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## MAYOR EMANUEL, DEPARTMENT OF FLEET AND FACILITY MANAGEMENT INTRODUCE SALE OF BOARD OF EDUCATION PROPERTY TO WOMEN'S HEALTH CENTER

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Department of Fleet and Facility Management today introduced an ordinance authorizing the sale of the former R. Nathaniel Dett Elementary School to IFF, an Illinois non for profit. IFF plans to repurpose the property for the use as a community and resource center for the women and girls of Chicago's west side.

"The proposed Women's and Girls' Center will be a space for the most vulnerable women and girls to go to seek help to improve their lives and the lives of their children," said Mayor Emanuel. "The Center is a way the city is showing its continued commitment to investing in our neighborhoods and a direct response to the unique interests and needs of Chicago's west side."

The proposed ordinance allows the sale of a Board of Education property, formerly Nathaniel Dett School, located at 2306 West Maypole Avenue to IFF for \$400,000. IFF will partner with Christy Webber Landscapes to create the West Side Women's and Girls' Center. The Center will offer a variety of resources and programming, including healthcare facilities, educational classes, academic tutoring, day care, vocational training, mentorship, arts, community building, athletics and urban farming opportunities.

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