WHY WE SUPPORT SB1

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• SB1 helps all kids across the state, but helps the neediest student first.
• Every district gains funding out of SB1.
• SB1 does not cut funding from any school district, now or in the future.
• SB1 does not play zip-code politics.
• Signing SB1 would immediately give parents, teachers, and communities certainty that schools will open and stay open.
• SB1 provides parity in teacher pension funding.
  • Currently the state pays $896 million in normal costs and $2.6 billion legacy costs pension payments for all districts outside of Chicago.
  • SB1 brings Chicago into the same system by providing $221 million in normal costs of pensions.
  • SB1 accounts for the fact that CPS must pay its unfunded pension liability and those dollars can’t go both to pensions and the classroom.
• SB1 fixes our broken school funding system that is the worst in the nation.

WHY WE DON’T SUPPORT THE GOVERNOR’S “PLAN”

• There isn’t a plan or a model for distributing funding. There are just numbers on a website.
• The Governor’s website say it cuts existing funding from kids (zip codes) in Chicago.
  • We do not support a plan that cuts existing funding from districts.
• The Governor’s words on SB1 and his website are inconsistent.
  • The Governor’s website says CPS will get its normal pension costs, despite his claims that SB1 is a CPS pension bailout.
  • The Governor says he wants a fair and equitable system but the numbers on his website take existing money from Chicago, which is 84% low-income.

WHAT DO WE THINK THE GOVERNOR’S NUMBERS REFLECT?

We cannot verify but we think this is what the Governor is doing:
• Cut $203 Million from CPS kids and redistribute those dollars through the formula.
  • Under this scenario CPS would receive $130M from the formula, but lose $203M they receive currently, a net loss of $73M.
• Pull $221M in CPS pension payments out of SB1 and into a side bucket for Chicago.
  • We think including CPS pension costs in SB1 protects CPS and the entire state
    – Chicago gets certainty in their pension payment
    – It is better if all funding is in an integrated system so there are no side buckets of money.
• No bill has emerged for this proposal

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TAKE ACTION

WHAT CAN YOU DO AND HOW CAN FIX THE FORMULA HELP?
Our coalition has several ways to support your efforts to share facts on SB1.

✉ Sample letter to parents explaining the facts on SB1
🗣 Host a town hall conversation or public forum
📢 Share call to action scripts for elected officials
💡 Participate in a local press conference
📊 Create infographics for your school or community
⏰ Join our coalition calls to coordinate tactics with peers and allies

Share our communications toolkit for your school district or organization
  • Fact sheets
  • Newsletter blurb
  • Facebook/Twitter post

To download these materials and for more information go to
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