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## ANNUAL REPORT 2017

826chi is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students ages 6 to 18 with their creative + expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write.





## SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR YEAR



**2507**

students served



**53**

zip codes



**438**

active volunteers

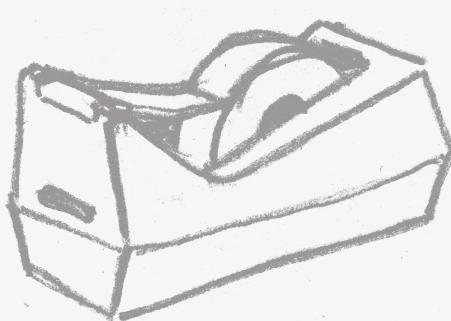
**860**

programming hours



**75**

teachers served



**125**

after-school tutoring & writing sessions

**112**

schools served



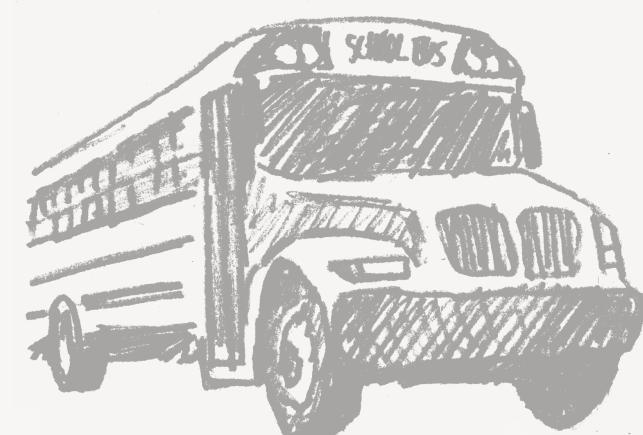
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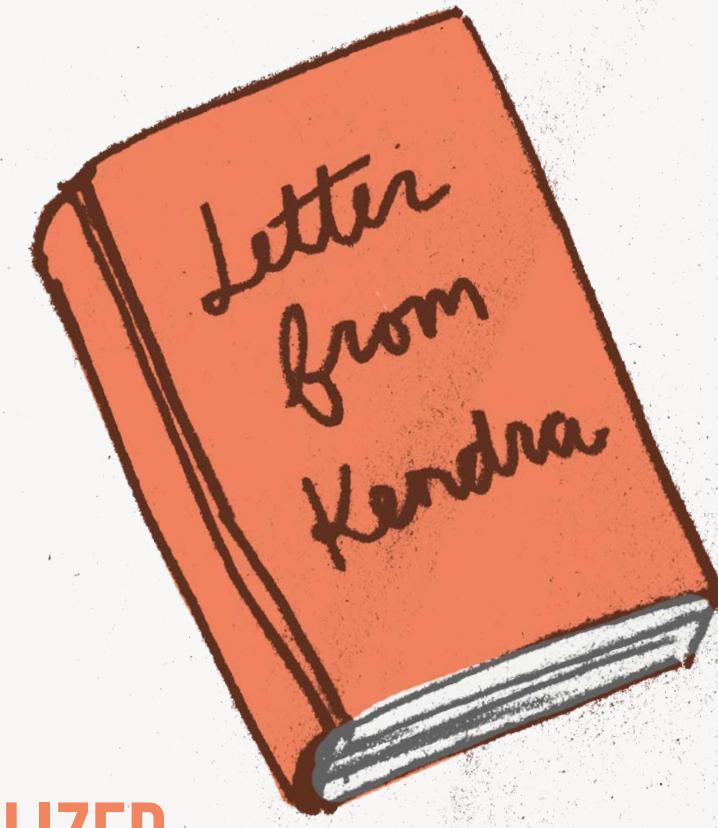
publications



**78**

field trips





## LAST YEAR, WE PLANNED. THIS YEAR, WE ACTUALIZED.

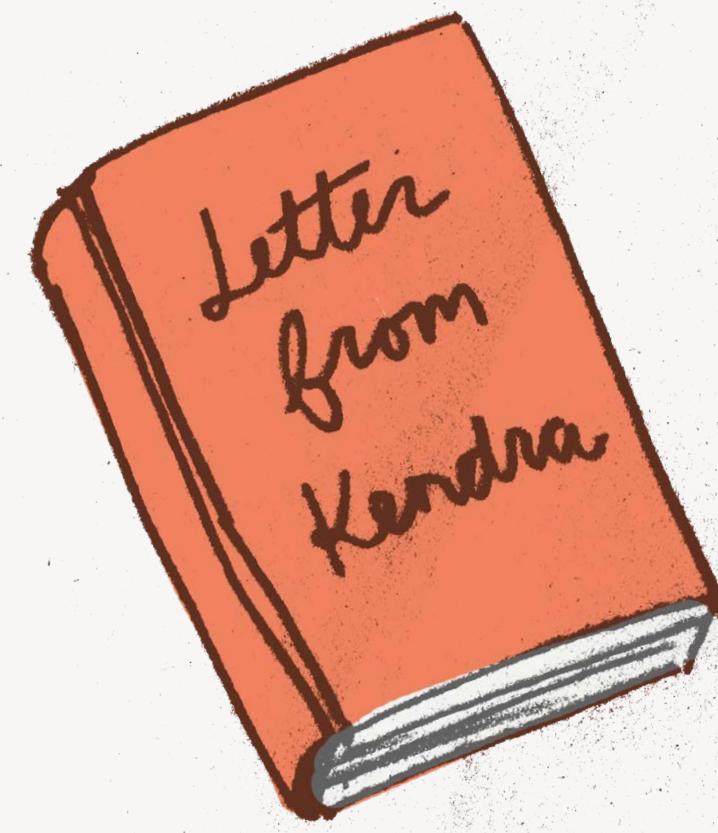
*As we move through our second decade, 826CHI is guided by the vision set forth in our 2020 strategic plan. After months of visioning, dreaming, and many rounds of revision, we are confident that this three-year plan will lead 826CHI forward, amplifying Chicago's bright young voices in neighborhoods across our great city.*

*The political climate of the year has had a profound effect on the work that we do and the communities we serve. In the midst of political upheaval, Chicago Public Schools had its own troubles. Millions of dollars in budget cuts were announced at the beginning and middle of the school year. These events made us reexamine the ways we can support Chicago students.*

*We listened closely to our community of students, parents, teachers, and volunteers, weaving new elements of support and engagement into our work. We held community info sessions on immigrant rights. We established a bus transportation fund to reimburse schools unable to afford bussing students to our writing center for programs. We built stronger partnerships with organizations working in neighborhoods across the city. We deepened our commitment to providing English Language Learners, low-income families, and under-resourced schools fair access to high-quality arts education. We expanded our team through hiring additional AmeriCorps VISTAs and staff, and by launching our first Teaching Artist cohort. Through these and a myriad of future-focused decisions, our capacity to serve students and build community increased measurably.*



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**This year of building has equipped 826CHI with clearly defined vision and a renewed commitment to arts education equity; we move into the new school year aiming to serve 55% more students while strengthening our relationships across Chicago. Planning for expansion is no longer a daydream, it's a tangible next step forward.**



**No one can predict the future of our schools, our city or our country. What we do know is that the 826CHI community will always stand up for Chicago students, their incredible stories, and their right to tell them proudly and boldly.**

