Improving schools, spurring jobs, promoting city just part of the picture

By JR Reed
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A fter 14 months in office as Mayor, Rahm Emanuel has succeeded in his principal aims to improve Chicago’s job opportunities and lengthen the school day for public school students, while also elevating the city’s status on an international level.

In a six-way race last February, Emanuel ultimately prevailed in a landslide, winning 55 percent of the vote.

Throughout the race, Emanuel campaigned to improve Chicago Public Schools and has successfully implemented a full school day, while expanding high performance charter schools and International Baccalaureate programs in school districts across the city and closing a $650 million budget deficit without significant layoffs, service cuts, or tax increases.

And, to ensure Chicagoans could engage in discussion surrounding the budget, Mayor Emanuel launched Chicagobudget.org, a new interactive website where more than 3,000 people posted 10,000 potential solutions.

Furthermore, immediately upon taking office, the Mayor convened a committee to propose reforms to the City’s Tax Increment Financing (TIF) program. Based on the group’s recommendations, the City will, for the first time, align TIF investment with Chicago’s multyear economic development plan, helping to ensure every dollar is spent on high-impact projects.

THE NEW PROCESS OF transparency comes at the heart of Emanuel’s primary goal as Mayor. Moving into the second year of his term, he says he remains focused on changing the way citizens interact with city government and helping promote a sense of shared responsibility.

“When I entered this office, I promised we’d bring an era of change,” the Mayor said in an interview Friday, May 20, at his office in City Hall. Sporting a blue and orange tie to complement his suit, the Mayor sat with his legs crossed on a comfortable chair adjacent to his desk. “I made that pledge. And I think that at every level, whether it’s an area of education, city government, meaning its budget and services, and crime, we have been true to our pledge of change.”

“So, if you ask me, I didn’t say one thing in the campaign and another thing when I got in. I said I was going to do something, and we are working to see that change through.”

WHITE THE MAYOR acknowledged people sometimes get cynical about politicians because they do not deliver on election promises, he believes his administration has followed through on its goals.

“We have actually gone farther on a host of things, farther than what I even pledged for change,” the Mayor said. “At every level, we handled the budget and balanced it, without raising taxes. And nobody thought that was possible.”

“We made major changes to our services and reforms, and I think we also provided more and better services than we had before, even when we were eliminating a $600 million deficit. And now we are working on the next two reforms: reforms for employee contracts to get savings and retirement.”

“ALL IN ALL, we are making sure we raise the standards and level of accountability in our system. I suppose my one take-away is: We pledged an era of change and we are delivering on that. And we haven’t deviated from that.”

“And I suppose the other thing I would say is, when you look back: There’s not a single thing you can point to and say I walked back from something because the politics were too hard. We have not let politics stand in the way of reform.”

Among the key reforms Mayor Emanuel focused on during his first year in office was improving the Public School system and making school days longer so that students could learn more.

“This is a diverse city with a lot of kids from different backgrounds,” the Mayor said. “And I have to make sure that we don’t continue to have a city benefits in elevating Chicago’s status on an international level, in addition to other recent major global events that found a home in the city.

“We hosted the Nobel Laureates here April 23-25, the International Summit with the Kennedy Foundation,” Mayor Emanuel said. “They walked away from here saying that this is the template we have to use in the future.

“And what’s exciting for us is children here in Chicago who got the chance to ask questions to world leaders who shaped the world you and I are living in. De Klerk participated in changing apartheid in South Africa, Gorbachev helped usher in a period of time that opened up Eastern Europe, and then the Dalai Lama was as well, a spiritual and political leader.

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“Now it’s not exactly for me to judge, it’s more for the neighbors to judge, because I drive around and walk around the Hyde Park neighborhood, I can see that it’s really evolving and changing,” the Mayor said.

“Both the University of Chicago and the greater neighborhood seem to be getting stronger in my opinion, especially with the recent developments taking place in the Near South Side.”

Mayor Emanuel also stressed that U-High students need to continue to find time to give back to their communities.

