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MAYOR'S OFFICE AND CPS ANNOUNCE CHIARTS MOVING TO PERMANENT LOCATION

The Mayor's Office and CPS today announced that The Chicago High School for the Arts will transition into its permanent home at 2714 W. Augusta Blvd. for the start of the 2014-15 school year.

Located in the Ukrainian Village/Humboldt Park neighborhood in Chicago's West Town, ChiArts' new home will provide the school's nearly 600 diverse students with the necessary space to reach their academic and artistic potential through a unique curriculum that pairs pre-professional training in the arts with rigorous college preparatory studies.

"We're happy to share this exciting news with our community of supporters as we know that this new location will be monumental in providing our students with the best education possible," said José Ochoa, ChiArts Executive and Artistic Director. "We have been hopeful for a definite announcement of a permanent home since before we opened our doors in 2009. ChiArts looks forward to joining another one of Chicago's culturally diverse neighborhoods and plans to work closely with local businesses and community arts organizations in West Town, Ukrainian Village and Humboldt Park in order to further the mission of the school."

As with any move, ChiArts leaders note that this provides easier access to some students along with greater transportation challenges for others. The ChiArts community will work with key partners to explore options for creating more equitable access to the new facility for students who live further away. As always, ChiArts will make its high quality educational programs as accessible and welcoming as possible.

The Chicago High School for the Arts is Chicago's first and only public high school for the arts. With disciplines in dance, music, theatre, visual arts and creative writing (new for 2014), ChiArts provides its students with a pre-professional arts training program paired with a high quality college-preparatory curriculum to help prepare them for college and beyond. For more information about ChiArts, please visit www.chiarts.org or call (773) 534-9710.

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