



Generation All was launched with a powerful idea — that **Chicago could expand equity in education by prioritizing neighborhood high schools.**

Today, we are excited to see a shift in the narrative about school choice and neighborhood schools. Chicago voters are about to elect a mayor who believes strong neighborhood schools create stronger communities. Mayoral candidates Lori Lightfoot and Toni Preckwinkle said so in the [Chicago's Racial Equity Voter Guide](#), in which Generation All was a lead partner.

We are proud of the role Generation All has played in moving Chicago towards greater equity in education. We know that neighborhood high schools are the most open and accessible, admitting students of all backgrounds and abilities; that students and families want a guaranteed spot in a strong public high school, not just more options for which to compete; and that neighborhood schools play a vital role in our communities. Our plan, [Strong Neighborhood High Schools for a Stronger Chicago](#), is more relevant today than ever.

Now we see the time is right to begin a new chapter. On March 31, 2019, the work of Generation All will come to an end. There is certainly more to do, but we are encouraged by the students, organizers, educators, and parents fighting for a fair, just and inclusive public education system. We leave, grateful to our supporters and optimistic about Chicago.

Over the years, Generation All connected families and educators with policymakers, journalists and funders, facilitating impactful conversations that have changed Chicago's public education landscape. We challenged the city's focus on making students and families compete for spots in favored schools. We celebrated the successes of our neighborhood public high schools, generated partnerships and resources with them, and raised their concerns in spaces where they were not included. Generation All awarded over half a million dollars in grants to organizations working with neighborhood high schools enabling them to innovate, expand their programs, and leverage funding for longer term efforts.

In the next couple weeks, we will share some of our favorite resources, videos, briefs, posts and other work on social media. After March 31, you'll see our archived content on Twitter and Facebook. While our website will no longer be available, our friends at Raise Your Hand will house a selection of website materials [here](#).

Generation All couldn't have achieved so much without help from our allies and friends. We say a special thank you to our founding partners — The Chicago Community Trust, Chicago Public Schools and the Chicago Teachers Union — and to the Ford Foundation for their generous support. We also thank the Generation All youth council, steering committee, advisory council, staff and interns and our many partners and supporters.

And to all of you, keep on fighting the good fight. You are making a difference in Chicago's education system.

- Please continue to support neighborhood public high schools!
- Join your [Local School Council](#).
- Get to know a neighborhood high school. Follow them on social media and attend their events and fundraisers.
- Attend and live-Tweet [CPS Board Meetings](#) and public hearings.
- Support organizations advocating for public education and racial equity like [Raise Your Hand](#) and [Chicago United for Equity](#).
- Choose to partner with neighborhood high schools for your programs and events.
- Tell your alderman and our next mayor that neighborhood schools are important.
- Enroll your child in a neighborhood school and get involved!

Thanks for your support of Generation All and for all you do to make Chicago a better city for all of us. Now, it's on to the next chapter!

With deep appreciation,

Beatriz Ponce de León

Generation All, Executive Director

I will be starting a new position in late April and will share updated contact information at that time.