**For that, we remain deeply grateful.**

Warmly,

KENDRA CURRY-KHANNA  
executive director



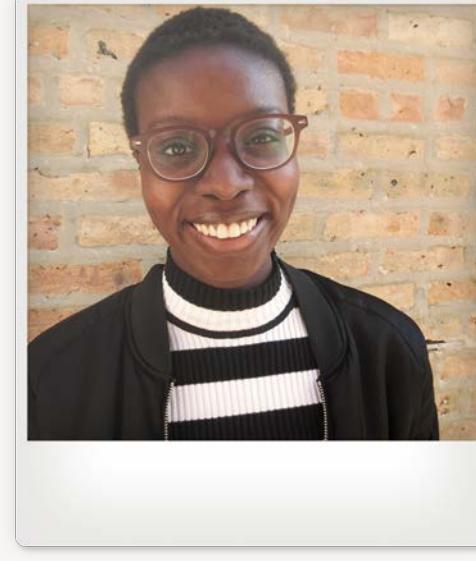
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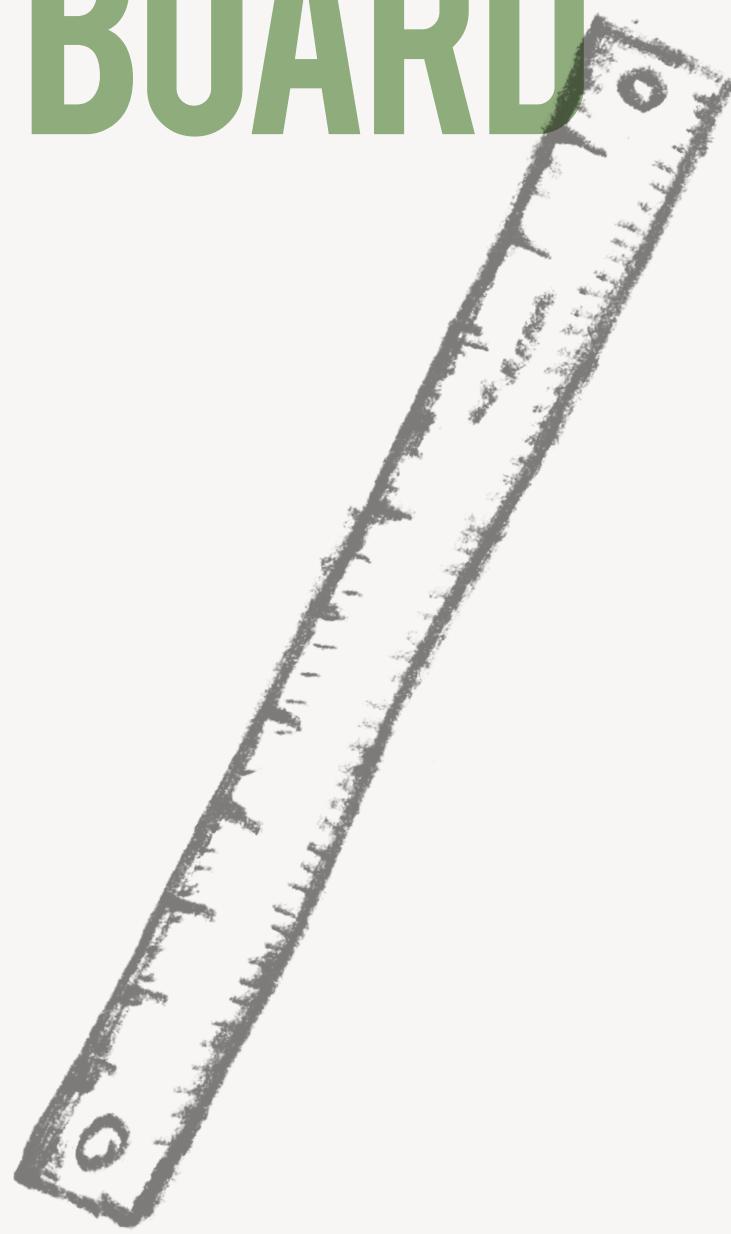
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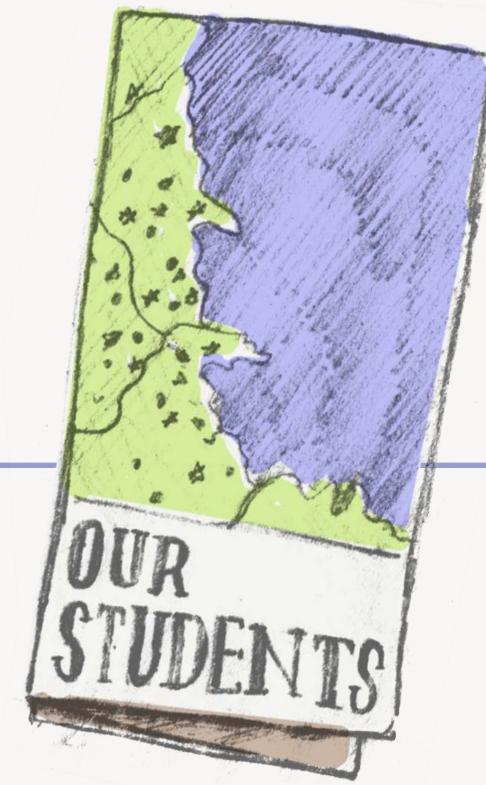
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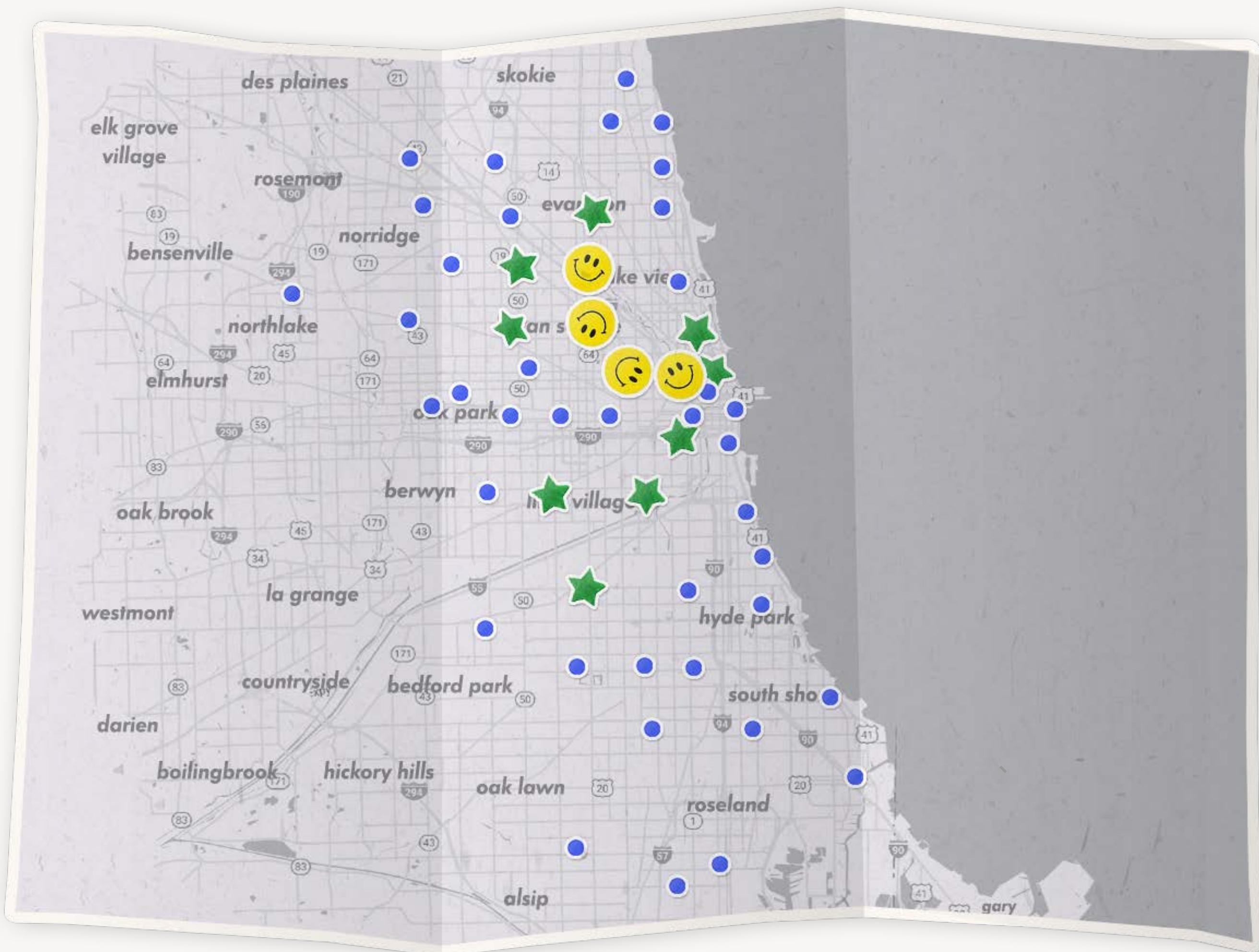
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High concentrations of schools and students served by 826CHI are in the West Town, Irving Park, Archer Heights, and Lower West Side neighborhoods.



