

### Walter H. Dyett HIGH SCHOOL—CHRONOLOGY (June 2015)

- 1972** Opened as a middle school in the north end of leafy Washington Park in the Bronzeville Community on Chicago's Southside.
- 1999-2003** CPS began turning nearby King HS into a selective enrollment school, meaning that neighborhood residents who failed to "test in" had to go elsewhere.
- 1999** That "elsewhere" turned out to be Dyett, which CPS made a HS over a summer, with no additional resources. CPS gave King, however, \$24 million.
- 2003- Present** Community/LSC works to strengthen Dyett HS, bring resources, develop school culture.
- 2006** CPS closes nearby Englewood HS, sends 125 students to Dyett with no extra resources.
- 2008** Then-CEO Arne Duncan and then-Mayor Daley hail Dyett as a model school.
- 2009** Chicago Botanic Garden and Dyett co-develop an urban garden, still an integral part of the school, to be expanded in the "revitalized" Dyett.
- 2010-2012** Bronzeville parents, students, teachers, residents, and education professionals begin planning a six-school "village," of Dyett and five feeders. CPS is well aware.
- 2012** CPS Board of Ed votes to close/turnaround two Dyett feeders and phase-out Dyett by 2015, (temporarily) scuttling the *Bronze Global Achievers Village* (BGAV) plan.
- 2013** The *Coalition* forms and begins planning the revitalized Dyett, to be a neighborhood HS, open to all in the attendance boundary, grounded in global leadership/green technology. Community and supporters, led by KOCO, continue protesting CPS' actions on Dyett.
- 2014** April. The Coalition submits an unsolicited full proposal, based on the years of work and planning on the BGAV, to the Board of Ed and demands that Dyett be reopened.
- 2014** December. CPS spares Dyett, but begins RFP process to include contract schools. Coalition pushes forward, building support and demanding a neighborhood public school.
- 2015** April 6. Three teams, including the Coalition, submit proposals, CPS refuses to name applicants until late May, and after public pressure.
- 2015** June 17. CPS to hold community forum at King HS (ironically).
- 2015** August 10. CPS to hold public hearing, location not yet disclosed.
- 2015** August 26. Board of Education to vote on the proposals and decide which team will have the school.