves their grade level. Classroom instruction will not occur, but principals and non-unionized support staff will be available to greet students; engage them in activities; and serve breakfast, lunch, and supper.

If you plan to send your child to a CPS school, please register them using our student registration tool, which can be found at **cps.edu/contingencyplan**. You will need to know your child's student ID number to register. If you do not know your child's student ID number, please call your child's school. For security purposes, school staff will request your child's name, birthdate, and primary point of contact before they share your child's student ID number.

Will my child receive their usual medical care or special education and/or nursing support during a work stoppage?

If your child has medical needs or is in need of special education and/or nursing support, please be aware that the staff who regularly provide those services to your child will not be available during a work stoppage. As work stoppage days are not regular school days, IEPs will not be implemented.

Will sports or other after-school activities occur if there is a work stoppage?

No, after-school activities will be canceled. This includes — but is not limited to — sports practices and competitions, tutoring, field trips, Parent University activities, and other community activities.

Will school transportation services be available for students during a work stoppage?

No, school transportation services will not be available for students.

Are other services available to my child in the event of a work stoppage?

Chicago Public Libraries will be open, along with a limited number of parks, Safe Haven sites, and other community partner sites. You can find a list of non-CPS sites, their hours, and whether food is available at **cps.edu/contingencyplan**.

If I keep my child home during a work stoppage, will they be marked absent?

No. Classes are canceled during a work stoppage, and students will not receive an unexcused absence if they do not come to school.

Will charter and contract schools be open during a work stoppage?

Charter and contract schools will operate on their normal schedules, and families should look for any updates or changes from their principal or school/charter operator.

For more information, please visit **cps.edu/contingencyplan**, contact **311**, or email **contingencyplan@cps.edu**.