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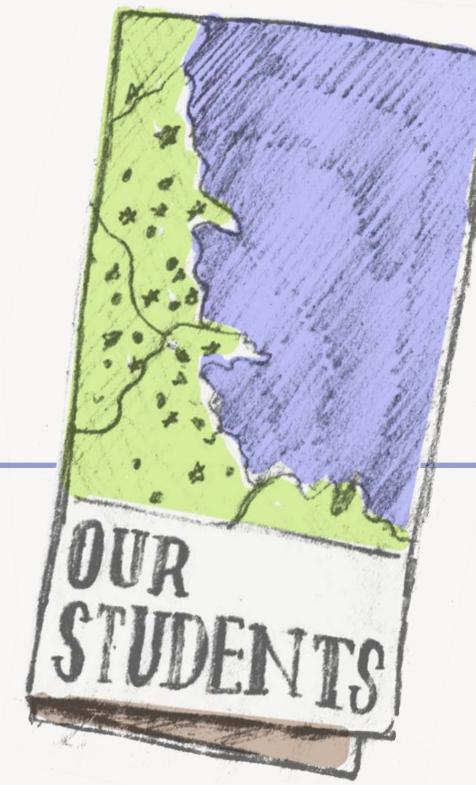
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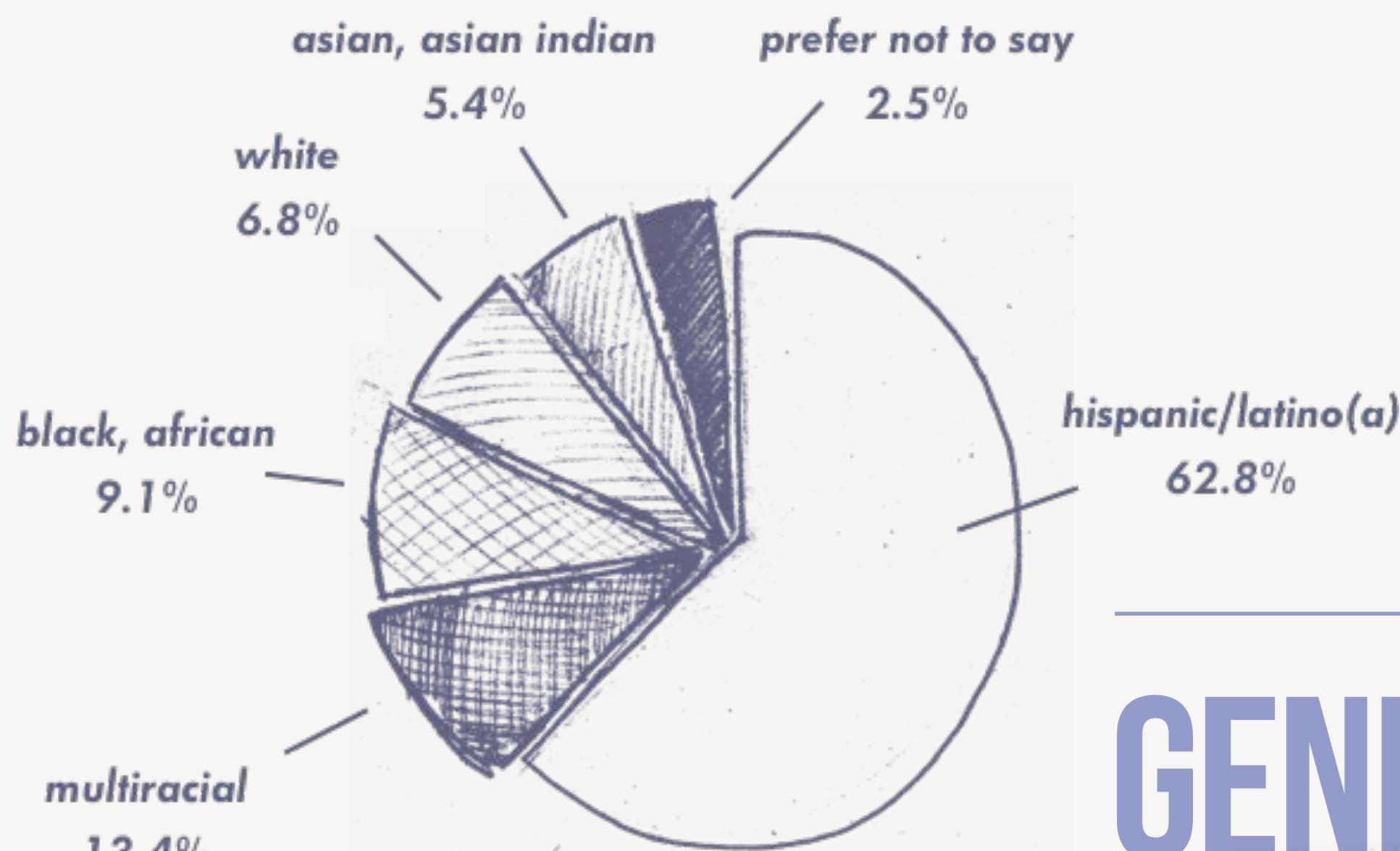
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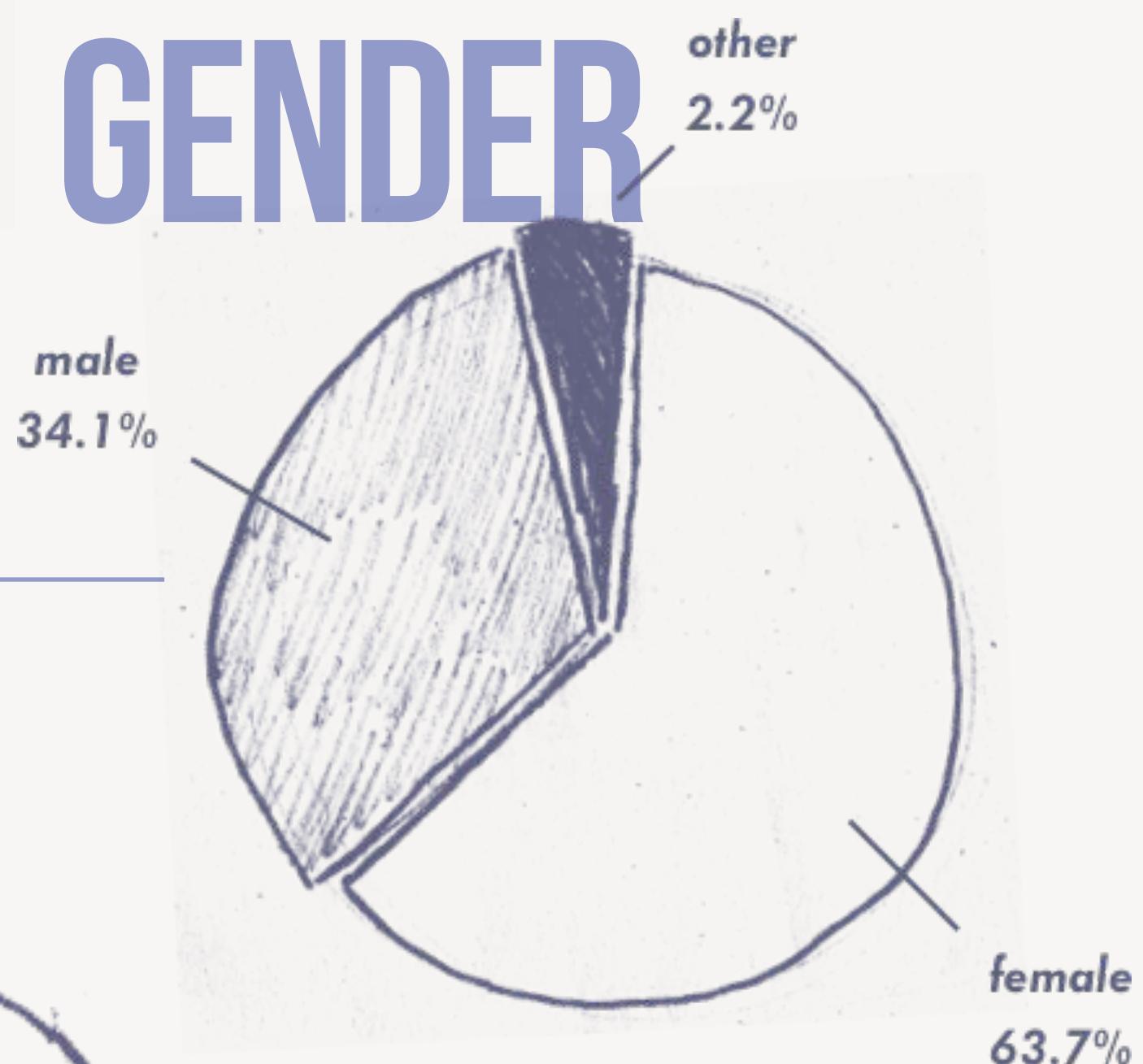
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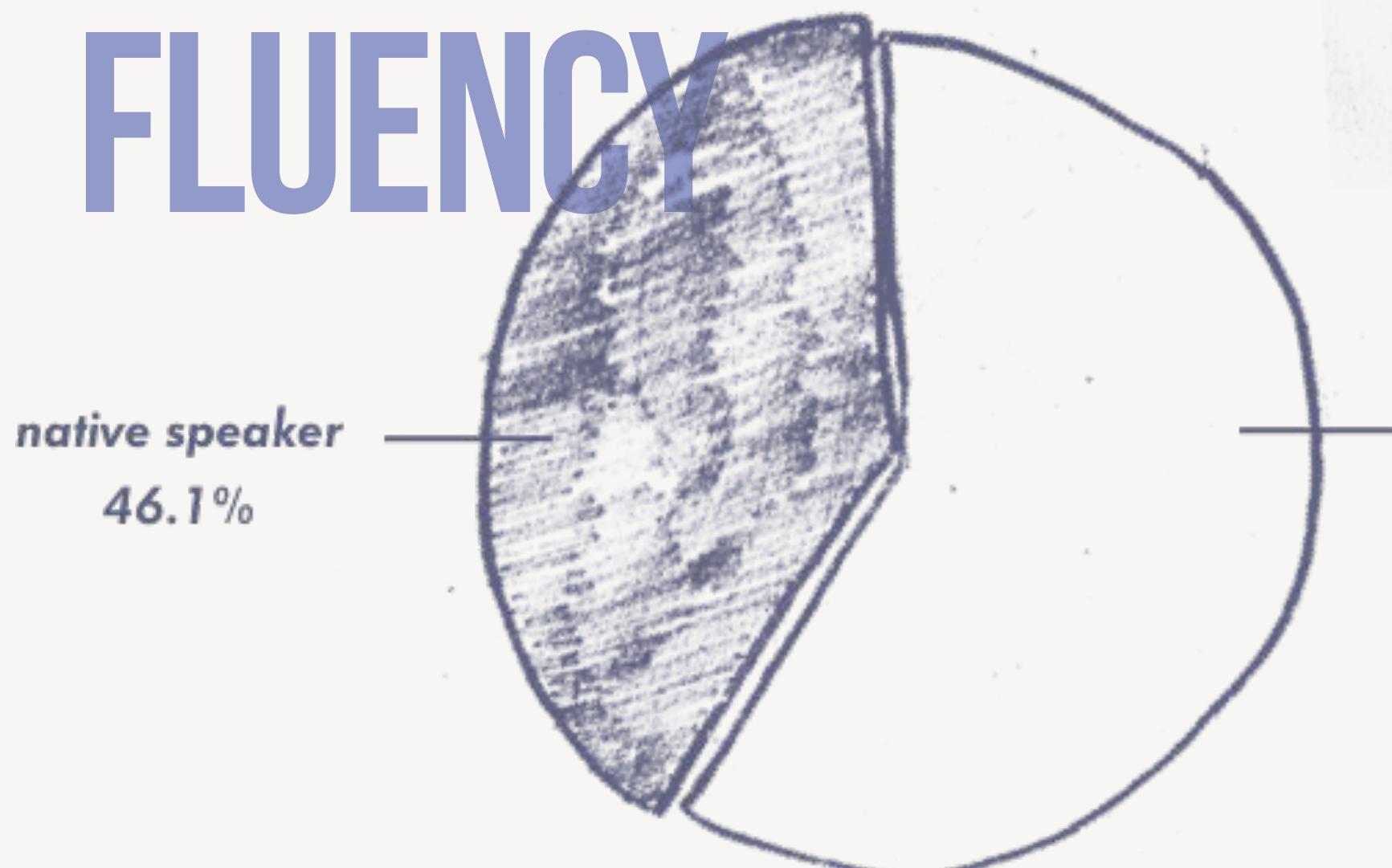
# RACE



