

**Chicago Annenberg Challenge -- Archived files housed at AISR
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Board

- CAC Meeting of the Board of Directors December 14, 2000 -- minutes, agenda
- CAC Meeting of the Board of Directors June 26, 2000 -- minutes, agenda
- CAC Meeting of the Board of Directors March 27, 2000 -- minutes, agenda, grant recommendations, budget
- CAC Meeting of the Board of Directors December 16, 1999 -- minutes, agenda, grant recommendations, budget
- CAC Meeting of the Board of Directors September 30, 1999 -- minutes, agenda, grant recommendations
- CAC Meeting of the Board of Directors June 17, 1999 -- minutes, agenda, grant recommendations
- CAC Meeting of the Board of Directors March 18, 1999 -- minutes, agenda, grant recommendations, budget
- CAC Meeting of the Board of Directors December 10, 1999 -- minutes, agenda, grant recommendations, budget
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- CAC Meeting of the Board of Directors June 18, 1998 -- minutes, grant recommendations
- CAC Meeting of the Board of Directors March 19, 1998 -- minutes, grant recommendations
- CAC Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors February 24, 1998 -- minutes
- Challenge Update -- Issue #1 (January 1998)
- CAC Meeting of the Board of Directors December 10, 1997 -- minutes, agenda, grant recommendations, budget
- CAC Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors November 21, 1997 -- minutes
- CAC Meeting of the Board of Directors September 30, 1997 -- minutes, agenda, grant recommendations
- CAC Meeting of the Board of Directors June 25, 1997 -- minutes, grant recommendations
- CAC Meeting of the Executive Committee Board of Directors July 29, 1997 -- minutes
- CAC Meeting of the Executive Committee Board of Directors June 5, 1997 -- minutes
- CAC Meeting of the Board of Directors April 2, 1997 -- minutes, grant recommendations
- CAC Meeting of the Board of Directors December 2, 1996 -- minutes, agenda, grant recommendations
- CAC Meeting of the Board of Directors June 18, 1996 -- minutes, agenda, grant recommendations, budget
- CAC Meeting of the Board of Directors May 2, 1996 -- minutes, agenda

- CAC Meeting of the Board of Directors February 22, 1996 -- minutes
- CAC Meeting of the Board of Directors November 28, 1995 -- minutes, agenda
- CAC Meeting of the Board of Directors October 12, 1995 -- minutes, agenda
- CAC Meeting of the Board of Directors August 15, 1995 -- minutes
- CAC Meeting of the Board of Directors June 5, 1995 -- minutes, agenda
- CAC Meeting of the Board of Directors May 11, 1995 -- minutes, agenda
- CAC Meeting of the Board of Directors April 13, 1995 -- minutes, agenda
- CAC Meeting of the Board of Directors March 31, 1995 -- minutes, agenda
- CAC Meeting of the Board of Directors March 15, 1995 -- minutes, agenda
- Letter from Gail Levin to Vartan Gregorian summarizing issues for the Chicago Challenge Board
- List of CAC Board of Directors (updated June 12, 2000)
- List of CAC Board of Directors (updated February 19, 1999)
- List of CAC Board of Directors (updated February 1, 1999)
- List of CAC Board of Directors (updated December 19, 1997)
- List of CAC Board of Directors (updated May 11, 1995)

Communications

- Press releases
 - "Poor Quality Professional Development for Teachers Holding Back Improvements in Chicago Public Schools" (February 6, 2001) and corresponding news articles
 - "Despite Widely Held Assumptions, "Skill and Drill" Teaching Actually *Lowers* Test Score Gains, new Study in Chicago Public Schools Finds (October 31, 2000) and corresponding news article
 - "Questions and Answers About the Chicago Annenberg Challenge" (January 23, 1995)
 - "The Annenberg Challenge Recognizes Chicago School Reform with \$49.2 Million Grant" (January 18, 1995)
- Newsletters
 - SchoolWorks (Winter 2000)
 - SchoolWorks (Winter 1999)
 - SchoolWorks (Spring 1998)
 - Catalyst: Voices of Chicago School Reform (Vol. XI, No. 6, March 2000)
 - Catalyst: Voices of Chicago School Reform (Vol. VII No. 4, December 1995)
 - Catalyst: Voices of Chicago School Reform (Vol. VII, No. 1, September 1994)
 - The CAC Reporter (Spring 2001, Vol. 3, No. 1)
 - The CAC Reporter (Summer 2000, Vol. 2, No. 1)
 - The CAC Reporter (Summer 1999, Vol. 1, No. 1)
- Other publications
 - "How to Grow Healthy Schools: A Guide to Improving Public Education" (no date)
 - "Reflections of a First-Year Teacher" (Speech to Chicago Annenberg Challenge) (June 3, 2000)

