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This bulletin is the third in a series distributed by staff at your school to provide regular updates on our negotiations for a new contract to succeed our current agreement which expires on June 30, 2012.

Let's unleash the power of 30,000.

Teacher-bashing groups like Stand for Children have billions of dollars behind them and hope to influence our contract negotiations. Are you tired of the media and politicians slamming public education? Those billions buy a lot of influence in high places.

We have something that *NONE* of these groups have -- 30,000 members.

What good is that power if we don't show it?

October 10th, CTU is partnering with Stand Up Chicago! to demand that City Officials and Wealthy Corporations pay their fair share and fund our schools.

4pm -- Meet at the Board of Trade (LaSalle and Jackson) and March to CPS, City Hall and the Art Institute.

They display their power in the media outlets they control; we show our power in the streets.

*March for dignity.
March for educational justice.
March for respect .*

It's crucial that your staff attend this action and others like it in **FULL FORCE**.

One aspect of this assault is Tax Increment Financing (TIF). Although we know that TIFs siphon off \$250 million each year from cash-strapped schools, the media blames our salaries and pensions for the budget shortfall.

We're taking this to City Hall!

CTU is sponsoring two important proposed city ordinances on October 5th.

- Responsible Budget Ordinance — TIF Reform CTU and our partners in the Grassroots Collaborative have initiated this ordinance, which calls for 50% of all unused TIF funds from districts with balances over \$5 million to



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be declared as surplus and returned to city services, such as schools and parks.

- The Vacant Properties Ordinance will require banks to pay for 24-hour security in vacant properties located near schools.

Please tell your alderman to sign on as a co-sponsor of these ordinances. Figure out a plan of action in your school's Contract Action Committee.

If you need support, call our office at 312-329-9100 to get help from our Organizing Department.