# GENDER



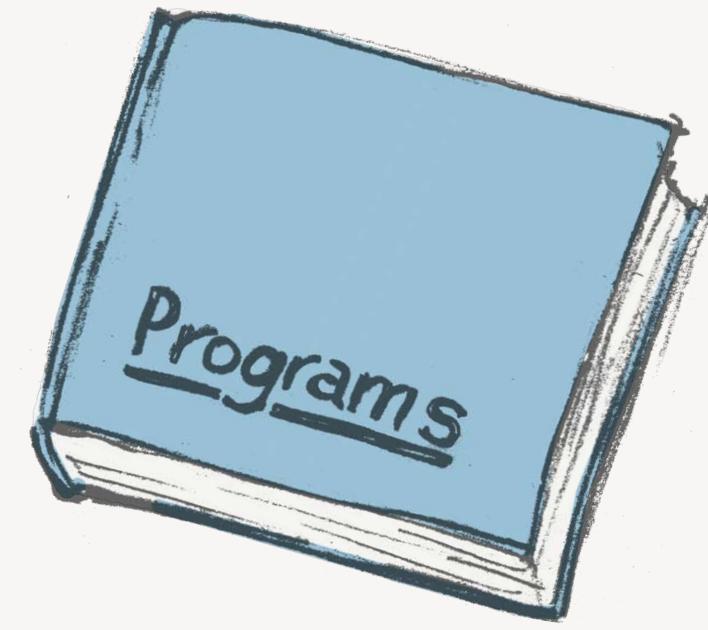
# ENGLISH FLUENCY





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826CHI offers free, year-round distinctive writing programs for Chicago students. Our After School Tutoring & Writing, Field Trips, Workshops and In-Schools programs engaged 2,507 students from 53 zipcodes across the city. We are committed to bridging gaps in access to high-quality art education across Chicago by prioritizing English language learners and students attending under-resourced schools. We believe that all students should have the opportunity to gain new insights and confidence in the power of their voices.



