



# Carols for Fair Funding

## *Let it Snow!*

Oh, the weather outside is frightful  
And our Governor he is so spiteful  
While Chicago students needs do grow  
All he does is veto and veto.

He doesn't show signs of spending  
And the cuts are never-ending  
Our budgets are way down low  
And all he does is veto and veto.

When we finally fund our schools  
More Chicago kids' potential will rule  
In Winnetka they spend much more.  
We need equity with the North Shore!

The clock is surely ticking  
Our kids learning must keep kicking  
But disparities grow, grow, grow  
Rauner, make our kids equal—no veto!



## *Do They Know it's Christmastime?*

It's Christmastime; and schools need more revenue  
Our budgets are drained, and you know why and we do too

'Cause in our state of plenty we could fund the public good  
Throw our arms around our schools at Christmastime

But in Illinois, we underfund our children's schools  
At Christmastime  
But actually the whole year through

And our governor is heartless  
Though his daughter went to Payton  
And an override could save us  
But for that vote we're still waitin'



So the Speaker of the House  
So the Senate President  
Well today let's call them all and give them hell!

And there shouldn't be joy in Springfield this Christmastime  
Our legislators haven't done their jobs for years  
Oh, where nothing ever passes  
No budget with sufficient taxes  
Do they know it's Christmastime at all?

Here's to us, their angry constituents  
Here's to them, when they finally hear our laments,  
Do they know it's Christmastime at all?

Fund our schools  
Fund our schools  
Fund our schools  
Let them know it's Christmastime again  
Fund our schools  
Let them know it's Christmastime again

## *Carol of the Bells*

Please fund our schools  
Our public schools  
From the boardroom  
Budget cuts loom

Rauner said nope  
We need some hope  
Class sizes grow  
Great is our woe

Ding dong ding dong  
That is our song  
Move out of state  
It's not too late  
Credit ratings fall  
Lord help us all  
Illinois' not poor  
This is a war

On public schools  
Fund public schools  
Year after year  
Kids in New Trier

Have well-resourced schools  
That's what we hear  
Might we find equity  
Under our Christmas tree?

New funding formula  
And graduated income tax

Banks will not lend  
On without end  
Let's look into  
Tax revenue



Ding dong ding dong  
Ding dong ding dong

Cuts have been made  
But bills still unpaid  
Can't get ahead  
Still in the red

Please fund our schools  
Our public schools  
Next fiscal year  
Bring us good cheer

It's been too long  
Singing this song  
Call your reps now  
Just ask us how

A handwritten letter  
That's even better  
Knock on their door  
Ask them for more

New funding formula  
And graduated income tax

Please fund our schools  
Our public schools  
Illinois is not poor  
This is a war  
On public schools  
Fund public schools



## *Joy to the World*

Rauner's veto  
Means CPS  
Is going to run out of money  
They are not crumbling prisons  
They're schools for our children  
Please call your representative  
Demand an override  
Our children  
Our children  
Deserve better than this

