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***From State Representative Sara Feigenholtz***

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**On April 1st, Sara Feigenholtz, Mission Propelle, Open Books, and Dabble Kids respond to the CTU Day of Action with a Day of Empowerment**

(CHICAGO – March 28, 2016) As community organizations, faith leaders, parents, and neighbors come together to support Chicago’s children during the CTU Day of Action, Dabble Kids offers families instant access to a [variety](#) of fun, educational and affordable classes, camps, and activities. Highlighting the offerings that day, State Rep. Sara Feigenholtz joins Dabble Kids’ partners [Mission Propelle and Open Books](#) for an afternoon of yoga, arts and crafts, literacy and leadership.

As CPS and CTU work to bridge their differences, Feigenholtz hopes to keep the focus of the day squarely on our students. “We should always tell young women to be happy with who they are,” she says. “Mission Propelle undoubtedly does this, and does it well.” Mission Propelle founder and CEO Annie Warshaw explains, “Our mission is to empower girls to know who they are, what they believe and how to advocate for themselves. We currently serve over seventy schools in the Chicagoland area and are thrilled to serve the families of Chicago during this event. We are positive girls will walk out of the workshop feeling confident and ready to return to the classroom the following week.”

When Mission Propelle needed a non-CPS location for the day’s program, Open Books came to the rescue. “Open Books has worked to empower girls and boys through our innovative literacy programs for ten years,” says program director Cary Mele. “We’re excited to be sharing our colorful space for yet another Dabble Cares event that mixes fun with transformative educational experiences.”

In addition to the Mission Propelle workshop, Dabble Kids is also featuring several children’s activities on Friday, including an all-day maker camp at Bit Space, Tae Kwon Do instruction at H.M.D. Academy, Mathemania at the Chicago Children’s Museum, LEGO building at the Chicago Architecture Foundation, and a writing class from best-selling children’s author, Lindsay Currie.

Dabble Kids, which currently represents more than sixty of Chicago’s top youth-providing organizations, is determined to make out-of-school learning more accessible. “We want to empower our young people to see Chicago as both their playground and classroom,” says Dabble Kids Director, Jacqueline von Edelberg. Beyond offering classes, Dabble Kids connects families

with volunteer activities, intergenerational programs, and service learning projects. “We’re reimagining how parents can raise kids in the city. When we bring communities together in service of our children, all things are possible.”

“We know our students are more than test scores,” Feigenholtz asserts. “Kudos to Dabble Kids for helping to transform Chicago's learning landscape!”

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### **About Mission Propelle**

[Mission Propelle](#) empowers girls in elementary school to discover who they are, what they believe, and how to advocate for themselves. We accomplish this through an after-school program that combines yoga, reading, and mentoring. In each one-hour class, girls develop mindfulness and self-confidence as they practice yoga. They learn how to solve problems by reading original storybooks starring Dottie Tov, a relatable and age-aligned female protagonist. Throughout class, girls learn to apply leadership skills in their everyday lives as they receive situation-based mentorship from trained instructors.

### **About Open Books**

[Open Books](#) is a nonprofit social venture that provides literacy experiences for tens of thousands of readers each year through inspiring programs and the creative capitalization of books.

Through our [Instructional Programs](#), we cultivate the literacy skills of thousands of children and youth each year, from those who need intervention to those who desire enrichment.

Through our [Book Programs](#), we provide readers of all ages with engaging, appropriate, and high-quality books. Each week, we deliver thousands of books to schools and nonprofits across Chicagoland.

### **About Dabble**

[Dabble](#) is a Chicago-based online marketplace for people to teach, discover and host affordable classes in their community. Dabble offers classes on a range of topics, from creative writing and computer programming to glass blowing and beekeeping. With the launch of [Dabble Kids](#), families now have instant access to the city’s best youth-serving organizations and independent experts.