### After-School Tutoring & Writing (ASTW)

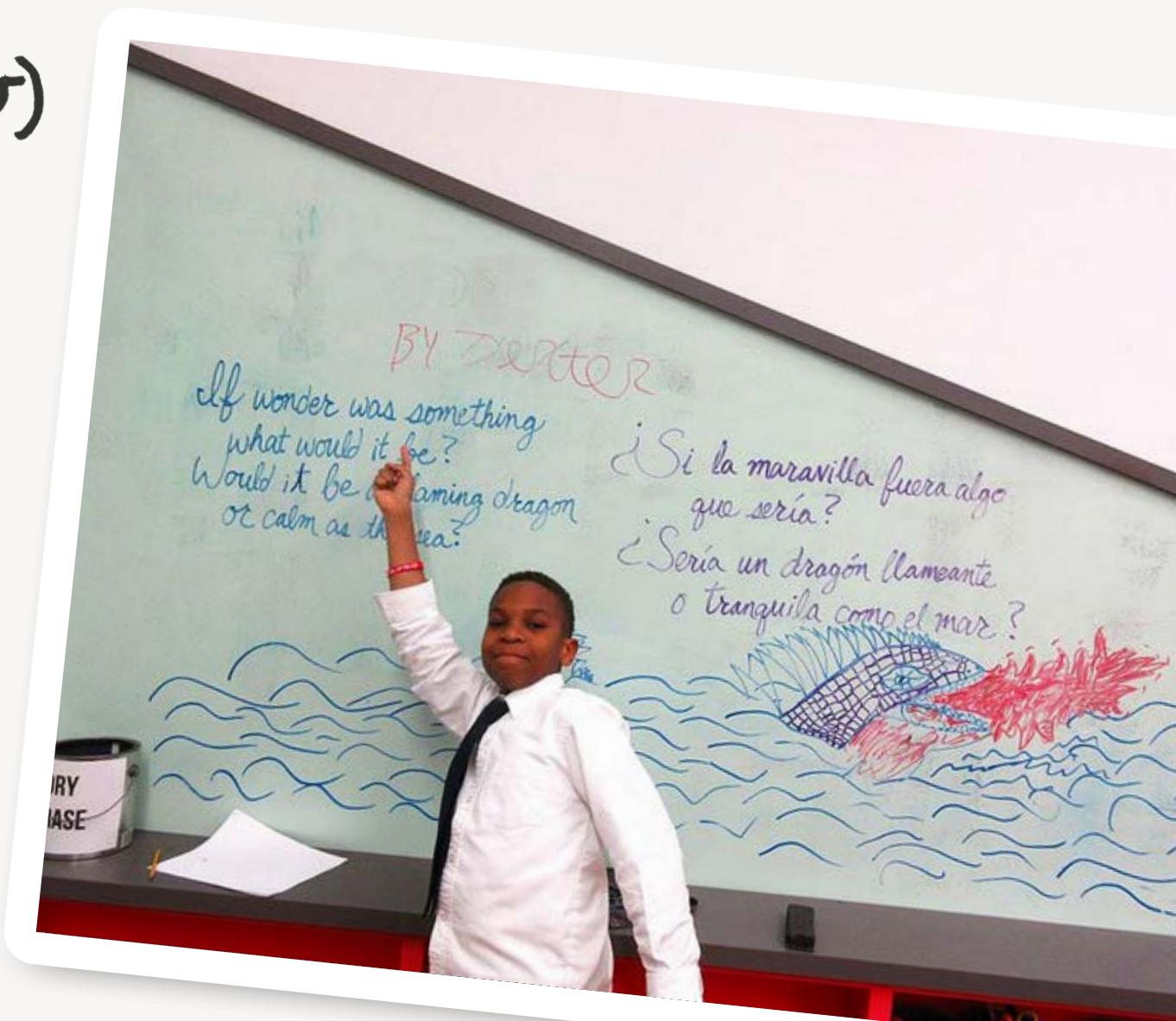
100% of parents said that finishing schoolwork at 826 allowed their child to spend more quality time with family.

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**125 sessions**   **48 students**   **21 schools**

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From September to June, afternoons at our writing center are filled with students prepared to dive into writing prompts, finish their homework, and do some hula-hooping as a reward. Our faithful cohort of tutors are always on hand to help students with math homework and help them revise their writing. We launched the second year of our Speakers and Snacks program, where guests attend a 45-minute Q&A session from our students about their professions. Speakers this year included a sports commentator, professor and dog trainer. This year ASTW published two chapbooks and one audio project, all of which had individual community readings. For the final chapbook release, we were thrilled to integrate physical movement into the students' readings, courtesy of a partnership with the Dancers Awareness project (DAP).



**"826 provides my children exposure to a different demographic where they meet new friends (and get to socialize also) from different backgrounds and practice writing skills in a fun way."**

— Theresa, After-School Tutoring & Writing parent



# Field Trips

**98% of teachers said this experience has given them new ideas on how to approach writing in the classroom.**

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**2060** students

**78** field trips

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**51** schools

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During the school year, mornings at 826CHI are boisterous with visiting classrooms eager to create their own books. Our Field Trips expose students to the endless possibilities of creative writing, all while providing teachers with resources to bring our innovative pedagogy back to the classroom. Each Field Trip focuses on plot, character development, and writing with details. In 2016-2017, we welcomed nearly 80 classes of students from 1st through 12th grade. We offered four unique Field Trips: Storytelling & Bookmaking, Small Group Bookmaking, Images & Imagination, and Memoir Writing, each focused on building plot and rich description within a story. Storytelling & Bookmaking remains our most popular field trip, with students taking home their very own bound books. Some choice titles from our trips this year were *Mr. Monkey and His Dance Problem*, *The Adventures of Cheese Dude and Gramburger* and *I Remember...The Big Cannonball Splash*.



**"You and your volunteers did a fantastic job, my students had such a great time and their love of writing is fully invigorated thanks to the enthusiasm and engagement of 826!"**

— Jonathan, Teacher at Drummond Montessori



# Workshops

95% of Workshop students said they are proud of their writing.

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**123** sessions

**247** students

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**22** workshops

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Coding, podcast-making and playwriting only skim the surface of our workshops. Each semester, dozens of 826CHI volunteers propose and teach workshops to 1-12th graders that go beyond the typical English class. Workshops explore the intersections of writing with other disciplines, teaching students that crafting compelling narratives is an essential element for future success in any field. 826CHI staff and volunteers led 22 workshops in 2016-2017. Highlights of the year include a cross-generational poetry workshop led by 826CHI staff and the UChicago Writers' Studio.



**"My favorite [moment] was probably the first time we ever met, when I suddenly realized I had found other teens who really liked to write and thought that was really cool."**

– London, 9th grade, Teen  
Writers Studio student



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## In-Schools

100% of In-Schools students said they learned new things about how to be a good writer.

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**153** students

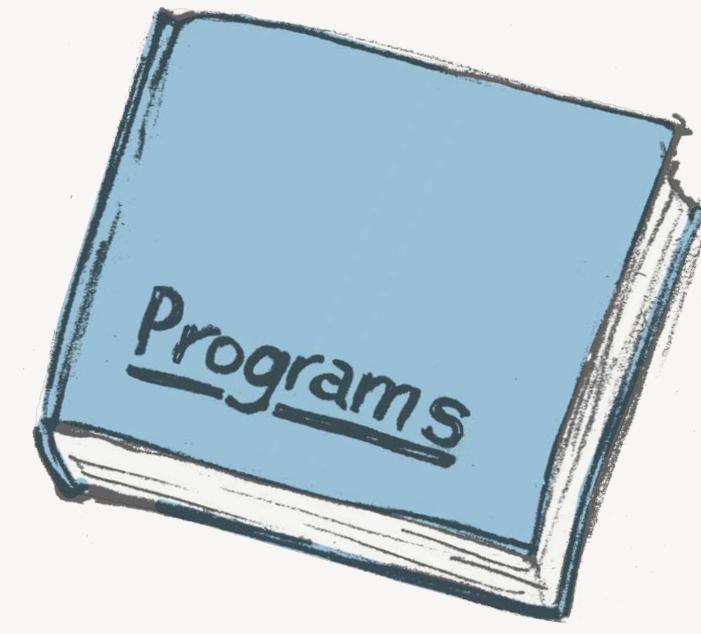
**59** sessions

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**4** schools

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Every year 826CHI partners with local schools to provide classrooms with individualized, in-depth attention. Program staff work with classroom teachers to create curriculum that inspires, challenges and engages students. In 2016-2017 826CHI worked with four public schools. We facilitated a memoir-writing project at Prieto Elementary and continued our Digital Tutoring program at A.N. Pritzker School. Students from the other two schools—Emiliano Zapata Elementary and Roald Amundsen High School—maintained a year-long letter correspondence. These letters are documented in our Young Authors Book Project for the year, *PS: You Sound Like Someone I Can Trust*. A public reading in June gave students the chance to meet their letter-writing partners in person, for the very first time.