- Challenge Update -- Issue #1 (January 1998)
- BPE/BAC Focus (Volume II 1998 - 1999) -- "What Boston Can Learn From Chicago"
- School Reform (a special series by Catalyst: Voices of Chicago School Reform"
 - September 1998
 - June 1998
 - May 1998
 - April 1998
 - March 1998
 - February 1998
 - December 1997
 - November 1997
- "Democracy in the Schoolhouse: How reform changed the culture and performance of Chicago's schools" (produced by the Chicago Successful Schools Project)
- Press clippings
 - Many, varied (1995 - 2000)

Contracts / Proposals

- Chicago Proposal / Contract
 - "Smart Schools / Smart Kids: A Proposal to the Annenberg Foundation to Create the Chicago School Reform Collaborative" (proposal and letters of support, cover letter)
 - Grant agreement (November 1995)
 - By-laws of Chicago Annenberg Challenge (revised April 2, 1997)
 - Amendment Agreement (March 15, 1999)
 - Letter to clarify certain provisions of the Annenberg Challenge Grant per March 31, 1995 letter (May 10, 1995)
 - Revised grant letter with cover letter from Dilworth, Paxson, Kalish & Kauffman law offices (April 3, 1995)
 - Letter to Donors Forum of Chicago from Annenberg Foundation, announcing \$49.2 million dollar grant with information about grant distributions (March 31, 1995)
 - Cover letter from Dilworth, Paxson, Kalish & Kauffman law offices re: revised proposed Exhibit B to grant letter (January 20, 1995)
 - Letter to Donors Forum of Chicago from Annenberg Foundation, announcing \$49.2 million dollar grant with information about grant distributions (January 9, 1995)
 - Cover letter from Dilworth, Paxson, Kalish & Kauffman law offices re: grant letters from the Annenberg Foundation (January 20, 1995)
 - Donors Forum of Chicago Board of Directors Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement (not filled out)
 - Letter to Vartan Gregorian from Bill Ayers / Anne Hallett re: issues raised in a previous letter from Gregorian (December 1, 1994)

- Letter to Vartan Gregorian from MacArthur Foundation re: Annenberg matching grant to Chicago (November 29, 1994)
- Grant announcement
 - Annenberg Announcement Final Plan Communications & Event Logistics (January 27, 1995)
 - Annenberg Challenge Grant Announcement Guest Kit (January 23, 1995)
 - Annenberg Challenge Grant Announcement Agenda (January 23, 1995)
 - Annenberg Challenge Grant Announcement Breakfast Briefing Agenda (January 23, 2008)
 - Draft # 1 Media Alert (January 23, 1995)
 - Breakfast briefing agenda and invitees (January 15, 1995)
 - Memo: Annenberg Announcement Final Plan Communications & Event Logistics (January 14, 1995)
 - Memo addendum: Conference Site Selection (January 14, 1995)
 - Press Conference Working Agenda Draft #2
 - Vartan Gregorian's request for Challenge Announcement invitees (January 6, 1995)
- Background
 - Memo re: Annenberg Challenge Grant Application Process -- from John Kotsakis to Peter Gerber and Bob McCarthy (June 3, 1994)
 - Fax from Diana Lauker (Cross-City Campaign) to Bob McCarthy -- notes from 5/24 lunch meeting and Chicago Context Paper (June 2, 1994)
 - Letter from Anne Hallett to Ted Sizer with background info about Cross-City Campaign
 - Notes from conversation with Pete Gerber (May 5, 1994)
 - Agenda and participant list for meeting of MacArthur Foundation and Annenberg Foundation (May 4, 1994); handwritten notes
 - "The Chicago Reform Collaborative: Third Draft (for discussion only) (April 28, 1994)
 - Concept paper for Chicago Annenberg Challenge Proposal