“YOU GUYS should know two things,” the Mayor said. “One, you’re very fortunate, you have a great opportunity, and you have received a great education. That can’t be said for everybody around the world or in the country, or in your city. So you’re fortunate, but you have to use that fortunate position. And what comes with that is responsibility to give something back – to your city, to your state, to your country.”

“Your thing is one that you have a lot to be proud of, you’re going to march on to college and other things in life. Somewhere in your life, even this summer, find time to do community service, whatever it is, environmental issues, community organizing, public safety, tutoring, whatever it is.”

“Find time to give something back to others, because you’re very lucky and you should appreciate how lucky you are. And then use that lucky position to help others, because it’s the responsibility that comes with being fortunate.”

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Taking a break

AT THE NATO protester headquarters in Wellington Avenue United Church of Christ Sunday, May 20, a few protestors retired early from camp. People took free buses offered by the National Nurses Union in cities from Miami to L.A. to be present at the protest. While protestors tolerated shots of the church's facade, no access was given inside or into the courtyard, with few exceptions. Here, a group gathers outside to smoke and catch a breeze in the stifling 90 degree heat. Some protestors sported mohawks, mullets, and wild beards, but overall protestors were extremely friendly despite appearances.

More Pictures

Some of the best images of the Chicago NATO summit protests came from Moira Differding, who marked a photo album and shared it with us. Moira Differding spent a week in Chicago, capturing the essence of the protests from different angles and perspectives. The album includes shots of protestors, police, and the overall atmosphere of the event. Moira's photos provide a glimpse into the complex interactions between politics, society, and the media during this significant event.
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Travelers will roam afar to explore, learn, relax, during Summer Break

chicago won’t be seeing many of much U-High students, faculty members and administrators this summer, though some people do expect to stay close to home. Some students and teachers will be travelling abroad as part of a school-sponsored program.

FRESHMAN APPROPRIATE Gestetner will be visiting France as part of an exchange program, then visit India for the first time in two weeks with 11 other freshmen, she said enthusiastically. World Languages Instructor Madeline Collet and Mr. Farver will be with us as well.

First we’ll be spending three days in Paris and then we’re going to Nantes, which is where Madeline’s family lives up in Nantes, we’re staying with host families, and some of us, like me, will be going to school. We’ll be participating twice before but I loved it so much that I can’t go on again.

“I'M ALSO GOING TO Selouan, which is near the coast in the south of France, in August for three weeks to visit extended family. My mom and dad both grew up there and I feel really close to them. It’s pretty relaxed. I usually spend time with my grandparents and younger and older brother and sister who are close to my grandparents.

Then there’s also a festival called ‘Raksha Bandhan’ that will take place while I’m there, where we celebrate our bond with our sisters and brothers.

For Freshman Quentin Griffin, travelling with his family to Colorado and Michigan will offer the rest he’s been looking forward to.

“I’LL BE SPENDING time on some property in the Roaring Fork Valley in Colorado that my uncle is renting, Quentin said. ‘We’re going to be doing a lot of hiking, biking and relaxing. Then we’ll be going back to his house in Denver for a while before I come back to Chicago.

Later in the summer, my mom is taking my sister and me up to Michigan to visit another uncle. He owns a house on a lake in a town called Charlevoix that’s near Traverse City in the northwest part of Michigan where we went to in boat, jet ski and swim as well as hang around in the town.”

After a year in India before returning to U-High this year, Junior Gloria Zingales has planned a busy summer filled with travel and studying eating disorders, Gloria said. ”Unfortunately, I won’t be allowed to interact with them during the study, but it will still be an exciting and interesting experience. I’ve always been interested and intrigued by psychology so I think this is a great opportunity for me.

The other place that I’m volunteering is Planned Parenthood. I’m going to be on the Action Team, which is for raising awareness about women’s health and being proactive in the community. There’s information for teenagers, parents and students. I think it’s a great cause and it’s a really good program.

