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Dear Addams Elementary School Parents,

This week, CPS announced that we are investing \$32 million over the next six years to expand academic programming as part of the first phase of our plan to boost access to high-quality academic programs at 32 schools across the district. **This investment represents the largest one-time academic program expansion and investment in CPS history, and we are excited to let you know that your school has been selected to receive Personalized Learning (PL) programming for the 2019-2020 school year.**

This investment would not be possible without the remarkable financial turnaround the district has made in the last two years, which is in large part due to our collective advocacy for education funding reform. Through this historic investment, nearly 17,000 students will have access to programs such as International Baccalaureate, STEM, STEAM, Dual Language, World Language, and Fine & Performing Arts.

For the first time in 2018, we released an Annual Regional Analysis (ARA), the most comprehensive set of data ever made publicly available by our district, and we launched a new process that empowers schools and their communities to apply for the academic programs that best suit their needs. We are thrilled that your school used these resources to address a significant need in your community. It is evident that the educators in your child's school will provide an excellent foundation for a successful Personalized Learning (PL) implementation and that your community and Local School Council are strong supporters of this investment.

Personalized Learning is a learner-driven instructional model that fosters 21st century skills by empowering every student to actively participate in designing their learning path, pace, and environment according to their individual needs, strengths, and interests. By providing personalized learning at Addams, your teachers will have additional support to develop knowledgeable, flexible, and resourceful problem solvers who have agency and take ownership of their learning.

At CPS, our vision for success begins with every student in every neighborhood being engaged in a rigorous, well-rounded instructional program that prepares them for college, career, and life. We are committed to investing in schools in every neighborhood to ensure that students in all parts of our great city have the support they need to become the great thinkers and leaders of tomorrow. This is an exciting time for all of us, and I look forward to seeing your school community flourish in the years to come.

Sincerely,

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