

**Teacher Quality Enhancement – PARTNER PROJECT**  
**Professional Articulation for Recruiting/Retaining Teachers for Neighborhood Engagement and Renewal**

**GOVERNANCE AND DECISION MAKING STRUCTURE**

The operation of the PARTNER Project will be conducted by a Governance Committee made up of lead administrators from all partner organizations and a Communication Bridge comprised of individuals who coordinate/chair the project activities and the Work Teams. Each of the partner organizations will be represented on both levels of the governance structure.

**Governance Committee (GC)**

Membership: The Governance Committee will build off of the Executive Committee of the Little Village-ISU partnership. This group has for the past year been actively pursuing ways to serve community needs. This committee has included the following:

Program Officers, LISC Chicago  
Executive Director, Little Village CDC  
Community School Director, Little Village CDC  
Chief Human Resources Officer, CPS  
Director, Teacher Housing Resource, CPS  
Area 10 Instructional Officer, CPS  
National Representative, State Farm Insurance  
Dean, ISU College of Education  
Director, Chicago Teacher Education Pipeline Programs and Partnerships

These same organizations will be represented in the Governance Committee. In addition, representatives will be added from the Golden Apple Foundation, Truman, and Daley City College of Chicago. The Project Executive Director and Project Director will co-chair and convene the Governance Committee, which also includes the Project Coordinators.

Responsibilities: The Governance Committee will establish a unilateral focus for all program activities and will address the project goals and objectives from this vantage point. Specific short term and long term outcomes will be established for implementation by the Communication Bridge. The Governance Committee will approve all Work Team proposals, after initial review and recommendations provided by the Project Executive Director and Project Director; will review regular reports of all project activities, will evaluate project data; and will suggest appropriate program modifications.

**Communication Bridge (CB)**

Membership: The Communication Bridge will consist of the Project Executive Director, the Project Director, Project Coordinators, and all Work Team Chairpersons. This group will meet quarterly to ensure cross project communication and collaboration. The Project Director will chair and convene the Communication Bridge, which also includes the Project Coordinators.

Responsibilities: The Communication Bridge will meet regularly to implement the short term and long term outcomes established by the Governance Committee. The primary role of the Communication Bridge is to ensure the appropriate implementation of the goals stipulated in each Work Team proposal. The Communication Bridge will also monitor the outcomes of each project and evaluate the data collected. The Communication Bridge will maintain communication among the Work Teams; establish schedules for implementation of the activities; coordinate evaluation activities; foster communication between the multiple levels of the governance structure; and review appropriate alterations in project implementation.