

Why the IAAFER map is a superior map

IAAFER developed a proposed map for 10 school board districts that will be the basis for electing 10 board members in 2024 and that:

- **Leverage current ward boundaries as building blocks**, keeping wards whole within a school board district - ward residents who work together on issues from housing and safety to city services, can also work together on education related issues and the election of a school board member;
- **Does not split up wards across multiple school districts**; as opposed to other proposed maps with school districts which bisect, trisect and quad-sect wards;
- **Minimizes the confusion residents/voters often experience** with boundaries that are completely new and different and bi and tri-sect wards;
- **Keeps communities together** and reflects concerns taken into consideration after discussions with a number of Chicago stakeholder groups, representing Black, Hispanic, Asian, and Jewish/White constituencies from South, West, North and central areas of Chicago.
- **Complies with Voting Rights Acts, representing the demographic make-up of the city of Chicago**; wards were drawn in compliance with Voting Rights Acts and this map uses the wards as building blocks; this provides an equal opportunity for all Chicago voters to elect candidates of their own choosing, regardless of race, where they live, or political ideology/affiliation; there are 3 majority Black districts, 3 majority Hispanic districts, 3 majority White districts, and 1 majority minority district (48% White, 52% Minority);
- **Allows for easier collaboration and simpler lines of communication** between City Council members and Chicago ERSB members and residents with their elected representatives; and may increase opportunities to efficiently allocate, coordinate and direct city resources to children and their families;
- **Minimizes political battles / shenanigans** that often come with the drawing of new districts with completely new and different boundaries.

IAAFER took a more strategic and thoughtful approach, resulting in a better solution. This solution was modified and finalized after meeting/talking with diverse groups (Asian-American, Hispanic-American, Progressive and others) towards understanding the concerns of diverse stakeholders.