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Chicago Public Schools Stimulus Budget

What values does a pandemic school budget reflect?

Unit Overview

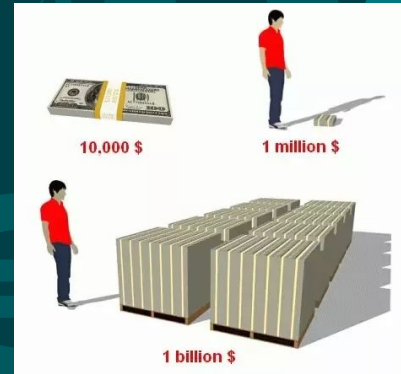
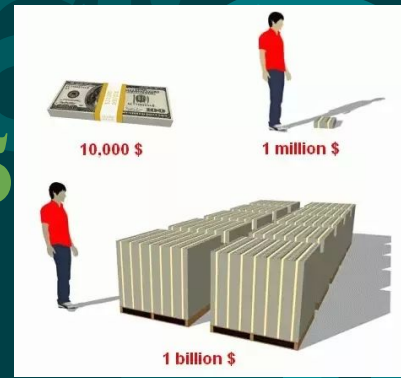
- Lesson 1: What would you do with \$2 billion?
- Lesson 2: Creating my school's stimulus budget
- Lesson 3: Advocacy and organizing
- Lesson 3.5: Graphing your efforts



Bellringer Day 1

Recently, the organization Public Citizen found that 40% of all US Covid deaths, which currently total over 600,000 people, were a result of a lack of medical insurance. Students and families are dealing with depression, lack of internet access, threats of eviction, and loss of income.

**If you learned that suddenly you had \$2 billion to help students and families in the Chicago Public Schools, what would you do with it?
How would you spend it?**



Introduction/Lesson 1: What would you do with \$ 2 billion?

- How much are schools getting from federal stimulus? [Chalkbeat](#)
- What kind of spending is eligible for stimulus support? (See next slide)
- Break into teams of 2-3 and review [BLM at School demands](#)
- Discuss your top demands as a whole class
- Take the Google Form Survey to get budget backgrounds and prioritize your demands
- Closing: Generate at least one question for the Mayor, CPS CEO Janice Jackson and the Board of Education



What demands resonate the most with you? Why? Share with 2 other classmates

BLM AT SCHOOL

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The Demands.

WEEK OF ACTION
NATIONAL DEMANDS

- ★ END ZERO TOLERANCE
- ★ MANDATE BLACK HISTORY & ETHNIC STUDIES
- ★ HIRE MORE BLACK TEACHERS
- ★ FUND COUNSELORS NOT COPS





Analyzing and Imagining the CPS Budget

Using News reports and CPS Budget Announcements you will reimagine the budget to meet your needs and that of our school communities

Your email address will be recorded when you submit this form.

Not [japotter@cps.edu](#)? [Switch account](#)

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Post Survey Discussion

1. What trends and patterns did you notice?
2. What is your prediction on what you and your classmates think are the main priorities we should address with this new money?
3. How do your priorities compare and contrast with the Mayor's the School Board, the Teachers Union, and community organizations?



Chicago Public Schools Stimulus Budget Areas

→ Sustainable Community Schools

- Parent outreach and programming
- Parent Mentors
- Counseling and mental health services

→ Homeless Services

- Transportation, job and housing services, housing vouchers for Students in Temporary Living Situations

→ School Resource Officers

- Costs each school \$150k

→ Mental Health Clinics and Services

- Lighting, street resurfacing, bridges, water projects

→ Nursing

- Planning and development, housing

→ Counseling

→ Rodent control, tree trimming, garbage and recycling pick-up

→ Home visit program

- Stipends for PSRPs and Teachers for summer home visits

→ Libraries and Librarians

→ Central Office and Network

→ Administration

→ Summer Jobs

1. \$1000 stipends for 10,000 students

→ Arts and Music

Bellringer: Day 2

Looking at your class' top 3 priorities from yesterday (use a graph from the google form summary tool), what patterns and discrepancies do you notice from your own preferences? Do you think we can win these investments if we work together?



