

Media Advisory



From State Representative La Shawn K. Ford

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Ford Hosts Town Hall Meeting on School Choice

OAK PARK, IL – State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago) will host a town hall meeting on school choice today at 6 p.m. at the Oak Park Village Hall. Moderated by radio talk show host Charles Butler, the meeting will include discussions about proposals to provide students the best learning environments, and whether providing vouchers to attend private schools would benefit students.

“We should work to explore every possible option for improving our schools and providing our children with the resources they need to succeed. The number of charter schools in Illinois is increasing, and the debate about equal funding for charter schools continues to heat up. It is important to hear taxpayers’ positions on this issue as it relates to education in Illinois,” said Ford.

“In life, we have freedom and choice for almost everything except for education. There seems to be a road block when it comes to education. Choice in education seems to be only for families who can afford options for their children, and that's not fair,” said Ford.

The town hall meeting will be held at the Oak Park Village Hall, 123 Madison Street in Oak Park. Peter Godard, the Chief Performance Officer for the Illinois State Board of Education, and representatives from the Illinois Federation of Teachers, Chicago Teachers Union, Stand for Children, Chicago Public Schools and the Illinois Policy Institute will provide perspectives at the meeting.

Who:	State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, Chief Performance Officer Peter Godard, Illinois Federation of Teachers, Chicago Teachers Union, Stand for Children, Illinois Policy Institute, Chicago Public Schools
What:	Town Hall Meeting on School Choice
When:	Tuesday, April 2, 2013 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Where:	Oak Park Village Hall 123 Madison St. Oak Park, IL

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