

**Navy Pier Statement Regarding Chicago Children's Museum  
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On behalf of the Board and staff of Navy Pier Inc. (NPI), I would like to express how pleased we are that Chicago Children's Museum is extending its stay at the Pier under a 90-year lease agreement.

Chicago Children's Museum (CCM) has been a popular and culturally significant destination providing valuable and unique educational opportunities for the Children of Chicagoland.

CCM has been an important community resource at the Pier for years, and will serve as a cornerstone of the Pier's reimagining as laid out in the *Centennial Vision* framework.

A vital part of our mission is to provide a variety of cultural and commercial activities and a mix of attractions for families as well as other audiences seeking entertainment, dining and retail options.

When you put these elements together with a dramatic redesign of the Pier's public spaces, or *Pierscape*, there's no question that this nearly 100-year-old Chicago icon will be a global destination for decades to come.

Navy Pier will have more to announce in coming weeks about the *Pierscape* designed by renowned landscape architect James Corner and his team, but today we celebrate this significant step with CCM to stay at the Pier and grow.

Given the recent enthusiasm surrounding this decision and its importance to helping the Pier continue its mission to be the "People's Pier" and helping make the Pier a world-class destination befitting of our world-class City, we are happy to share the details of the release.

We look forward to working with CCM in the months and years ahead as it completes its expansion and welcomes even more families from Illinois and around the world.