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Stand for Children Illinois Launches Campaign Urging Compromise in Negotiations Over Board Structure for Chicago Public Schools

Chicago -- Stand for Children Illinois has launched a widescale multi-media campaign urging Springfield lawmakers to negotiate a compromise solution for an elected Chicago school board structure that puts students first and on which all sides agree.

The campaign includes a six-figure television buy in the Chicago and Springfield markets, as well as integrated digital, mail, and telephone programs. The campaign urges constituents to reach out to their state senators and representatives and tell them that, when it comes to reforming the Chicago School Board, putting our students first must be their first priority.

"As lawmakers in Springfield debate multiple proposals to reform the Chicago School Board, they need to take the best ideas from both sides and come up with a compromise solution that puts our children's best interests first," said Tommorrow Snyder, Stand Illinois Regional Organizing Director and former president of a CPS Local School Council. "Chicago Public Schools has risen to become a national leader in urban education, but parents and teachers need a seat at the table to take the system to the next level. Representation is so important. We need a school board structure that is accountable to taxpayers and reflects the rich diversity of Chicago."

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Stand for Children Illinois is a non-partisan education advocacy organization that fights for educational equity. Stand partners with parents to support their education journey and become strong advocates, and it advocates for proven policies and funding so that all students receive a high-quality, relevant education. Learn more about this campaign at stand.org/ilactioncenter.