

Better Schools



Smaller class sizes have been proven effective in improving learning.



Safe Schools have full staffing, after school programs and adults trained to handle students' issues in a firm, consistent and supportive manner.



Equitable financing — give each school and each community its fair share of resources based on need, not clout.



Limits on the use of standardized tests and restoration of recess, library, art, music, languages, physical education and computer classes will return teaching and learning to their rightful place as the focus of our schools and bring back the joy in learning.



A strong teachers union backed up by a contract that protects students, families and educators and improves schools. We need the power to negotiate for smaller class sizes, adequate length of school day, optimal teaching assignments, full course offerings, well-designed school structures and a fair evaluation system. Our contract should not tolerate competition for scarce resources between educators, departments, schools or state regions.



As educators, we know what it takes to effectively serve our students. Now we need to share our expertise with those running for elected office. Visit, call and e-mail the candidates and take these talking points with you. Let them know their stance on education is important to you on Election Day and every day of the year.

A Better System



A Representative Elected School Board and strong Local School Councils



A Superintendent of CPS with educational experience and visionary leadership



TIF Reform — Return the \$250 million in TIFs taken from public schools each year



Give all students a high quality education with fully qualified teachers in place on day one of each school year and provide robust services for special needs and English language learners



A complete audit of CPS's ability to serve our students by evaluating state law, CPS school policy, CPS programs, Central Office and area-wide administrative, management and budgeting practices