



**Waters Elementary School
Local School Council
Call to Action: May 18, 2016**

Dear friends, families, neighbors, and community members,

Local School Councils (LSC) represent parents, teachers, and community members in the governance of our public schools. As you are probably aware, the CPS budget crisis continues to have major impact on our students, their teachers and families, and our school administrators. Unfortunately, we can no longer kick the proverbial ‘can’ down the road.

There are many contributing factors to this crisis, at both the local level and the state level. The current funding formula gives the *fewest* resources to the districts with the *most* need, including CPS. Legislation must be passed by the General Assembly before May 31st for education funding reform to help alleviate the \$1 billion CPS budget deficit for the 2016-17 school year.

The Waters LSC urges you to ACT NOW to convince our state leaders to redefine the formula for education funding in the state of Illinois, to ensure equitable resources for school districts across the state, including CPS.

Please take action now through the [CPS '20 for 20' campaign](#) to urge state leaders to allocate 20% of the state’s education funding to CPS, which represents 20% of the public school students in Illinois. Join other coalitions working for equitable education funding, such as [Funding IL’s Future](#) and [Our Students Our Future](#). The more letters we send, phone calls we make, and awareness we raise (on the playground, at work, on social media)—the more accountable our elected leaders will be to their constituents!

Thank you for joining us in advocating for the students at Waters, in our broader Chicago community, and across the state of Illinois!

Thank you,

Waters Elementary Local School Council

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