Correspondence

- Letter from Don Wiener to Marianne Philbin, Chryssa Atkinson re: issue oriented campaign / communications work (June 29, 1998)
- Letter to Gail Levin from Ken Rolling re: updates on CAC (March 19, 1998)
- Letter / enclosures to Barbara Cervone from Chryssa Atkinson re: gift for Ambassador Annenberg (March 17, 1998)
- Letter to Gail Levin from Ken Rolling re: updates on CAC (January 28, 1998)
- Letter from Adele Simmons (MacArthur Foundation) and Patricia Graham (Spencer Foundation) to Vartan Gregorian re: views on fundamental questions about status and prospects about the CAC (responses to February 13 letter from Vartan Gregorian) (February 26, 1997)
- Letter from Joe McDonald to Ken Rolling re: thoughts about cross-site visit to Chicago (November 3, 1997)
- Letter to Ken Rolling from Gail Levin re: suggestions for CAC (January 3, 1997)

- Letter from Barbara Cervone to William Richardson (Kellogg Foundation) re: materials related to the Annenberg Challenge (September 10, 1996)
- Memo to Vartan Gregorian from Barbara Cervone re: Chicago Challenge progress report (May 13, 1996)
- Letters to Walter Annenberg and Vartan Gregorian from Mayor Daley (February 8 & 23, 1995)
- Correspondence stream between Vartan Gregorian and Arthur Brazier, Fund for Community Revitalization and Redevelopment (May, 1994 - January, 1995)
- Series of letters from Adele Simmons (MacArthur Foundation) re: CAC grant announcement (January, 1995)
- Letter to Vartan Gregorian from Bill Ayers / Anne Hallett re: issues of management and governance for CAC (December 1, 1994)
- Letter from Donors Forum of Chicago, stating they agree to be fiscal agent for Challenge grant (December 1, 1994)
- Response from Adele Simmons (MacArthur Foundation) to Vartan Gregorian re: questions about CAC proposal (November 29, 1994)
- Letter from Vartan Gregorian to Adele Simmons re: questions about CAC proposal (November 18, 1994)
- Letter from Vartan Gregorian to Anne Hallett and Bill Ayers re: questions about CAC proposal (November 18, 1994)
- Various letters of support for CAC proposal with responses from Vartan Gregorian (April - August, 1994)

Evaluation / Research

- Consortium on Chicago School Research Internal Research Memo: School Program Coherence and Student Achievement (June, 1999)
- Addendum to Research Memo on School Program Coherence and Student Achievement (June 17, 1999)
- Consortium on Chicago School Research Internal Research Memo: Teacher Professional Development (May, 1999)
- "What We Will Learn from the Chicago Annenberg Research Project: A Summary" (March 1999)
- Memo to Barbara Cervone from Mark Smylie, re: Responses to Don Schon's April 24 Memo (May 15, 1996)
- Memo to Mark Smylie from Don Schon re: Comments on "Proposal for Evaluation of the Chicago Annenberg Challenge (April 24, 1996)
- "Proposal for Evaluation of The Chicago Annenberg Challenge" (Consortium on Chicago School Research) (March 25, 1996)
- Info packet on The Consortium on Chicago School Research (no date)

Major Evaluation Reports

- The Chicago Annenberg Challenge: Successes, Failures, and Lessons for the Future -- Final Technical Report of the Chicago Annenberg Research Project (CCSR, August 2003)
- Development of Chicago Annenberg Schools: 1996 - 1999 (CCSR, July 2001)

- Teacher Professional Development in Chicago: Supporting Effective Practice (CCSR, April 2001)
- Instruction and Achievement in Chicago Elementary Schools (CCSR, January 2001)
- School Instructional Program Coherence: Benefits and Challenges (CCSR, January 2001)
- Authentic Intellectual Work and Standardized Tests: Conflict or Coexistence? (CCSR, January 2001)
- School Improvement with External Partners (CCSR, June 2000)
- Social Support, Academic Press, and Student Achievement: A View from the Middle Grades in Chicago (CCSR, October 1999)
- The Quality of Intellectual Work in Chicago Schools: A Baseline Report (CCSR, October 1998)
- The Chicago Annenberg Challenge: The First Three Years (CCSR, March 1999)
- Getting Started: A First Look at Chicago Annenberg Schools and Networks (CCSR, June 1998)

