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***Statement by Marilyn Stewart, President of the Chicago Teachers Union, on Mayor Daley's Response to Grade Changing Allegations***

CTU President Marilyn Stewart released a strongly worded statement late Tuesday on Mayor Richard Daley's response to the grade changing survey results released over the weekend.

**MUST BE USED IN ITS ENTIRETY:**

"The teachers are not the problem; they are the victims. The pressure comes from their superiors, as clearly demonstrated by those who responded to the survey. These teachers should be commended for shedding light on this very serious issue. Any investigation should begin with those putting pressure on the teachers."

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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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