



SB1 is not a CPS bailout

Governor Rauner vetoed a historic school funding bill and is holding all school funding in Illinois hostage because he says he's not going to "bail out" Chicago Public Schools. But Chicago is the *only* district in Illinois that pays for its teacher pensions with almost no state contribution.

- In 1995, the state **committed to paying 20-30%** of what it paid into downstate and suburban pensions to Chicago.
- Since then, the state has shorted Chicago by about \$7 billion while continuing to pay employer pension cost for every other school district in Illinois.
- This means the state owes CPS over \$700 million for last year alone.
- Chicago—home to 20% of Illinois' public school children—is one of the **most financially-disadvantaged** large urban school districts in the country.
- In Illinois, the poorest, most high-need school districts receive **less** state funding than the wealthiest.
- Illinois ranks **last** in the country in percentage of funding for public K-12 education that comes from the state.

**Chicago students don't need a bailout.
They need fair funding.**

Call Governor Rauner and tell him to *end* Illinois' "savage inequality" and ensure that Chicago gets an equitable share of state funding: 217-782-0244

