

# WE STAND WITH THE CHICAGO TEACHERS IN THE FIGHT FOR:

- **Smaller class sizes.** Classes of 35 to 45 students are absolutely unacceptable, and even 30 students in a classroom is too high.
- **A library and for a librarian in every school.** Three-quarters of CPS schools have no librarian.
- **A social worker in every school.** Since 2013 the number of CPS social workers has fallen from 378 to 309.
- **A union nurse in every school.** There are just over 160 certified school nurses serving nearly 400,000 students, down from over 200 in 2013.
- **Stable classrooms.** CPS must stop laying off experienced teachers because new hires are paid less. The number of African-American teachers has been more than cut in half over the past two decades.
- **Full funding of special education.** CPS must reverse cuts and increase special education teachers.
- **An end to attacks on majority Black and Latino schools.** CPS focused its closure of 50 schools in 2014 on Black and Latino neighborhoods.
- **No cuts in compensation.** Teachers work extremely hard and deserve fair pay. There should be no cuts in compensation. In 2014 the Chicago fire fighters' union and Chicago police officers' union each signed a five-year contract with the City giving an 11% raise, or 2.2% a year.
- The Chicago Teachers Union is making the case not just for themselves, but for the **schools that Chicago's students deserve.** The union supports an ordinance that would release up to \$400 million in TIF surplus funds to stabilize the district's finances. Renegotiating high-interest loans would save CPS and taxpayers tens of millions of dollars.

Local School Contact Info:

## WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- \* Call Mayor Rahm Emanuel at (312) 744-3334 and tell him to agree to a fair contract.
- \* Join the picket lines in the event of a strike.
- \* Organize a parent-community support meeting for teachers--ask the PTA and LSC for support.
- \* Join the Chicago Teachers Solidarity Committee to help coordinate support citywide.