‘I’ll be working at a fashion store called Zitaia as a sales associate as well. This means that I’m going to be helping to sell clothing. Fashion has always been a major hobby of mine, so I’m really excited about this, too.’

In addition to participating in school-sponsored summer trips, faculty members are planning their own experiences.

Among other teachers accompanying student group, Freshman Journalism and Photojournalism Teacher Liese Ricketts, who has been on an international trip with U-High before. This year the trip, which will be accompanying 15 photography students to Cuba June 12-22 for a photography and art tour with World Languages Teacher Craig Rechelbacher, as he did on a similar trip in 2005.

‘On this trip we’ll first go to Havana, then spend some time in Vinales, a small town north of Havana, a small town located right on top of the falls,” Ms. Anderson explained. ‘I’ll go to her brother’s house for several days and older and younger brother and sister who are close to my grandparents.

Then I’ll start in Zimbabwe and the course will loop through Zamibia and the finish line will be back in Zimbabwe. I’ve never before travelled through two countries in one trip, so I’m really excited for this experience.

‘VICTORIA FALLS’ altitude is over 3,000 feet, which was too high up for me, but I think being in Pretoria, which is a city that has a lot of elevation, will get me acclimated to the change in altitude.”

Before returning home, Ms. Anderson plans to visit friends, stay at the famous Sandibe Safari Lodge. Auxiliary programs will be back at U-High through the summer at school but will manage to get away to a bit.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR Jason Lopez will be helping the Lab Schools’ new principal–three of them–settle in and working on curriculum development projects but said, “My wife and I are going to Oaxaca, Mexico, with the sole intention of relaxing. I also have a family reunion in North Carolina, which will bring my wife’s family. One U-High principal will be heading out and another coming in over the summer, but both will get some travel in.

‘Then I will go on a family camping trip in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan during the second week of July with my kids. ‘I will then fly out to L.A. for a few days as my kids are going to be in a cello camp there. They go to this week-long camp every year, on the Pomona Cello Campus.’

U-High’s new principal, Mr. Scott Fetch, spoke of his plans for his first two weeks in July. I was a French teacher before this, so I’ve got to try to get back there periodically.

‘I love France, the culture, the language, the food, the history,” Mr. Fetch said. ‘I’m looking forward to it.

Mr. Fetch starts work at U-High June 18.

(Story this was reported and written as follows: Student, Max Brown; faculty; Mike Glick; administrators, Luke Murphy.)
Midway again tops state contest, wins multiple categories

This year’s Midway swept the Illinois Journalism Education Association’s annual competition, winning 1st place and 2nd place awards in nearly every category and named Best Overall Newspaper. Schools could submit two entries in each category. The Midway was judged among publications from schools of less than 500 enrollment; U-High’s official submission the day of contest entry was 496.

SIXTH PLACE – Editorship: Maleah Lawrence, Summer LaRue

THIRD PLACE – Column: ‘The Inside Scoop’ by Reem Khondakar

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Three Midway staff members tied for the Cecil Denton Award for Investigative Reporting, which honors the adviser of the Midway in the late 1930s when for the first time it won an All American national rating. They are JR Reed, Rolland Long and Sonia Bourdaghs. The awards were revealed at yesterday’s Honors Assembly.

In the annual Illinois Woman’s Press Association high school contest, in addition to previously announced 1st-place awards for Gene Cochran in both cartooning and graphics; and both opinion column and sports story for JR Reed, the following state winners were announced Saturday at the association’s luncheon at the Union Club

SECOND PLACE – Environment feature: ‘JR Reed; news story: Sydney Scarlata; feature photo: Reem Khondakar

THIRD PLACE – Editor: Brandy look; column: ‘Front Page’ by Reem Khondakar

The 2011 U-Highlights also won awards in three of the four categories in a new yearbook competition.

Midway wins national award in computing

Junior Patricia Perozo has been designated a National Winner in the 2012 NCWIT (National Center for Women and Information Technology) Computing Award.

