

Urge your State Legislators to Adopt Senate Bill 1

1. Type in your address at the following link to find your state representative and state senator:
<http://www.elections.il.gov/districtlocator/addressfinder.aspx>
2. Send an email to your state legislators. The following is a list of state legislators in our area and a draft email is below that you may consider using as a template.
 - **9th District State Rep. Arthur Turner**
 - arthurt@ilga.gov
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 - **10th District State Rep. Pamela Reeves Harris**
 - repreavesharris@yahoo.com
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 - **11th District State Rep. Ann Williams**
 - ann@repannwilliams.com
 - **12th District State Rep. Sara Feigenholtz**
 - sara@staterepsara.com
 - **26th District State Rep. Christian Mitchell**
 - MitchellDistrict26@att.net
 - **5th District State Senator Patricia Van Pelt:**
 - Use contact form - <http://senatorvanpelt.com/index.php/contact-us>
 - **6th District Senate President John Cullerton:**
 - jcullerton@senatedem.illinois.gov

Draft Email:

Dear **Representative / Senator Name:**

As I am a **supporter / parent** of Chicago Public Schools, I have joined the Funding Illinois' Future coalition and support changing the school funding formula to ensure state resources are more fairly allocated. SB 1, which enjoys the support of school districts statewide, creates a single funding formula that accounts for student needs. The formula combines a base amount for every student with additional funding "weights" calculated for students who face academic challenges, such as low-income or Special Education, and interests ranging from AP to career and technical courses. Changing this formula is essential to ensuring that students statewide can be prepared for the 21st century economy.

I urge you to adopt Illinois Senate Bill 1, the School Funding Reform Act, to change the basic school funding formula.

I also urge you to reform the inequitable funding of teachers' pensions in Illinois. Today, my state income taxes pay a substantial amount of the pension debt of teachers' pensions throughout Illinois, but very little of these taxes are applied to Chicago teachers' pensions. Instead, Chicago property taxes just paid \$634 million in a state-mandated pension payment for our teachers, but only \$62 million in state funds came back to Chicago to pay for pensions. This is an unfair burden on Chicagoans.

Sincerely,

Your Name
Your address
Your phone number