

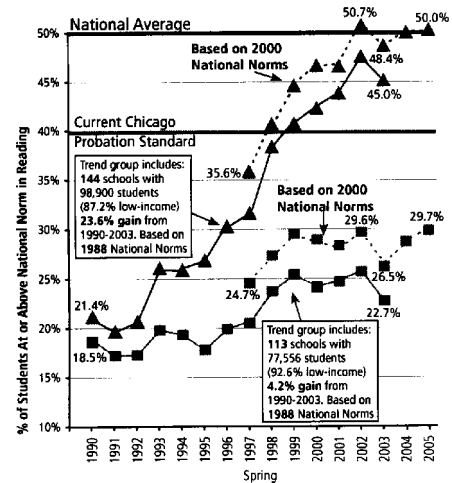
# PURE PERSPECTIVES

Don't take away  
LSC power!

## Local school councils (LSCs) work!

LSCs have played a vital role in school improvement in Chicago since 1989.

- Test scores have been **raised impressively** over 15 years at schools that were low-performing in 1989 but escaped central office intervention and **remained under LSC governance** (chart, top lines).
- **Very little progress** has been made in schools that were low-performing in 1989 but were placed on probation with **all major decisions made by CPS** (chart, bottom lines).
- In every LSC election, over **7,000** people run as candidates and over **100,000** people vote compared with the low turnout in most school board elections.



From *The Big Picture*,  
Designs for Change, 2005

## The LSC law works!

LSCs provide a check and balance where it is needed most— running our public schools.

- Over 20,000 LSC members have served in what has turned out to be **the cleanest form of government** in Chicago.
- The law already provides principals whose contracts are not renewed with the opportunity for **due process** before an independent hearing officer.
- Opening up over 500 high-paying principal positions to **potential patronage** is not in the best interests of our children or our city.

## LSCs need more support, not less!

LSCs' need for training and information is not adequately met by CPS. Also, CPS too often takes public sides against LSCs, only to sit in judgment of them later.

- **More support** – including support from independent, non-CPS organizations – must be provided to enable LSCs to help bring our schools up to the level where every child in Chicago receives a high-quality education.
- Supervision and monitoring of LSCs must be moved out from CPS and to a **truly neutral entity**.

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