



**ADVOCATES FOR POLICIES  
AND LEGISLATION THAT  
PROTECT AND STRENGTHEN  
PUBLIC EDUCATION**

*Founded in 2016 as a sister org to IL  
Raise Your Hand, we've made pivotal  
progress in two years:*

*Helped pass a parents'-rights bill for  
special ed, a testing transparency bill,  
and CPS facilities bill*

*Passed a class-size goals bill in the IL  
General Assembly (Gov Rauner vetoed)*

*Connected and trained parents in over  
20 legislative & aldermanic districts  
to advocate together*

*Engaged thousands to submit witness  
slips on critical public ed bills*

*Established a consistent presence in  
Springfield to effectively engage with  
legislators and decision makers*

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# **WE'RE WORKING FOR**

## **FAIR AND EQUITABLE FUNDING**

We need to fund the formula! The IL General Assembly "fixed" the school funding formula, and now they need to fund it. Illinois schools need an additional \$7 billion of funding to be adequately funded..

## **DEMOCRATIC AND TRANSPARENT SCHOOL GOVERNANCE**

We've participated in the fight for an elected representative school board since 2012 with a number of community organizations. We won't stop until there's better transparency and accountability in the CPS school system.

## **STUDENT DATA PRIVACY PROTECTIONS**

RYHA is one of the only groups on the ground in Springfield working to protect student data from being sold for profit and targeted ads. We're working to get a bill passed that would improve privacy protections.

## **PUBLIC DOLLARS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

RYHA supports legislation to weaken the IL State Charter School Commission, and we are pushing back on the tax credit scholarship/voucher scam that has hit IL. We are not against existing charters, but continuing to funnel taxpayer dollars to a parallel system of privately-run publicly funded schools, whether as charter schools or vouchers, undermines the public good.

## **REDUCTION OF HIGH STAKES TESTING**

We helped an opt-out bill pass in the IL House in 2015, but it failed to move in the Senate. We support legislation that reduces the emphasis on high-stakes tests.

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

RYHA has been instrumental in getting a state monitor to oversee SPED services in CPS. We support legislation to strengthen parents' rights and to require dedicated funding of special ed services.