

# City Extends WiFi Access

Mayor Brandon Johnson announced the extension of Chicago Public Schools' Chicago Connected program and the Chicago Park District's Citywide Broadband and Digital Equity Initiative. Both programs are focused on extending free Internet access to disinvested communities, serving more than 40,000 CPS students and 60 parks.

The Park's new infrastructure makes free broadband access available to patrons and extends service to the immediate community with antenna signals reaching 100 to 200 yards.

The first phase of installation has been at 27 fieldhouses. Beginning in the fall of this year, the second phase will focus on outdoor areas of the parks. The third and final phase, scheduled to begin in winter 2025, will refresh existing wi-fi connectivity at 100 additional locations.

Local parks that will receive Wi-Fi upgrades include: Archer, 4901 S. Kilbourn; Marquette, 6743 S. Kedzie and McKinley, 2210 W. Pershing rd.