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**Chicago Families Invited to Learn about & Apply for the
City's Renaissance 2010 and Charter Public Schools
at the 2nd Annual New Schools EXPO**

EXPO guests can meet leaders of 75+ campuses, begin school applications on-site, and attend educational workshops. Free admission & parking at Soldier Field (Indoors).

Who: Chicago Public Schools and Parents for Schools Choice

What: 2nd Annual New Schools EXPO

When: Saturday, January 31, 2009

10:00am – 3:00pm

Where: Soldier Field, 1410 South Museum Campus Drive, Gate 6 (INDOORS)

Details: - Free admission & free parking in the South Garage

- Free shuttle bus running between the Roosevelt el stop and the EXPO

Chicago, IL – Parents looking for a new Chicago public school for their children are invited to attend the **second annual NEW SCHOOLS EXPO**, presented by Parents for School Choice and the Chicago Public Schools, on **Saturday, January 31, 2009 indoors at Soldier Field, United Club Level 1.**

The EXPO will showcase more than 75 campuses of new schools created through Renaissance 2010 as well as pre-existing charter schools. These schools include elementary and high schools across the city as well as schools that are approved to open in 2009 and 2010. Many of these schools offer innovative approaches to learning that could include: a longer school day, longer school year, smaller classes, special themes and access to technology, internships or other resources.

“There are many exciting, new, innovative public schools that offer Chicago families choice and give them the chance for a high quality education,” said Kim Davis-Ambrose, a parent of a sophomore at one of the new high schools and a member of Parents for School Choice, the event organizer. “The EXPO offers community members the opportunity to learn about these schools and apply.”

Guests to the EXPO will have the chance to “one-stop-shop” by starting applications and meeting with new school leaders at a single, central location. They will be able to attend workshops on a variety of topics, including: evaluating school quality, special education at new schools, the different types of Renaissance 2010 schools, and tips from new school parents.

“With the number of these new schools citywide growing each year, it’s time for community members to come together to learn more about the quality new school options in their neighborhood and how they can secure a great education for their child,” said Davis-Ambrose.

For more information about the EXPO, the city’s new public school options or Parents for School Choice, call 1-888-7-MYCHOICE or go online to www.parentsforschoolchoice.org.

Parents for School Choice (PFSC) is a coalition of parents and community members who believe children deserve a quality education in a safe environment. PFSC members work to inform Chicago families that they have a choice of where to send their children to public school and encourage parents to take an active role in their children’s education.

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