**"I learned to find out who I am."**

– Kunjame, 9th Grade  
Amundsen HS



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# Publishing

**100% of In-Schools students said they learned new things about how to be a good writer.**

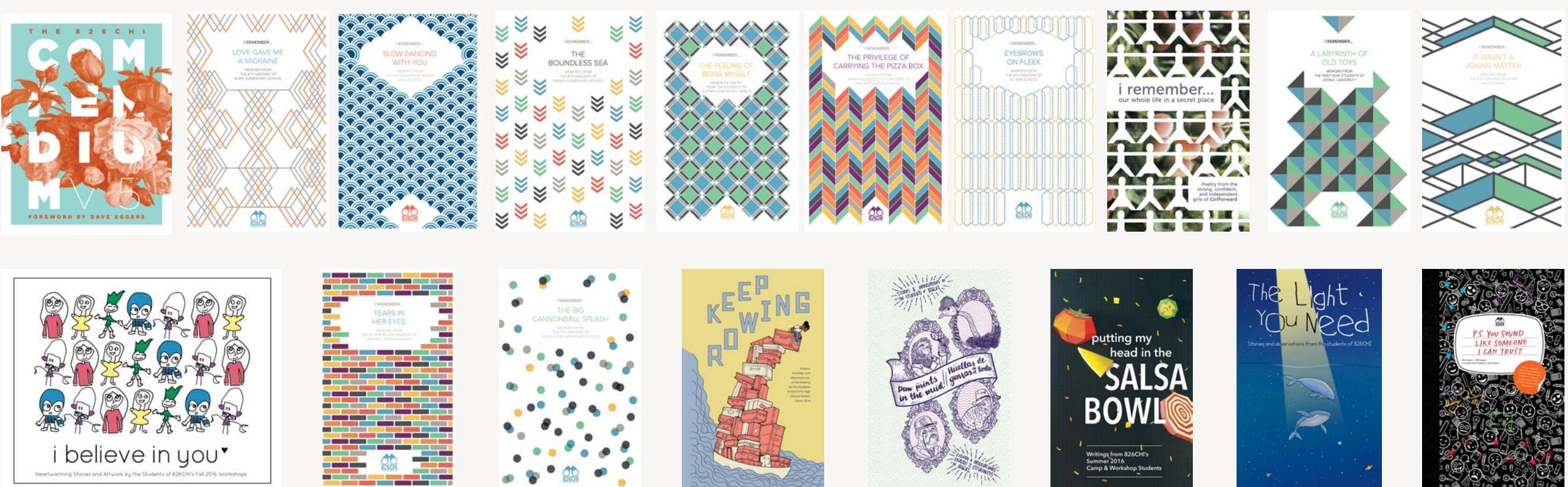
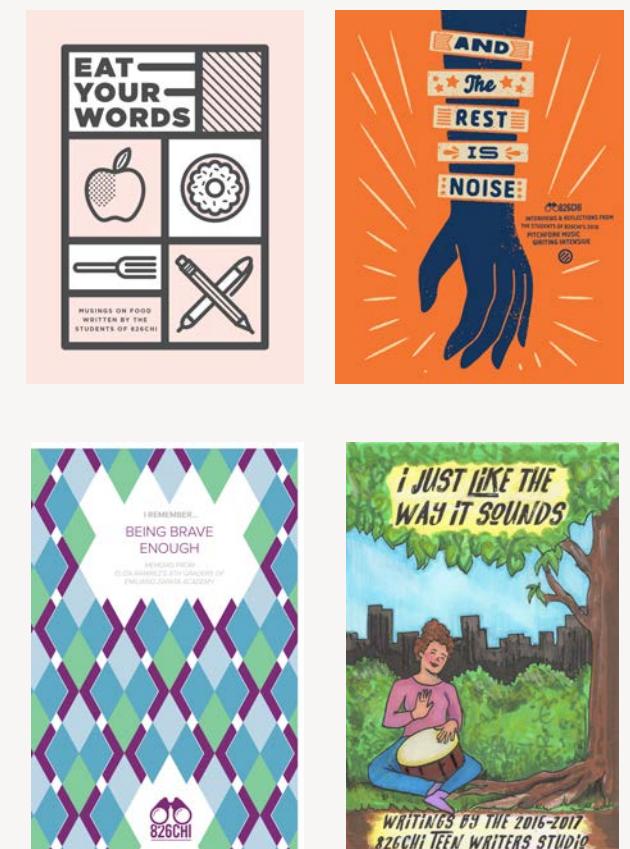
**99 unique titles**   **2 professionally-bound publications**   **1 award-winning compendium**

Publishing is a core tenet of all our programs—by publishing our young authors' work, we aim to foster their confidence, determination, and self-efficacy. No other organization publishes student writing at 826CHI's rate; this year we printed 40% more publications. That means 40% more binding, stapling, copy editing, designing, hair-wringing and ultimately, pride for our students! We couldn't have done it without the help of our Design Cohort and our brand-new Editing Cohort. The greater world is also noticing our students' stories. *P.S. You Sound Like Someone I Can Trust* received local and national press coverage, while *Compendium, Volume 5* won a whopping four Awards from PubWest and National Indie Excellence Book Awards.



*"It feels awesome [to be published]! I feel like I've done a good job by writing my story that not only has a lot of meaning to me, but also to all of those Mexican immigrants that I am representing."*

— Cithlaly, 8th Grade,  
Emiliano Zapata Academy





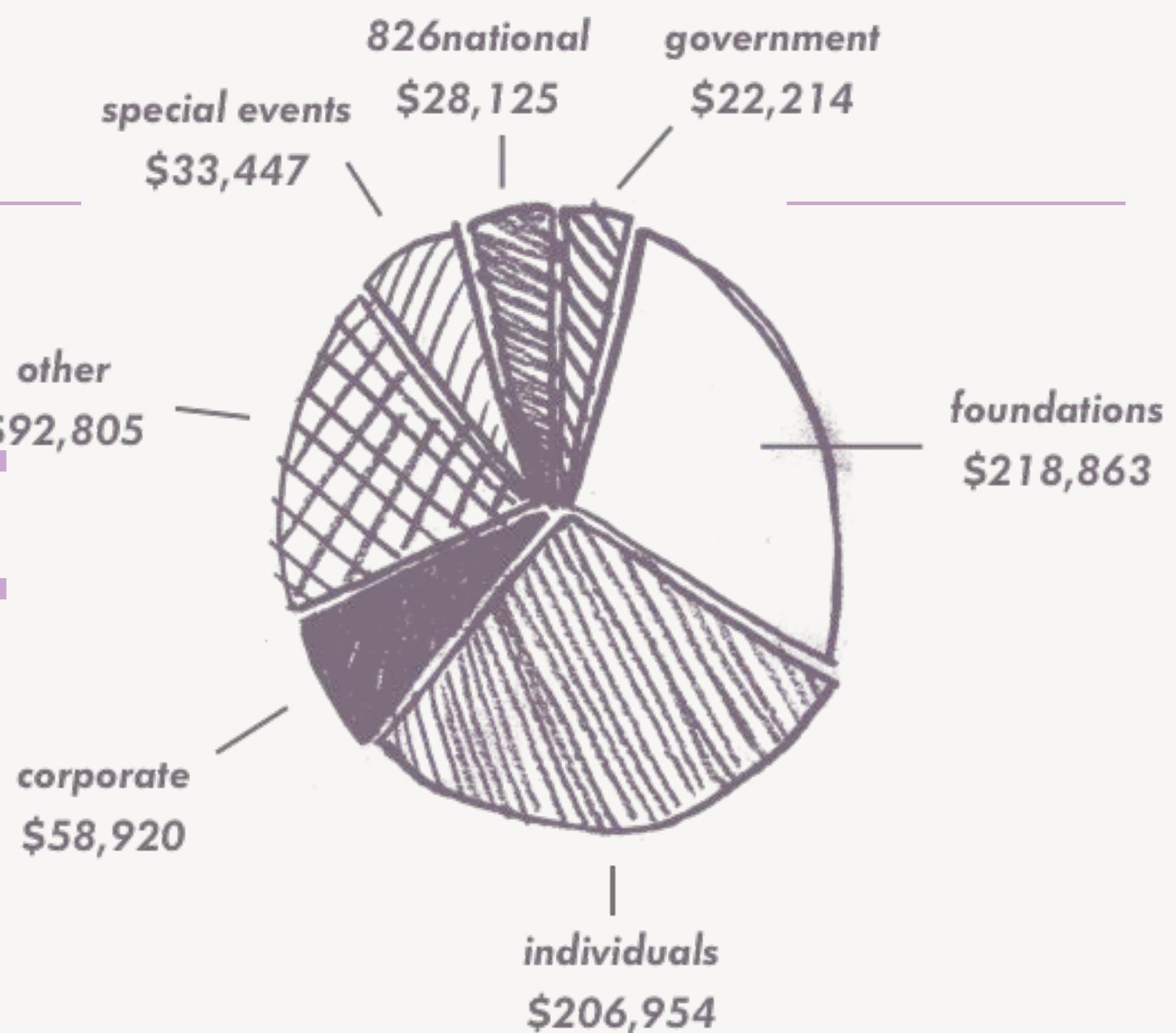
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The 826CHI fiscal year starts on July 1st.  
This report covers our activities from July 1st,  
2016 through June 30th, 2017.



