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Aldermen go to school

Alderman Michael D. Chandler (24th Ward) and Alderman Deborah L. Graham (29th Ward) went back to school recently. Both Chicago city aldermen responded to an invitation by the Catalyst Schools to learn more about the Charter Movement, the values of the Catalyst Schools and the way Catalyst is trying to be an asset in their communities. The aldermen spent a significant portion of their day meeting staff, parents, and Catalyst scholars as well as visiting classrooms to witness the teaching and rigorous academic programming being offered to the children of the communities.



ALDERMEN GO TO SCHOOL found 24th Ward Alderman Michael Chandler visiting the Catalyst Charter Schools to hear students discuss positive school relationships, caring teachers and future education plans.

Students spoke of their positive experiences including their relationships with challenging and caring teachers the high schools they plan to attend, and the colleges and universities they will attend upon high school graduation.

Whether learning about characterization, conflict, and plot development in eighth grade literature class or reading a great story to kindergarten students, the aldermen were both engaged and engaging. The Catalyst schools spokes-man said, "The Catalyst Schools applauds our aldermen because of their active concern for the youth in North Lawndale.

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