

**May 25, 2022 Board Meeting Written Comments  
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.Mr. Martinez and Board Members,

What do all the Steinmetz employees get paid to do for these 5 Do-Nothing days to close out the school year?

This at a school with 66% grad rate. Shouldn't their administration find ways to make all days count? Or is academics not a concern at Steinmetz?

Steinmetz College Prep HS - Last seven days of student attendance  
Mon 6/6

Spirit Week: Anime vs. Marvel vs. DC

Final Assessments and Assignments

Tue 6/7

Spirit Week: Culture Day

Final Assessments and Assignments

Mon 6/13

Junior Locker Cleanout and Materials Return, 9-11 am

Mi nombre es Nelly Roma y soy una madre de primer año cuya hija está en kínder en la primaria Acero - Carlos Fuentes. El nombre de mi hija es April Garcia-Roman y es parte del programa de Estudiantes Diversos en Fuentes.

Antes de inscribirnos en Fuentes, tenía que tomar una decisión con respecto a dónde asistiría mi hija su primer año en la escuela. Al hablar con algunas personas me hablaron de las escuelas Acero. A pesar de que Fuentes no está cerca de donde vivo, hago el sacrificio todos los días para llevar a mi hija a la escuela y la atención y el apoyo que mi hija está recibiendo de la escuela hace que valga la pena el viaje que hacemos día tras día. El liderazgo de Carlos Fuentes se ha tomado el tiempo de trabajar con mi hija para asegurarse de que cumpla con todos sus logros académicos, a pesar de que no asistió al pre kínder.

Además del increíble trabajo que la escuela ha hecho con mi hija, me he conectado con otros padres en la escuela y me he involucrado en las reuniones que organiza nuestra directora. En estas reuniones no solo recibimos información sobre el desempeño de nuestros estudiantes, sino que también se nos da una voz y tenemos la oportunidad de colaborar con nuestros líderes escolares para crear oportunidades para que las fami..5 ( R (,)-6.6 (P ( m)

leadership, host fundraising events, assisted with our community fairs and invite community partners to speak to our families. Partners include the YMCA, 14th district CAPS office and Chase Bank. I even joined our school mentorship program where we meet with middle school students and provide additional social and emotional support.

I've also participated in the network's parent curriculum, Padres Comprometidos, where we learned skills to help our children academically, emotionally and mentally during remote learning. I am part of our network's parent advocate group where we are learning about charter renewal and discussing how we can be better stewards, not just for our schools and students, but for our communities as well.

Acero Schools has provided so many resources for families including weekly food pantry and vaccination clinics at Carlos Fuentes and, at the peak of the pandemic, the network and school kept families informed on the ongoing health and safety changes while also providing information about additional support from our community partners. Acero-Fuentes truly is a community school where they not only serve our students but parents as well. Please visit our school and meet our amazing school leaders. See the work our teachers are doing in the classroom. Acero Schools deserve the longest renewal possible - they are doing the work even when times are really hard. Acero Schools is a network for families and communities.

Buenos días, presidente del Valle, Dr. Martínez y estimados miembros de la Junta.

Mi nombre es Elizabeth Garcia-Taquez y soy una madre orgullosa de Acero - Carlos Fuentes. He sido madre en Carlos Fuentes durante los últimos 10 años y dos de mis







budget cuts caused less staffing, increasing class sizes, and little to no security. Luckily, our principal was able to save positions at our school, but this isn't the case at all CPS schools. At many schools, teachers are overwhelmed with many students in one class. Making it a challenge to assist over 35+ students, when there should be 24 students per class, OR LESS!

Like myself, other students would like the opportunity to experience Electives as I stated before such as, Basketball, Baseball, Cheerleading, Track and Field, different social





# ATTACHMENTS

# Remarks

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Good Morning Dr. Martinez, President del Valle and valued Board Members.

My name is Nelly Roman and I am a first year parent whose daughter is in kindergarten at Acero - Carlos Fuentes Elementary. My daughter's name is April Garcia-Roman and she is part of the Diverse Learners program at Fuentes.

Prior to us enrolling at Fuentes, I had a decision to make regarding where my daughter would attend her first year at school. I spoke with several people who had very good things to say about Acero Schools. Despite the fact that Fuentes Elementary School is not close to where I live, I make the sacrifice every day to take my daughter to school. The individual attention and support my daughter receives is worth the trip we make day in and day out. The leadership at Carlos Fuentes has taken the time to work with my daughter to make sure she is meeting all of her academic milestones despite the fact that she did not attend pre-k.

Aside from the incredible work the school has done with my daughter, I have connected with other parents at the school and have gotten involved with the meetings our Principal hosts. In these meetings we are not only given information on how our



renovación de 7 a 10 años. Le pido a la junta que reconozca su progreso en torno a nuestros estudiantes diversos. Gracias.

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Good Morning President del Valle, Dr. Martinez, and esteemed Board Members.

My name is Elizabeth Gracia-Taquez and I am a proud parent at Acero - Carlos Fuentes. I have been a parent at Carlos Fuentes for the last 10 years and I have had 2 of my children graduate from the school and currently have my daughter Rebecca Garcia-Taquez attending 6th grade.

The education my children receive at Acero Schools is life changing. My two alum children attend Devry University Advantage Academy and Chicago Academy. They are exceeding all academic expectations. Rebecca, presently at Fuentes, is following her siblings footsteps and is doing very well in school. Rebecca is an A/B student and is involved in extracurricular clubs outside of school hours.

The academic support my children received from Fuentes motivated me to become involved and learn alongside them. I've volunteered in several school activities and am the parent president of our parent committee where we collaborate with our school leadership, host fundraising events, assisted with our community fairs and invite community partners to speak to our families. Partners include the YMCA, 14th district CAPS office and Chase Bank. I even joined our school mentorship program where we meet with middle school students and provide additional social and emotional support.

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Buenos días, presidente del Valle, Dr. Martínez y estimados miembros de la Junta.

Mi nombre es Elizabeth Garcia-Taquez y soy una madre orgullosa de Acero - Carlos Fuentes. He sido madre en Carlos Fuentes durante los últimos 10 años y dos de mis hijos se graduaron de la escuela y actualmente mi hija Rebecca García-Taquez asiste al sexto grado.

La educación que reciben mis hijos en Escuelas Acero, les cambió la vida. Mis dos hijos asisten a Devry University Advantage Academy y Chicago Academy. Están superando todas las expectativas académicas. Rebecca, actualmente en Fuentes, sigue los pasos de sus hermanos y le va muy bien en la escuela. Rebecca es una estudiante A/B y participa en clubes extracurriculares fuera del horario escolar.

El apoyo académico que mis hijos recibieron de Fuentes me motivó a involucrarme y aprender junto a ellos. Me he ofrecido como voluntaria en varias actividades escolares y soy presidente de nuestro comité de padres donde colaboramos con el liderazgo de nuestra escuela, organizamos eventos de recaudación de fondos, ayudamos con nuestras ferias comunitarias e invitamos a socios comunitarios a hablar con nuestras familias. Los socios incluyen la YMCA, la oficina CAPS del distrito 14 y Chase Bank. Incluso me uní a nuestro programa de tutoría escolar donde nos reunimos con estudiantes de secundaria y brindamos apoyo social y emocional adicional.

También participé en el programa para padres de la red, Padres Comprometidos, donde aprendimos habilidades para ayudar a nuestros hijos académicamente, emocionalmente y mentalmente durante el aprendizaje remoto. Soy p paMMA 4MMMnueu ladres do