Thirty-five high school students were selected for outstanding aptitude and interest in information technology and computing, leadership, outstanding academic standing, and community service.

Each winner received $500, a laptop computer, and all-expenses-paid trip to attend the awards ceremony.

Last year Patricia was a National Runner-Up in the contest.

Dancing with the stars

DANCING TO “Take Care” by Drake, Junior Ellen Ma was crowned the winner of the first Midway Goes Dancing competition in the Spring Variety Show May 25 in the Senior Lounge. Organized by Senior Danny Ilyin, the show was the second this year. Acts applauded by an enthusiastic audience included stand-up comedy and performances by student music groups. Photo by Lili Steffen.
How cartoonists Gene Cochrane and Lydia Cochrane saw the year

A school year of ups and downs and being whirled all around

The opening lap of the much-anticipated daily schedule that would bring the cherished double lunch period to an unfortun-
et end.

A six-year Principal, beloved among students and teachers alike, announcing his move to Red-
mond, Washington next fall.

An unofficial Senior Theme and “sexually sug-
gestive” dancing at Homecoming leading to the highly controversial Winter Formal Dance.

A ONCE LAID-BACK Artest showing student individ-
uals that U-Highers are signed to strictly prescribed locations with threat of detention.

And, to top it all off, one of the most Prom innovations in recent memory as a 50-
plus student flash mob helped a senior win his friend’s hand for the big dance.

To say these whirlwind last nine months have been made for a year-end change would be a under-
statement.

FOR MANY, the past few years were dubbed “years of transition,” but, as the block schedule
finally landed at 1362 East 59th Street last Sep-
tember, students, teachers, and faculty knew we would be in for quite a ride.

A ride that has featured some anticipated bumps along the way.

But a ride that didn’t lack monumental twists and turns either, some even the most veteran
members of this community couldn’t have pre-
dicted from the outset.

WITH THE REDUCTION of one period, we knew students would have difficulties enrolling in
Fine Arts courses, History electives, Beginning Journalism, and even science courses.

But, beyond the classroom, the most U-Highers found their extracurricular activities, particularly
Bel Canto and Peer Leading, faded and felt more stressed than in years past.

A schedule review committee was assembled to consider how to best deal with these problems
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What we do know: This school will continue to reigns July 1.

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After losing 3-0 in the first half of their Sectional Final against Manteno May 18 at the Chicago Christian Stadium, girls’ soccer players rallied giving up only two goals in the second half. The Maroons are led by Cocaptains Sarah Schact (all seniors) and mentored by Coach Bud James. Schact, swimming and soccer, was awarded the 38th Monilaw Award. The Maroons beat the Romans 8-3. Photo by Nathaniel Green

Girls’ Tennis

Taking first at Sectionals May 19 at home for the second year in a row, boys’ tennis sent five players to State May 24-26, facing over 100 opponents at 12 sites in the suburban northwest.

With a 4-8 (3-2 ISL) record, the Maroons took first over seven teams at Sectionals. First singles player Lucas Jeronim, junior, took the Singles Championship after beating his Brooks opponent in the 4th round. Lucas, Senior Aneesh Kanakamadela, Freshman Jesse Kim, Junior Jack Olson, and Sophomore James Duran qualified for State, where they scored points and placed 32nd. The Maroons are coached by Mr. Gerald Hanck. Lucas was named the Coach’s Award winner.

At STATE, Lucas won his 1st round match against Dunlap but lost his 2nd to Rockford. Lucas won his 2nd round consolation against Bradley but lost in 3rd round consolation to Northbrook. Jack and James won 1-2. Aneesh and Jesse finished 8-2.

“I won my State first round, which no one on the team did five years ago,” Lucas said. “I was against a pretty decent player. He was a player in the second set, but I managed to change my playing enough in the third set to finally win the match.”

Boys’ Tennis

Tennis seasons began by devastating season-ending injuries and a promising boys’ basketball campaign lasting shorter than we’d hope after a six-year coach’s resignation.

