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# Contract Bulletin

# #4

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*This bulletin is the fourth 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.*

## Stop Pension Attacks!

There are two bills in Springfield that, if passed, will alter your pension severely. Last spring up to 100,000 calls and emails stopped Pension Bill SB512.

*Let's do it again!*

**HB3827** will replace your democratically-elected Pension Board with mayoral appointees.

**SB512** will reduce pension benefits by requiring current contributors to choose one of three plans that will weaken the fund while requiring larger contributions.

### What You Can Do

Contact your representatives today and tell them to **vote NO on HB3827 and SB512**. Visit [CTU.net.com/PensionSOS](http://CTU.net.com/PensionSOS) to automatically connect to your elected officials. Take a day to lobby for your future, too! Click to sign up for **Lobby Day, Wednesday, October 26th** on that same web page.

## IELRB Issues Complaint on Illegal Waiver Votes.

On October 13, the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board (IELRB) issued a complaint against CPS for coercing longer school day votes in more than 13 schools. The complaint includes unfair labor practices (ULP) used by CPS such as: threats of layoffs and school closures, offers of incentives, and preventing the Union from playing its contractual role in the waiver process.

The IELRB has ordered a hearing on its complaint for December 14, 2011. If upheld, the complaint could lead to a ruling that CPS's actions were illegal.

On October 20th, the IELRB will determine whether to seek preliminary injunctive relief to block the extended school day from taking place based upon the ULPs.

We need to keep the pressure on CPS!

### What You Can Do

We included a petition to CEO Brizard in Contract Bulletin #2 demanding that CPS negotiate in good faith, and stop going around the CTU to alter the contract. If you need additional copies, at [CTU.net.com/CEOPetition](http://CTU.net.com/CEOPetition) you can download the petition.

## Take Back Chicago!

On October 10th, over 10,000 union members and community advocates marched against the corporate greed that has stolen from our schools, taken people's homes and driven unemployment through the roof under the banner "Take Back Chicago." Protestors sat down on Monroe Street outside of a major bankers' reception to tell them to pay their fair share. Activists were removed by police and issued citations for blocking the entrance to the Art Institute, including CTU Vice President Jesse Sharkey, Financial Secretary Kristine Mayle and six other CTU members.