



TALKING POINTS REGARDING AMENDATORY VETO OF SENATE BILL 1

- **We support Senate Bill 1.** Senate Bill 1 is the only long-term solution for our broken school funding system.
- Senate Bill 1 is a win for every district in the state and doesn't pit students against each other.
- The Governor's veto violates our core principles for fairness.
- The Governor's veto is not only deeply inequitable to poor, low-income communities but it also harms the middle class communities across the state.

SENATE BILL 1 ADHERES TO OUR CORE PRINCIPLES; THE VETO VIOLATES THESE PRINCIPLES:

1. SB 1 Recognizes individual student needs, the amendatory veto does not.

- The veto does not account for the full cost of an adequate education, such as regional differences in wages or pension contributions.
- For example, the veto does not allow educator salaries to keep pace with inflation over time, which harms low-income and middle-class communities.

2. SB 1 Accounts for local ability to pay, the amendatory veto does not.

- The veto makes PTELL and TIF districts look better funded by local property taxes than they actually are, which makes those districts less eligible for state aid. This harms low-income and middle-class communities.

3. SB 1 begins to closes gaps between low-income and wealthier students, the amendatory veto will not

- The amendatory veto hurts the neediest districts if the state doesn't provide a minimum level of funding. It also weakens the state's commitment to education funding overall.
- Excluding CPS normal pension costs places CPS outside the formula and at risk in the future.

4. SB 1 Provides a stable, sustainable system that gets all districts to adequacy over time

- Veto removes protection in case of pension cost shift. All districts become vulnerable to a normal pension cost shift.
- Veto's adjustments to adequacy cheapens the state's commitment to funding public education overall.
- The veto does not account for the fact that Chicago still must pay their legacy pensions and those dollars cannot be spent on both pensions that it can't spend in the classroom.

5. Under SB 1 No district loses money

- Cuts more than \$200 million from students in Chicago. CPS is the largest school districts in the state, serving an 85% low-income student population, would lose funding.
- Districts that lose enrollment will also lose existing dollars, starting in 2020, even if the district hasn't reached adequate funding.

CALL TO ACTION / CONCLUSION

- The Illinois General Assembly must override of the Governor's veto so that schools can open on time and we can put in place a fair and adequate system of school funding.
- Under SB1, Illinois has—for the first time ever—a formula that shows what resources districts need to educate students using those practices that research shows enhance student achievement.
- SB1 is a win for the entire state and would be a historic fix Illinois' long-broken funding system. We urge an override of the amendatory veto of Senate Bill 1.