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Statement of CTU President Marilyn Stewart
In Response to Budget Cut Proposals of CEO Ron Huberman

CTU President Marilyn Stewart released the following statement Thursday afternoon in response to CEO Ron Huberman's budget cut proposals.

"Faced with a severe fiscal crisis, Chicago Public Schools CEO Ron Huberman is now asking the CTU to work with him in seeking additional funding from the state legislature. That is something CTU has been advocating for several years because we have always felt what is needed a long-range solution for a school district that is continually under-funded by the state. And so we will work with Mr. Huberman on that score.

"But at the same time, I want to make it clear that we will not agree to any proposal that either destroys our contract or fails to maintain the integrity of our pension system. Nor will we tolerate the implied threats being made by Mr. Huberman that he may have to cut programs and services for our students or lay off teachers.

"This isn't a choice. The Chicago Board of Education must honor the contract it signed with CTU and, at the same time, provide a well-rounded education for its 600,000 students. They deserve no less."

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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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