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* The French International School

- Among its students and families, the countries represented include: Canada, Belgium, Mexico, Switzerland, Haiti, Ireland, Vietnam, Lebanon, Italy, England, Sweden, Argentina, Ethiopia, Turkey, Iceland, Senegal, Poland, Nigeria, Netherlands, Morocco, Sierra Leone, South Korea, Norway, Tunisia, Egypt, Democratic Republic of Congo, Spain and Germany.
- The Lycée is committed to diversity with a strong financial aid program that in the 2010-2011 school year provided more than \$500,000 in need-based tuition assistance to qualified students.
- More than 15% of Lycée students are beneficiaries of this financial aid program.
- Accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States and the French Ministry of Education, the Lycée is an integral part of the global network of 450 French schools from Chicago to Singapore, from Paris to Nairobi.
- Supported by a vital and enthusiastic community of parents, teachers, administrators and board members, Lycée volunteers attend and coordinate school events, welcome new families into the organization and provide financial support for school programming and scholarships.
- In 2010-11, parents, staff, and other supporters gave over \$900,000 in private contributions to support need-based scholarships and special programs and projects of the school.
- 18 of its board members live in the Chicago area and represent the fields of business, law, education, manufacturing, finance, and health care.
- The Lycée is expanding its high school by offering the International Baccalaureate starting in fall 2011, allowing English speaking students to reach their goals through a dual educational experience at the high school level.
- Graduates are accepted at the finest universities in the United States, Canada, Europe and around the world.
- Before school and after school programs are available to parents as well as local families and include activities such as music, drama, sports and language study.
- Tuition of \$15,275 for 2011-12 is one of the lowest tuition rates in the city for competitive, private schools.



South Facade

Lycée Français de Chicago in Lincoln Square – Ravenswood

Lycée Français de Chicago is planning to remove the dilapidated Ravenswood Hospital buildings along Wilson Avenue, which have been an eyesore and a safety concern for residents, and build in their place a beautiful, LEED-certified school designed by award-winning Chicago architects, Krueck + Sexton. The neighborhood will realize significant benefits as a result of the Lycée’s redevelopment of Ravenswood Hospital.

The Lycée, committed to partnerships to enhance the student educational experience, will add further depth to the network of cultural institutions that lend vitality to the neighborhood.

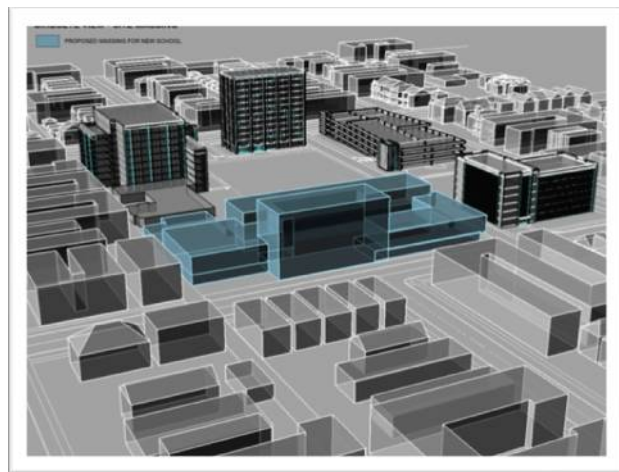
- For 16 years, the Lycée has demonstrated a cohesive community spirit among its families and within the surrounding neighborhood – establishing relationships with neighborhood groups and ties with cultural organizations.
- The presence of a school in the neighborhood brings parents and students who support local businesses, expect satisfactory city services and partner with other community members to bring about positive development.
- The Lycée’s community outreach programs will complement those provided by other local organizations and the school will serve as an additional cultural and educational anchor to the children and families of the neighborhood.
- Summer programs, open to all students in the neighborhood, include language immersion programs in German, French, Mandarin and Arabic, as well as arts, music, sports, science, moviemaking, and cooking to engage local students in fun and unique learning opportunities during summer hours.

The Lycée will bring financial and economic development benefits to the neighborhood.

- Renewal brings new real estate opportunities. The Lycée expects that many faculty members and families will rent apartments and buy homes in proximity to the facility.
- In the long term, an expected 700 students and a staff of over 100 will add vitality to an already dynamic neighborhood. These students, staff and their families will patronize local businesses.



Existing Massing



Proposed Massing

- The replacement of vacant, obsolete institutional buildings with a brand new state of the art school will contribute to improving property values in the area.
- With annual budget of \$10 million, the majority in salary and benefits, the Lycée will have other positive financial impacts on the neighborhood.

The new facility will improve the area’s urban architecture and landscaping and will be environmentally friendly.

- The facility is designed by award-winning Chicago architects, Krueck + Sexton, architects of the Spertus Institute and the Crown Fountain on Michigan Avenue.
- The facility will be LEED-certified.
- The facility will add significant green space with its soccer field, trees, flower beds and other sustainable landscaping.

The facility has been designed to maximize safety and minimize congestion.

- The facility will include a 600+ foot private drive for pick-up and drop-off of students to avoid undue congestion of streets.
- The facility will include 120 parking spaces for faculty, staff and parents.
- Families of the Lycée have a high regard for public transportation, as well as biking, and walking, which will minimize the automobile impact on the neighborhood. Further, families and staff tend to live near their school and will walk the streets, especially from the Damen and Montrose CTA Brown line stations.
- Parents of Lycée students are keenly aware of neighborhood safety and security, and can be expected to bring greater attention to these issues.

The Lycée Français de Chicago will bring these benefits to the area and serve as a partner in the appeal and sustainability of Ravenswood - Lincoln Square’s growing and vibrant community.

President and Head of School of the Lycée is Alain Weber, and the Chairman of the Board is Miles McKie, Founder, Cavoure Advisors, Chicago. To learn more about the Lycée, go to www.lyceechicago.org and if you have any questions, please email LFC2060@Lyceechicago.org.