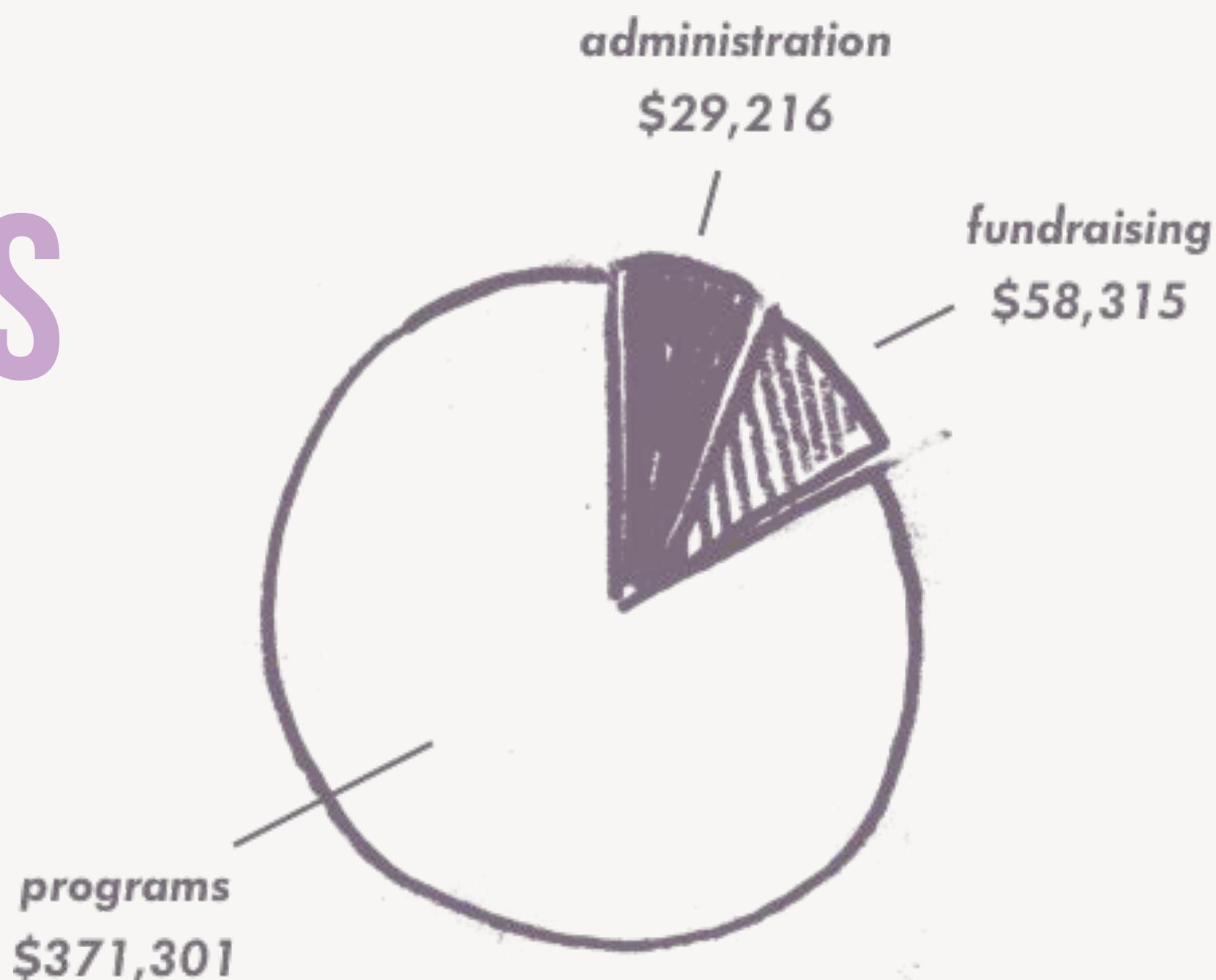
# 2017 REVENUE

TOTAL: \$661,329



# 2017 EXPENSES

TOTAL: \$558,832



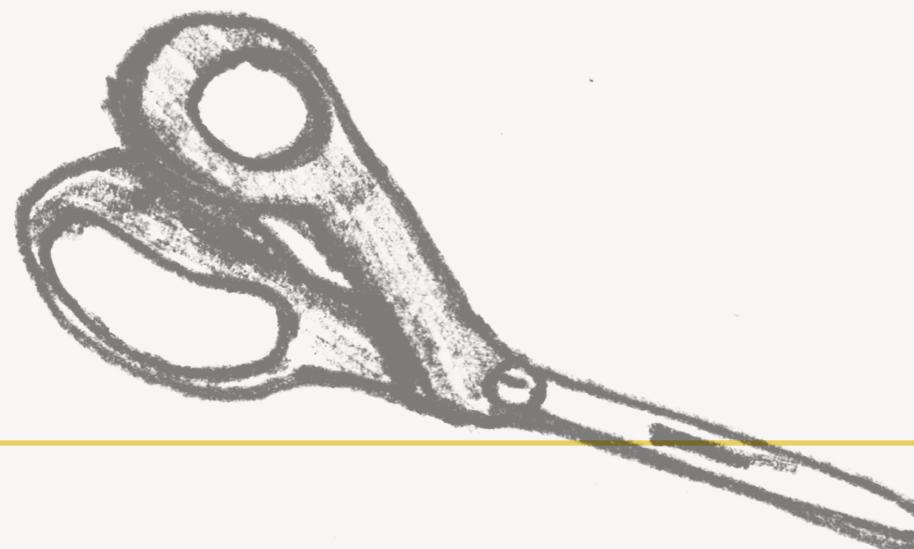


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## 826 NETWORK

826Boston  
826DC  
826LA  
826 Michigan

826 National  
826 NYC  
826 Valencia

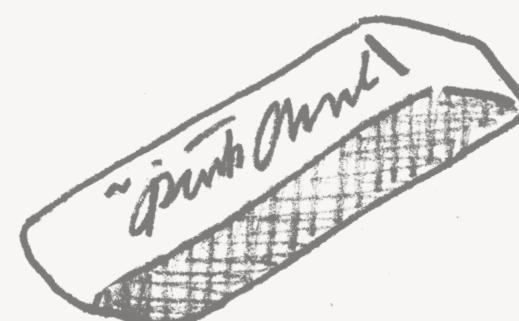


# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

57th Street Books

Civic Lab

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| American Writers Museum                | Columbia College  | Noble Street College Prep                |
| AmeriCorps VISTA                       | Communities in Schools (CIS)                              | Northwestern University                  |
| Big Class                              | Curbside Splendor   | Open Books                               |
| BOKA Group                             | Dancers Awareness Project (DAP)                           | Pilsen Community Books                   |
| Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago        | Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) | Pitchfork                                |
| Build Coffee                           | Depaul University   | Points of Light                          |
| Cartoon Network                        | Department of Family and Social Services (DFSS)           | Printers Row Lit Fest                    |
| Chicago Alternative Comics Expo (CAKE) | East Village Youth Program                                | Revolving Door                           |
| Chicago Book Expo                      | Escape Artistry   | School of the Art Institute of Chicago   |
| Chicago for Chicagoans                 | Essay Fiesta  | South Side Weekly                        |
| Chicago Ideas Week // YOUlt Program    | GEAR UP   | StoryArts                                |
| Chicago Independent Bookstore Alliance | GirlForward   | Teach for America                        |
| Chicago Literacy Alliance              | Gift Chicago  | The Den Theatre                          |
| Chicago Public Library                 | Guitars Over Guns   | Chicago Tribune                          |
| Chicago Reader                         | Independent Publishers Group                              | University of Chicago Writers Studio     |
| Chicago Semester                       | Jewish Child and Family Services                          | Volumes Bookcafe                         |
| Chicago's Artist Resource              | Kaleidoscope  | Women and Children First                 |
| City Colleges of Chicago               | McSweeney's   | Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce |
| City Lit Books                         | Morten Group  | Young Chicago Authors                    |
|  | My Block, My Hood, My City                                |  |





