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Dear CPS Parents and Families,

Thanks to the efforts of our educators, lawmakers, and families like yours, who joined together in our fight for historic funding reform, Chicago Public Schools is now on significantly stronger financial ground. Our state now has an education funding system that better supports Chicago and other school districts that educate limited-income students. With this change, CPS is able to propose a budget that responsibly invests more in our schools, and that will help your children build on their remarkable academic growth, highlighted most recently in a groundbreaking study by Stanford University professor Sean Reardon.

This budget includes nearly \$1 billion in capital spending and significant investments in the academic programs that are driving student success. It also includes the first phase of free, full-day Pre-K for all 4-year-olds, and provides targeted supports for at-risk student populations.

Our academic investments will build on the historic gains CPS students are making in the classroom. They include expansions of high-quality programming to support literacy, world language skills, and a first-in-the-nation graduation requirement in Computer Science, and create increased opportunities to fully prepare your children for success in college and career.

Our capital plan, which is the largest single-year investment of its kind in decades, will modernize schools in all neighborhoods of Chicago. For many students, this will mean new annexes, classrooms, playgrounds, and turf fields. For others, it will mean updated science labs, new cutting-edge technology, and renovated school buildings that are safe and ready for the new school year.

Here are the exciting operating and/or capital investments we'll be making in your school in the coming school year:

Capital investments:

Operating investments:
Expanded Pre-K Program
1 Full Time School Social Worker

This budget aligns with the core commitments laid out in our 3-year vision - academic progress, financial stability, and integrity. We are confident it will move our district forward, and support the incredible educators, students, and families who have made Chicago Public Schools a national leader in urban education.

We thank you for your support, and look forward to working with you to ensure that every student from every community in Chicago has access to a high-quality education.

Sincerely,

Rahm Emanuel
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