A girls’ swimming medley relay school record broken, and two coach’s in High Grad Bill Bystrom ‘10 (boxing) and Dean of Students Larry McFarlane (swimming) making surprising returns to their sports.

All have made for a quite a year in the realm of sports here at U-High.

In addition to those mentioned above, some notable moments that took place across Kenwood Mall included boys’ tennis players taking home the Illinois IHSA State Runner-up, girls’ track team’s pole vault vaulting record set, and girls’ soccer players taking home the Illinois IHSA State Runner-up. Girls’ tennis won their 2nd round match against Madison, and with the first full year under Coach Chad Stewart, we can anticipate another successful season, one that could take us even past Regionals.

Girls’ basketball championship, also look promising, as Junior Sophia Gatton, ILS first team selection, had 21 points in the final year and Freshman Kendall Rallins, second team all-ILS, built of off her high school basketball experience.

OFF OF THE COURT, track team’s potential looks high as well with the return of All-State runner Sarah Cuci, junior, and promising underclassmen Bess Johnson in the 400-meter and long distance runner Frank Waggoner.

Despite these promising teams, soccer, both on the boys and girls sides, will enter a stage of rehabilitation, after being stymied by injuries throughout the year.

The boys will unfortunately lose seven seniors, including Josh Kneip and Senior Duncan Holmes, fencing; Senior Andrew Medici for a year; and senior this year was Zach Janoski. Men’s tennis, including boys’ tennis, will return four

With endless possibilities making final season seem like a dream, it can be hard to keep your cool. Come on over to Medici for a shake topped with thick, homemade whipped cream. Or, pick up an iced-cool lemonade with real strawberries! We’re sure to please any study induced cravings you have.
Prom reaches new heights

READY FOR THEIR next course, seniors and their dates gathered for their prom. Anmol Gundeti eyed a red velvet cupcake while chatting with Charlie Green, who picked out her share of desserts from the long buffet table with her date, Duncan Holmes. Photo by Lili Steffen

GAZING OUT on dazzling city lights, Markus Hofkner and his date Michelle Ng, in a pink glittering dress, admire the view on the beautiful Spring evening. Photo by Jeff Li

AFTER DINNER, seniors and their dates moved to the beats of DJChi, known for his work with radio station 92.3 FM. As usual, Martin Garrett-Curie took over the dance floor, exhibiting his “Cat Daddy” while others watched and cheered him on. Photo by Lili Steffen

SERVERS CIRCLED the room as seniors and their dates nibbled on finger foods including sliders and bruschetta. Alika Roudi stood by a window offering a view of the city from 66 floors up as Lucy Cheng wipes her face after eating a quesadilla. Drinks including soda and juice were served at a bar near the entrance. Photo by Jeff Li

CUPCAKES, LEMON SQUARES, apple tarts, tiramisu and assorted candies adorned the tables in the “Candy Room” of the Willis Tower’s Metropolitan Club 7 p.m.-midnight last Saturday where 168 seniors and their dates gathered for their prom. Amol Gundeti eyed a red velvet cupcake while chatting with Charlie Green, who picked out her share of desserts from the long buffet table with her date, Duncan Holmes. Photo by Lili Steffen

IN ADDITION to a professional photographer, an instant photobooth and an artist were available. Sydney Fishman and Nicholas Phalen posed for a quick 15-minute caricature. Photo by Lili Steffen

READY FOR THEIR next course, seniors and their dates could choose from vegetarian ravioli and chicken risotto for a main course following a glamorous first course of Caesar Salad. Charlie Raitkin, Andrew Palmer, Sarah Curci, Alex Chang, Robert Radway, Taylor Crowl, and Tom Healy match the glamour. Photo by Lili Steffen

NOMINATED BY STUDENTS at they entered, Prom Committee Member Tomi Johnson crowned Prom King and Queen Christian Castañeda and Emma Davis, who coordinated her red dress with his bright tie. Photo by Lili Steffen