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An Interview with Laurent Pernot

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Laurent Pernot was born in Mountbeliard, France in 1970. He attended the Lycee Courier in France and graduated from Elk Grove High School in 1989. He earned a bachelor's degree and a master of art degree in Political Science from The University of Illinois in Chicago. He is the author of the upcoming book *Before the Ivy: the Cubs in Pre-Wrigley Chicago*. He has worked as a reporter, translator, public affairs, and as vice president of a consulting firm.

In 2011 he was named Executive Vice Chairman of the City Colleges of Chicago (CCC), a collection of seven community colleges and six satellite sites throughout Chicago, the largest city based community college system in the nation. Pernot serves as a member of the Chancellor's Cabinet. In this capacity, he helps drive efficiency and accountability across the Seven College District. This includes the areas of enrollment, support services, graduation and retention rates, career pathways, performance outcomes, and the system's Capital Plan. He discusses the governance and organization of the City Colleges system, and also the system's reinvention plan in detail.

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