Elections are next week. Are you ready?

No, it's not the primary or the general elections. But on Wednesday, April 18 and Thursday, April 19, Chicago Public Schools will hold elections for Local School Councils, or LSCs.

These hyperlocal elections give community members, parents, school staff, and students a voice in the running and funding of our local schools.
What are next week’s Local School Council elections about, and why should you vote?

Our new infographic lays it out for you.

Local School Councils have a real impact on the equity and quality of local public education. Share our graphic and spread the word - your voice matters!

LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCILS 101

Everything you need to vote in Chicago’s 2018 LSC election on April 18th and 19th

What is a Local School Council (LSC)?

1 Local School Councils (LSCs) are school-based management teams that make important decisions on the budget and running of each school in Chicago Public Schools (CPS). While most LSCs are elected, some are appointed and have more limited powers. They are comprised of 6 parents, 2 community members, 2 teachers, 1 non-teacher staff, and 1 non-voting student adviser (in high schools only). They are responsible for three main things:

- Approving how school funds and resources are allocated
Your vote can make a big difference.

Did you know? LSC elections are the only school elections for CPS. Because they are based on school zones, they are the most hyperlocal elections in the whole city!

2 Where and when are elections?

https://tinyurl.com/ChiLSC2018

Enter your address to find schools where you are eligible to vote and view the candidates running.

You must vote in person at the school holding the LSC election:

Elementary Schools 6am - 7pm
High Schools 6am - 7pm

Parents and community members will have the opportunity to run and vote for up to 5 candidates for 8 positions on the school's LSC (6 parent members and 2...
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School staff members will take a poll on election day. They have the opportunity to run and vote for up to 2 candidates for 3 positions on the LSC (2 teacher members and 1 non-teacher member) for the new term of office.

Students will take a poll on different day to select a student representative to advise the LSC.

What do you need to vote?

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You must vote in person. There is no absentee voting or designating a substitute or proxy.

In the event that a person with a disability who is eligible to vote cannot enter a school, election judges must provide a ballot at curbside.
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Eligible voters will get one ballot and can vote for up to five candidates. You can cast one ballot for each school where you are eligible to vote.

Questions or concerns about an election near you? Call Chicago Lawyers’ Committee at (312) 888-4193.

More info on CPS LSC elections at http://cps.edu/Pages/LSC Elections.aspx

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