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Bridget Lee is the Manager of Performance Policy for Chicago Public Schools where she manages the School Quality Rating Policy (SQRP) for Chicago's 650 district and charter schools. Since joining the team at CPS, she has led a group of stakeholders that includes educators, school leaders, research partners and district officials in evaluating and improving current policy up through the next phase of SQRP.

Originally an accounting major at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business, Bridget discovered her passion for education while interning in Chicago with KPMG, a global network of professional firms providing audit, tax and advisory services. During the internship Bridget successfully organized her fellow interns in raising money to purchase books for a local Boys and Girls Club. After delivering the books and meeting the students, Bridget was inspired to pursue a career in education. She returned to Indiana University and founded a local tutoring initiative called Read to Succeed, which pairs college students with local elementary school students who are reading below grade level.

After graduating with her Bachelors of Science in Business Administration and Marketing, Bridget taught fifth and sixth grade through Teach For America while earning her Master of Arts in Teaching. She then transitioned to the Mayor's Office of Education Innovation in Indianapolis where she worked alongside Mayor Greg Ballard and partnered with over 100 local community organizations to provide thousands of Indianapolis resident's with school quality information.

Bridget was ecstatic when she acquired the opportunity to return to Chicago in 2015 to organize local educators with a national teacher advocacy organization, Educators for Excellence. Her firm belief that every student deserves access to an excellent education led her to join the School Quality Measurement and Research team with Chicago Public Schools in March 2017.

