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## **Statement from Chief External Affairs Officer Constance Brewer**

*In Response to Forrest Claypool's Recommendation to Move Forward with Proposed Noble Campus*

**CHICAGO** - In response to the announcement that Chicago Public Schools CEO Forrest Claypool would recommend 2 of 10 pending charter applications to move forward, including a new Noble Charter Schools campus on the southwest side, Noble Charter Schools Chief External Affairs Officer Constance Brewer released the following statement:

“Today the leadership of Chicago Public Schools joined a chorus of thousands of Southwest Chicago families, Ald. Burke, Rep. Burke, Sen. Munoz, the Chicago Sun-Times editorial board, local businesses and organizations in support of a new Noble public school.

We are excited that CPS has recognized Noble's consistent academic excellence and focus on college success which already attracts 2,400 families from the Southwest side of Chicago to attend Noble public schools each day.

The new Noble public school, made possible through philanthropic support and grants, will increase capacity at a time when student populations are projected to increase while area schools are already over capacity.

We are thrilled to offer more students the opportunity to attend what has been recognized as the best network of public charter schools in the country.”

The Noble Network of Charter Schools is Chicago's largest and highest performing network of public high schools and recently won the Broad Prize for top public charter school system in the country, and provides the highest performing public

open enrollment schools in the city.

Noble offers support throughout high school through programs like its College Seminar class, Summer of a Lifetime programs at colleges during the summer after sophomore year, scholarships for undocumented students and the College Completion Standards, which help Noble students reverse an alarming national statistic – 11 percent of low-income students in the country are expected to graduate from college. Currently, Noble alumni – who are 95 percent African American or Latino, with more than 89 percent having qualified for federal free or reduced price meals – graduate college at three times the rate of comparable student groups.

With thousands of alumni in college, Noble has developed a variety of support services that will help students earn their college degree through personalized support which is offered to Noble alumni for six years after graduation.

All Noble campuses with graduates now have at least one full-time alumni coordinator, whose sole job is to support graduates in college. And, starting this fall, 14 colleges across the country, including five in Illinois, have agreed to partner with Noble to close the financial aid gap for 70 undocumented Noble students in the Pritzker Access Scholarship program.

The Noble Network of Charter Schools is Chicago's largest and highest performing network of public high schools. Last year, Noble campuses were eight of the top 10 open enrollment public high schools in Chicago and more than 90 percent of graduates matriculated to college this year. Noble is a non-selective network serving more than 11,000 students throughout Chicago at 16 campuses. Noble campuses are located in some of Chicago's highest need communities and serve a student population that is 89 percent low-income and 98 percent minority. As a public non-selective high school, there are no testing requirements for enrollment at any of Noble's campuses. Noble Network of Charter Schools was recently named the 2015 winner of the Broad Prize for Top Public Charter School System in the nation.

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