Lesson 2 - Spreading the Love -- Building your CPS Stimulus Budget

- [Percents Brainpop](#) & [Ratios Brainpop](#)
- Google Classroom Assignment - Chicago Public Schools stimulus budget tab 2
 - Determine your school budget
 - Plug in your top preferences and priorities by ranking them and creating your own CPS stimulus budget
 - Explain your choices and outcomes
 - Closing: Generate at least one question for the Mayor, CPS CEO Janice Jackson and the Board of Education





Rank your Concerns

Service	Costs	Notes	Rank
School-Based Health Center	\$500,000	Cost per school, serves the whole community and surrounding schools	
Full-time school nurse	\$100,000	Cost per staff, recommended ratio of 1 to 750 students	
Mental health practitioner or social worker	\$100,000	Cost per staff, recommended ratio of 1 to 250 students	
Restorative Justice Coordinator	\$75,000	Cost per staff, at least 1 per school	
Sustainable Community Schools	\$500,000 to \$1,000,000 per school	Based on size of school	
Home visit personnel	\$150,000	Cost for two staff per school	
Additional staff (arts & music enrichment, special education, etc.)	\$100,000	Per staff	
School Resource Officer (police officer)	\$150,000	Cost per staff for High School	
Librarian	\$100,000		
Counselor	\$100,000		
Provide housing voucher for avg 40 homeless students per school	\$4,000,000		Per school
Lower Class sizes to 25 students per core class (Math, Science, History, Eng)	\$400,000	Average cost per school for 2000 more teacher positions to lower class size	
CPS Debt Service to Banks	\$150,000,000		2020 Cost



Lesson 3 - Organize and Advocate

- Youth Activist [Catyln Savado](#)
- Practice creating different graph types of your budget
 - Pie Chart
 - Bar or Column Graph
- What graph type(s) help you explain your school budget?
- Closing: Generate at least one question for the Mayor, CPS CEO Janice Jackson and the Board of Education



Bellringer Lesson 3: Advocacy and Organizing

- After reviewing [Alderman Jeanette Taylor's](#) critique of Mayor Lightfoot's budget, what resonated with you?
- How can you make your own voice heard throughout the decision-making process about how to spend the CPS stimulus money?



Lesson 3/4 - Take Action bellringer

- How will you influence decision makers with your budget proposal?
 - How can you share this knowledge and information with other students across CPS? With parents and community?
 - What tools for outreach and activism will you use?
 - Some options: Social media / online petition / speak at a CPS meeting / submit a letter to your Local School Council / Op-Ed
 - Who are 2-3 others in class you would like to work with to advance your advocacy?



Share out!

This is a crowd-sourced summary of how our class thought they could do outreach and take action on our budget ideas. Do these still apply for you? Have your ideas and thoughts changed since you created your budget?



How will you take action?

Create and publicize your own online petition on how to spend the \$2 billion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moveon.org• Change.org
Create your own meme or GIF and message to post on social media	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meme Generator• GIF Generator
Create social media posts for various platforms with a catchy hashtag. Plan a twitter storm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Instagram• Snapchat• Redditt• Facebook• Twitter
Create your own info graphic or social media graphic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Piktochart• Canva
Write an op-ed on the subject to local news media	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chicago Sun Times• Chicago Tribune• Crains Chicago Business : email letters@chicagobusiness.com• Chalkbeat
Sign up to speak out	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board of Education• City of Chicago : Chicago City Council Public Comment Process for Meeting Conducted by Videoconference<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Persons wishing to comment at the City Council meeting conducted by videoconference shall call (312) 744-6800 and leave a voice message with their name and telephone number. Requests to comment will be accepted from 12:01 AM the Monday before the scheduled meeting until 8:00 AM on the day before the scheduled meeting.• City Council Scheduled meetings
Sign up to speak directly to a member of the Chicago Board of Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board of Education Office Hours

