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May 13, 2026 Agenda Review Committee Follow-Ups

Agenda Review Committee (ARC) follow-ups are shared publicly so that members of the public can view responses to issues that directly impact the CPS community in advance of the Board’s consideration at regular Board meetings. Follow-ups are unanswered questions asked by Board Members during a public meeting. See the May 2026 ARC follow-ups and responses below.

Item Description	Follow-Up Question	District Response	Responding Department
Item 3: National Louis University PreK Observations	What is the cost estimate if we were to bring this service in house? Could we get an estimate over what that may look like moving forward? Would there be a potential for us to get additional services?	The initial estimated cost savings would be approximately \$400,000, assuming that a team of miscellaneous employees conduct the observations. It would take up to a year to form the internal team, which would need to be formed, trained, and certified in order to conduct 500 CLASS observations annually.	Office of Early Childhood Education
Item 16-18: Amend Charter Agreements: CICS, NWU & Urban Prep	Can you share the anticipated cost savings based on these amendments to charter agreements with the Board?	<p>The proposed 2026 Applications for Amendments (AFAs) are expected to create operational efficiencies and long-term sustainability improvements. Rowe projects more than \$1 million in annual savings through campus unification and reductions in duplicative operational costs, while also improving its projected \$86,000 FY26 surplus, pending the sale of the second property. Urban Prep projects a \$18,333 positive operational fund balance after reducing duplicative operations while maintaining current student services. CICS projects no financial impact from its grade-band shift, with overall enrollment remaining unchanged.</p> <p>CPS's role in charter school finances is one of oversight and accountability. Charter operators are responsible for managing their budgets, expenses, and financial decision-making. CPS cannot compel Charter schools to cut expenses in one area or use certain local unrestricted revenues for specific purposes.</p>	Office of Innovation & Incubation