

PURE *FACTSHEET* Duncan “Dodges” the Truth

“And so we have to stop lying to children. We have to tell them the truth.
We have to be transparent about data.”

– Arne Duncan, *National Press club*, May 29, 2009

What Secretary Duncan says

What the data show

<p>“Chicago success proves that we as a nation can expect dramatic and quick turnarounds in our lowest-performing schools.”</p> <p><i>Education Week essay, June 12, 2009</i></p>	<p>Research shows that Chicago's new schools perform only “on par” with traditional neighborhood schools.</p> <p><i>Rand Corporation (2008), SRI International (2009)</i></p>
<p>“We had a school that we did -- we turned it around. The students left -- they came back – (Dodge) was one of the worst schools in Chicago; that in the third or fourth year of the turnaround had the highest gain of any elementary school in the state.</p> <p><i>National Press Club, May 29, 2009</i></p>	<p>Only 12 students who were enrolled at Dodge when it was closed in 2002 were still there in 2005.</p> <p><i>Memo, CPS Research Dept., 3/20/2006</i></p>
<p>“With a new high school in North Lawndale where 95 percent of the children graduate...I am convinced we can finally get to what Dr. King talked about.”</p> <p><i>National Press Club, May 29, 2009</i></p>	<p>Graduation rate for North Lawndale College Charter High School is 46.8%.</p> <p><i>2008 Illinois school report card</i></p>
<p>“In every elementary and middle school we turned around, attendance rates improved.”</p> <p><i>Education Week essay, June 12, 2009</i></p>	<p>Attendance at the 2007 “turnaround model,” Sherman Elementary, dropped from 91.4% the year prior to the takeover to 90.6% in the first year of the takeover. Attendance nearly recovered its pre-takeover rate at 91.3% in 2008.</p> <p><i>Illinois Interactive Report Card aggregate data</i></p>
<p>"What we did in Chicago is we moved the adults out. We kept the children, and brought in new teams of adults. Same children, same families, same socioeconomic challenges, same neighborhoods, same buildings, different set of expectations, different set of beliefs. And what we saw was dramatic change."</p> <p><i>National Press Club, May 29, 2009</i></p>	<p>Other post-turnaround data for “turnaround model” Sherman are even more troubling. By 2008, the data show a 20 percent drop in enrollment, a 10 percent drop in the number of low-income children, and a 17% increase in the mobility rate. True, that's dramatic change, but not in a good way!</p> <p><i>2008 Illinois school report card</i></p>