

Parents 4 Teachers

Standing up for teachers means standing up for our kids

Get Involved! Parent Action Steps

The Chicago Teachers Union (CTU) is fighting for the services, programs and funds our schools need. But they need our help. As parents, we need to step up and join the fight.

Demand the Mayor Return TIF Funds to Our Schools

The mayor controls an estimated \$1 billion in unallocated Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds. These are taxpayer dollars that have been diverted from our schools and parks and funneled to the mayor's pet projects like the DePaul stadium. Returning the TIF funds could help close the CPS budget gap this year and prevent layoffs and pay cuts for teachers.

- ✓ Urge your alderman to support the *TIF Surplus Resolution*. Urge your state rep to support *HB 4560, the Distressed Schools TIF Surplus Act*.

Demand CPS Take Action Against Bad Bank Deals

CPS entered into bad deals, known as toxic interest rate swaps, that are costing our schools over \$200 million this year. The mayor refuses to renegotiate the deals or take legal action against the banks, even though other cities have won big settlements and rebates.

- ✓ Call Bank of America President Tim Maloney at **312-904-8262** and Mayor Emanuel **773-744-3300** and demand they renegotiate the swap deals. If they won't budge, the city can threaten to stop doing business with them.

A Representative Elected School Board: HB 0557

P4T, the CTU and dozens of community groups across the city joined together and won passage of HB 0557, which would end mayoral control of our schools and enact a Representative Elected School Board (ERSB). On to the state senate.

- ✓ Ask your state senator to co-sponsor **HB 0557** and demand that Senate President John Cullerton call the bill for a vote.

Join a Parents 4 Teachers Action Group

P4T works to make sure our teachers and schools have the support and resources they need and deserve. We're an all volunteer group and can use your help. Even an hour a week can make a big difference. Contact info@parents4teachers.net to get involved.

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