Misc. Evaluation Reports

- Data Brief: Chicago Classroom Demands for Authentic Intellectual Work: Trends from 1997-1999 (CCSR, October 2000)
- Improving Chicago's Schools: Supporting High Quality Instruction (major findings) (CCSR, no date)
- Changes in Student Achievement in Illinois and Chicago 1990 - 2000 (Center for Urban School Policy at Northwest University, August 2000)
- Summary of findings of preliminary analysis of student achievement scores in Chicago (memo, January 24, 2000)
- Summary of Key Findings from Year Two Reports of the Chicago Annenberg Research Project (CCSR, December 1998)
- Summary of Key Findings from Year Two Reports of the Chicago Annenberg Research Project (CCSR, Revised September 1998)
- Chicago Annenberg Challenge in Institutional Context -- Part I: Organizational Identity and Part II: Conflicting Theories and Common Ground (CCSR, July 1998)
- The Case of The Chicago Annenberg Challenge (Draft, CCSR, July 1998)
- The Chicago Annenberg Research Project: Year Two Activities and Accomplishments -- Report to Chicago Annenberg Challenge Board (CCSR, June 1998)
- Chicago Annenberg Challenge in Institutional Context (Draft for AERA, CCSR, April 1998)
- Urban Teacher Professional Development: A Portrait of Practice from Chicago (AERA Paper, CCSR, April 1998)
- Charting Reform: LSCs -- Local Leadership at Work (CCSR, December 1997)
- The Chicago Annenberg Challenge Study: Activities and Accomplishments of the First Six Months of Year Two -- Report to the Chicago Annenberg Challenge Board (CCSR, December 1997)

- The Chicago Annenberg Challenge Study: Year One Activities and Accomplishments -- Report to the Chicago Annenberg Challenge Board (CCSR, June 1997)
- Charting Reform: Chicago Teachers Take Stock (CCSR, November 1995)

Sample School Evaluation Reports

- Harding School: An individual school report specially designed to assist in developing the School Improvement Plan for Advancing Academic Achievement (CCSR, January 2000)
- John Tyler High School (CCSR, August 1997)
- Millard Fillmore High School (CCSR, August 1997)

Financial

- CAC: Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures to Schedule of Qualifying Grants (August 31, 1999)
- CAC: Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures (December 16, 1998)
- CAC 1999 Proposed Budget (December 10, 1998)
- CAC: Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures to Schedule of Qualifying Grants (June 23, 1998)
- CAC: Directory of Implementation and Planning Grants Through December 1997
- CAC Recommendations for Implementation Grants (December 1997)
- Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures (November 19, 1997)
- CAC Balance Sheet -- All Funds (September 23, 1997)
- Memo to Barbara Cervone from Gopika Gajjar (CAC) with enclosures: draft of 1996 audit report, 5-year budget forecast, February 24 1997 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, April 2 1997 Board Minutes (April 30, 1997)
- Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures (March 1, 1997)
- CAC Approved Implementation Grants (December 17, 1996)
- Memo and enclosures to Barbara Cervone from Gopika Gajjar (CAC) re: public match documents (August 16, 1996)
- Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures (July 27, 1996)
- Letter to Ken Rolling from Jennifer Pedroni (Annenberg Foundation) re: Chapter 1 funding (July 12, 1996)
- Memo and enclosures to Barbara Cervone from Ken Rolling re: revised list of private matching grants (May 31, 1996)
- Proposed Donors Forum fiscal agent budget w/ cover letter (May 7, 1996)
- Letter with enclosures to Gail Levin from Ken Rolling re: financial management of CAC (March 27, 1996)
- List of grants from private and corporate foundations (February 7, 1997)
- CAC: Directory of Implementation and Planning Grants Through August 1997
- Draft -- Private Matching Grants (Spring 1996)
- CAC Financial Materials (April 2, 1996)

- CAC Financial Statements (March 31, 1996)
- CAC Financial Statements and Supplementary Information with Independent Auditor's Report (March 27, 1996)
- State Chapter 1 Funds First Year Schools (no date)
- CAC 1996 Budget (no date)
- Memo with enclosures from Jennifer Pedroni (Annenberg Foundation) to Ken Rolling re: reporting format for public finding to be utilized for Annenberg match (September 22 1995)
- Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures (November 27, 1995)
- Grant agreement between Donors Forum of Chicago and Chicago Annenberg Challenge (April 26, 1995)
- List of MacArthur Education Grants Authorized Before July 1, 1994 (March 29, 1995)

