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Statement by Marilyn Stewart, President of the Chicago Teachers Union, on the sudden death of CBOE President Michael Scott

CTU President Marilyn Stewart released the following statement early this morning on the reported death of Chicago Board of Education President Michael Scott.

"I am saddened by the sudden death of President Scott. This is a tragic loss for his family and children who earlier this year lost their mother to illness. I want to extend my deepest condolences to the family and his fellow colleagues at the Board.

I spoke with Michael on Saturday afternoon regarding matters on the agenda for this week's Board of Education meeting. He recently told me he didn't think he was going to be around for long and saw his appointment as president being an interim one.

I found Michael to be someone who worked with the union in a cooperative manner and who was willing to hear the other side of any issue. I believe he was dedicated to doing what was best for the children in Chicago Public Schools and his death leaves a huge void to fill at a time when the Board desperately needs stability in its leadership."

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The Chicago Teachers Union represents 32,000 teachers and educational support personnel working in the Chicago Public Schools. CTU, an affiliate of the American Federation of Teachers and the Illinois Federation of Teachers, is the third largest union in the country and the largest local union in Illinois.

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