

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

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* Required

1. Email *

2. Name (First and Last)

3. CPS email address

4. School Name

5. What period do you have this class?

Mark only one oval.

2nd

5th

6th

6. Looking at the information below, how did CPS spend the last round of federal stimulus? Does it correspond to our needs and priorities in Chicago? In your Community? Explain your answer *

Those investments include \$653 million for updates at more than 250 schools, including building renovations, modernized science labs, new preschool classrooms and spaces to support academic programs such as STEM, dual-language and international baccalaureate; and \$50 million for a sports complex for South and Near South Side students. A five-year, \$100 million commitment to ADA accessibility will start with upgrades to 36 more schools, toward the goal to make every first floor accessible. The district also designated \$97 million more than last year to support students in special education programs.

As the district continues to roll out universal pre-K for 4-year-olds, it estimates 900 seats will be added through 43 new full-day preschool classrooms in 14 “priority communities.”

The budget, which the Board of Education is expected to consider for approval on Aug. 26, sets aside \$75 million for COVID-19-related costs, including computers for remote learning, and cleaning supplies and masks for the eventual reopening of schools.

7. Approximately what percentage of the budget (including Federal stimulus money; about \$10 billion) is for CTU's new contract? *

In all, costs associated with the contract for the upcoming year total \$118.4 million, according to CPS, including \$68 million for 3% cost-of-living raises and \$26 million for initiatives to reduce class sizes. An additional \$13 million is earmarked to hire 55 more nurses, 44 social workers and 40 special education case managers.

Mark only one oval.

- 0.12%
- 10%
- 20%
- 1%

8. Here is a Chicago Teachers Union press release excerpt criticizing the Budget priorities of the Mayor. Do agree with the concerns raised? Why or why not?

"How much has CPS increased spending on private contracts, which documents indicate is going up again this year by tens of millions of dollars? Other than the nearly \$100 million a year CPS pays to Aramark for terrible service to our schools, and \$45 million for a new curriculum project that CPS pushed through in May, how much more will this new board be expected to approve in costs for costly privatization, consulting and outside contracting?"

- 9. These are the number of staff positions that CPS provides Elementary schools. Look at the teacher to pupil ratio. Is this right? why or why not?

Classroom Teachers

The following ratios are used to calculate an elementary school's quota teacher allocation:

Grade Level	Target Pupil-Teacher Ratio
Intermediate/Upper (4-8)	31:1
Primary (1-3)	28:1
Kindergarten*	56:1

10. Of the demands being made by community groups and parents below, which do you agree with the most? Choose your top three! *

CHICAGO FAMILIES DESERVE MORE

T RUST

TRANSPARENCY

- A School Stakeholder Quality Control Team
- A Public Record COVID Complaint Tracker

STOP CUTTING CORNERS

- Not Enough Staff = Not Enough Safety
- Train All Staff

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#TrustLearningCare

L EARNING

THOSE WHO NEED THE MOST, GET THE MOST

- Double Efforts to Eliminate the Digital Divide
- Start Planning with Sp.Ed Students in Mind First
- More Professional Development
- More Creativity, Materials, & Manipulatives
- More for ELLs & Bilingual Education
- A Public Tech Support Center

DO NO HARM

- No Harm to Remote Learners
- Respect & Support Local School's Autonomy
- Stop Surveillance & Respect Privacy

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CARE FOR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

- More Mental Health Services & Providers
- Build a Culture of Social Emotional Learning
- Provide Pandemic Passes

CARE FOR FAMILY COMMUNITY

- Expand Learning Hubs by 500%
- Connect & Support Absent Families
- \$100/Student for Remote Learning Expenses
- House Homeless Families & Cover All Needs

Check all that apply.

- Mental health clinics and counselors for all schools
- Free internet for all students
- \$100 for each students to pay for remote learning costs
- Provide housing for all homeless families
- Stop any google surveillance of students
- Maintain all access and opportunity for students who elect to stay remote
- A public Covid tracker to show school transmission rates
- Summer jobs and creative opportunities for students
- Adequate number of Nurses, Counselors, and Librarians
- Restorative Justice Programming
- More support for students that receive Special Education and English Language instruction
- Creating Green schools that are solar powered and have community gardens
- Other: _____

11. Were there additional priorities you'd like to share that were not mentioned in the list above? If so, please share those below.

12. Once you have finalized your stimulus school budget proposal, how do you want to get the word out? Pick all that apply to you.

Check all that apply.

- An online petition
- Social media posts
- Speak out at a Board of Education or City Council Meeting
- Write an Op-Ed for a local newspaper or online forum
- Organize an in person or virtual protest
- Design a creative action like a Flash Mob
- Create a podcast
- Speak directly to a member of the Board of Education
- Share a TLC (Trust, Learning, Care) Resolution with your school's Local School Council
- Other: _____

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