

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

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



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