

IAAFER – Valerie Leonard

Good evening. I am asking you to vote "No" on the State's Chicago ERSB map.

Your Map

- Breaks up communities around the city
- Has a racial gerrymander that joins Austin with Ukraine Village as opposed to joining Austin with East and West Garfield and/or Lawndale
- Draws 20 districts for 2024, against the current law, which requires that 10 districts be drawn
- Is drawn in a way that makes it difficult to pair the 20 districts in a way that makes it easy to go from 10 electoral districts in 2024 to 20 districts in 2026.

Our map

- Optimizes the opportunity for all Chicagoans to elect candidates of their choice
- Enables aldermen to have a single board of education member with whom to engage, rather than having several points of contact on the Board of Education.
- Increases accountability of elected school board members and Aldermen on education issues within the purview of each office. Keeping the ward structure intact within each school district boundary will minimize the chances of issues falling between the cracks because only a small portion of an elected school board district falls within a specific ward, and vice-versa.
- Enables better collaboration and coordination around issues that negatively impact schools and allows for the use of city services to help address those issues.
- Provides more seamless opportunities for multiple layers of government to work together on behalf of children at city, ward, elected representative school board and state levels while maximizing accountability to voters.
- Complies with Voting Rights Act of Illinois and the United States.
- Creates compact, contiguous districts to the extent possible.
- Keeps communities of interest together to the extent possible.