General Updates

- Network External Partners July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001
- Schools and Their Networks July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001
- CAC Networks: Maps indicating location of schools in each currently funded network (2000)
- Directory of Grants (December 1995 - June 2001)
- Directory of Grants (as of July 1999)
- CAC: 1999 Summer Institute on Authentic Intellectual Work (Summer, 1999)
- AISR Examining Urban School Systems and Issues Seminar II -- School Governance Readings (series of articles / paper about school reform in Chicago) (1997?)
- By-Laws of Chicago Annenberg Challenge (revised April 2, 1997)
- Notes from Chicago conference, "What Does It Look Like When Urban Educators Are Really Doing It?" (December, 1996)
- Q & A about the Chicago Annenberg Challenge (January, 1995)
- The Consortium on Chicago School Research -- list of projects sponsored by the consortium (no date)

Office / Staff / Admin

- List of external partners in active grants through January 1999
- List of external partners through December 1998
- Staff lists -- Chicago Annenberg Challenge, Chicago School Reform Collaborative (February 1999, February 1998, November 1997, October 1997, January 1996)
- Resume, Warren King Chapman (January 1995)
- Chicago Annenberg Meeting Attendee List (May, 1994)

Schools

- List of Schools in Active Networks (as of January 1, 1999)
- CAC Directory of Grantees Through December, 1998
- CAC Directory of Implementation and Planning Grants through December, 1997

- List of The Chicago Annenberg Challenge 1995 Grantees (February, 1996)
- CAC 1995 Request for Proposal -- Implementation Proposal for an Annenberg Challenge Grant, submitted by The Center for School Improvement at the University of Chicago and The Martha L. King Early Literacy and Language Center at the Ohio State University (October 13, 1995)
- CAC 1995 RFP -- Proposal for Support of The Quest for Literacy as a Catalyst for School Excellence, submitted by The Network for Leadership Development (October 13, 1995)

Data

- Two binders of Demographic Characteristics of Annenberg Schools, along with standardized test scores (1995 - 1999)

Progress Reports

- Legacy and Findings: Report from the Chicago Annenberg Challenge (September 11, 2000)
- Year 2000 Annual Report to The Annenberg Foundation (February 28, 2001)
- Year 2000 Mid-Year Report to The Annenberg Foundation (August 15, 2000)
- CAC 1999 Annual Report to The Annenberg Foundation (January 31, 2000)
- 1999 Mid-year Report to The Annenberg Foundation (August 2, 1999)
- 1998 Annual Report to The Annenberg Foundation (February 2, 1999)
- 1997 Annual Report to The Annenberg Foundation (1998)
- 1997 Interim Report to The Annenberg Foundation (1997)
- Program Report for the Period Ending December 31, 1996
- First Program Report to The Annenberg Foundation (May 1996)

Successor Organization

- Chicago Public Education Fund brochure
- Printouts, CPEF web site (February, 2001)
- A Final Report and Fundraising Plan for the Chicago Public Education Fund (December, 1999)
- Notes and enclosures from the Chicago PEF Leadership Council -- investment criteria and application, Leadership Council descriptions, resumes for new staff (December, 1999)
- CPEF letter and enclosure to CAC Board of Directors (September, 1999)
- CPEF letter and enclosure to Leadership Council (September, 1999)
- CPEF letter / update and enclosures to Gail Levin (July 30, 1999)
- Chicago Tribune 1999 Community Relations Report
- CPEF letter / update to Vartan Gregorian (April, 1999)
- Packet of materials on the CPEF -- reports, articles, research briefs, communications materials, leadership council info (January 12, 1999)
- Memo from CAC re: Comer School Network (November 21, 1997)
- Notes / materials from CAC fundraising meeting with Vartan Gregorian (March 27, 1998)

General Background Info

- Various info about Chicago school reform pre-Challenge -- articles, reports, research, etc.
- General reports about Chicago school reform not specific to the CAC

Video

- Chicago Video Project: Chicago Annenberg Challenge (October, 1998)