

Principals: Leading Us Forward



Every day, Chicago’s public school principals touch the lives of more than 330,000 students in nearly 640 schools. In 2021, they helped students, teachers, and communities adapt to everything from remote learning, to reopening schools five days a week for in-person instruction, to continued reckoning with systemic racial injustice.

The theme of this year’s annual citywide principal appreciation campaign, “Principals: Leading Us Forward,” is a both an acknowledgement of their incredible leadership through these past several years, as well as a celebration of their ability to help us reimagine schools so that they serve all students.

BY THE NUMBERS

4.3M

PEOPLE WERE REACHED ON SOCIAL MEDIA

25+

COMMUNITY GROUPS AND NONPROFITS SUPPORTED #PRINCIPALPRIDECHI

200+

SCHOOL LEADERS JOINED PRINCIPAL APPRECIATION WEEKLY EVENTS

250+

PRINCIPALS ENTERED OR WERE NOMINATED FOR WEEKLY RAFFLES

EVENTS

HIGHLIGHTS

The Fund hosted **eight events** during the month of October to give principals a chance to connect and decompress.



Principals gathered for a **night of storytelling** at the Museum of Science and Industry.



All Chicago public school principals received gifts from campaign sponsors.

Students, teachers, and community members shared **messages of gratitude** with principals!