# SCHOOL PARTNERS

A.N. Pritzker School

Abraham Lincoln Elementary  
Academy for Global Citizenship Charter  
School

Albert G. Lane Technical High School  
Alexander Graham Bell Elementary  
School

Alexander Hamilton Elementary School  
Ambrose Plamondon Elementary School

Andrew Carnegie Elementary School  
Andrew Jackson Language Academy

Anna R. Langford Community Academy

Annie Keller Elementary Gifted Magnet  
School

Asa Philip Randolph Elementary School  
The British School of Chicago, Lincoln  
Park

Calmeca Academy of Fine Arts and Dual  
Language

Carl von Linne Elementary School

Charles S. Deneen Elementary School

Chicago International Charter School -  
West Belden

Chicago Virtual Charter School

Christopher Columbus Elementary School  
Chicago International Charter School -  
Prairie

DePaul College Prep

DeWitt Clinton Elementary School

Disney II Magnet School

Dr. Jorge Prieto Math and Science  
Academy

Edward N Hurley Elementary School

Ellen Mitchell Elementary School

Emiliano Zapata Elementary Academy

Enrico Tonti Elementary School

Epiphany Catholic School

Federico Garcia Lorca Elementary School

Frances Xavier Warde School

Francis W. Parker School

Frank W. Gunsaulus Elementary  
Scholastic Academy

Gale Community Academy

Galileo Scholastic Academy of Math &  
Science

Global Citizenship Experience Lab School

George B. Swift Specialty School

George W. Tilton Elementary School

George Westinghouse College Prep

Greenfields Academy

Horace Greeley Elementary School

Humboldt Community Christian School

Inter-American Magnet School

Intercultural Montessori

James E. McDade Elementary Classical  
School

James G. Blaine Elementary School

James H. Bowen High School

James Otis Elementary School

John Charles Haines Elementary School

John F. Kennedy High School

John Greenleaf Whittier Elementary  
School

John J. Audubon Elementary School

Jonathan Burr Elementary School

Jose De Diego Elementary Community  
Academy

Kelvyn Park High School

Kenwood Academy High School

LaSalle Elementary Language Academy

LaSalle II Magnet Elementary School

Latin School of Chicago

Lenart Elementary Regional Gifted  
Center

Lincoln Park High School

Lorenz Brentano Math & Science  
Academy

Lycée Français de Chicago

Maria Saucedo Elementary Scholastic  
Academy

Marie Skłodowska Curie Metropolitan  
High School

Mark Sheridan Math & Science Academy

Mark T. Skinner Elementary

Mary Gage Peterson Elementary

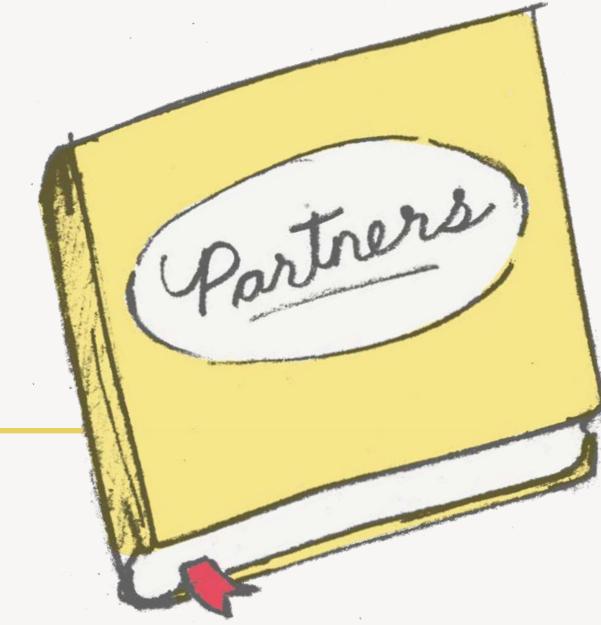
Michele Clark Academic Prep Magnet  
High School

Namaste Charter School

Noble Street Charter School - Gary  
Comer College Prep

Noble Street Charter School - ITW David  
Speer Academy

Noble Street Charter School - Noble  
College Prep



Northside College Prep

Ole A. Thorp Elementary Scholastic  
Academy

Oriole Park Elementary School

Orozco Fine Arts & Sciences Elementary  
School

Percy L. Julian High School

Phillip Murray Elementary Language  
Academy

Pilsen Elementary Community Academy

Pulaski International School of Chicago

Ridgewood High School

Roald Amundsen High School

Robert Fulton Elementary School

Rowe Elementary Charter School

Salem Christian School

Salmon P. Chase Elementary School

Sauganash Elementary School

Sidney Sawyer Elementary School

Skinner North Classical School

South Loop Elementary School

Saint Ann School

Saint Barbara Catholic School

St. Benedict Preparatory School

Stephen Decatur Classical Elementary  
School

Stephen F Gale Elementary Community  
Academy

Suder Montessori Magnet School

Telpochcalli Elementary School

Drummond Montessori School

UNO Charter School Network -  
Galewood (Near West)

UNO Charter School Network -  
Esmeralda Santiago

Walt Disney Magnet Elementary School

Walter Payton College Preparatory High  
School

Wells Community Academy High School

West Ridge Elementary School

Whitney M. Young Magnet High School

William B. Ogden Elementary School

William H. Prescott Elementary School

William Jones College Preparatory High  
School

William P. Gray Elementary School

Wolfgang A. Mozart Elementary School



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Editing Cohort

Parent Advisory Committee

Volunteer Engagement & Support Team (V.E.S.T.)

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We are grateful to the many individuals and institutions who made our work possible in the 2016-2017 fiscal and program year. Because of you, 826CHI can provide a platform for thousands of young Chicagoans to tell their stories and make their unique mark on the world.



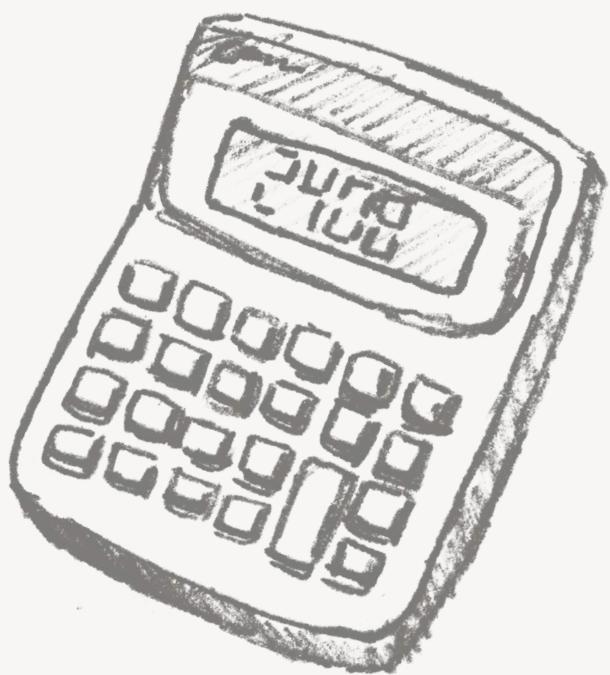


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**\$50K**

**Caerus Foundation, Inc.**



**\$10K+**

**The Arts Work Fund for  
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**\$1K+**

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Foundation**

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**Wingstop**

**Robert Woodley**



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\$100+  
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Evelyn Baumann  
Rowan Beaird  
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Debra Beinstein  
Austin Berg  
Teresa Berry  
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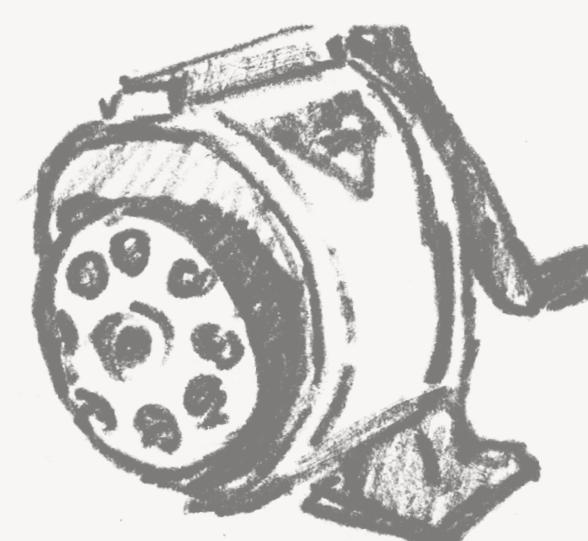
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