



SB 2054: FY17 EDUCATION BUDGET

STAND'S POSITION: SUPPORT

SB 2054 is the FY17 budget bill for the Illinois State Board of Education that would ensure schools have the state support they need to open this fall.

SB2054 INFUSES NEW FUNDS THROUGH AN EQUITY GRANT

Every school district in every corner of the state would see some additional resources under SB 2054, and those districts with the highest concentrations of low-income students would receive the most additional investment. Here's how:

- **FY16 GSA Freeze.** First, every school district gets the same amount of General State Aid (GSA) it received in the current year's budget.
- **\$700 Million in Equity Grants.** Then, an additional \$700 million is allocated to districts based on their poverty rates.
- **FY17 Full GSA Claim.** Finally, if any district would have received more funding through its full FY17 claim, an additional grant would make them whole.

The top 10 biggest per pupil gains under SB 2054 range from the far south Cairo, to the Metro-East-area Venice, to Fairmont in collar counties and Dolton in suburban Cook. The top 50 per pupil increases go to downstate urban districts like Decatur and Peoria, rural districts like Mt. Vernon and Centralia, suburban districts like Yorkville and Proviso, and coming in at #50, CPS.

Top 50 Biggest Gains Per Pupil

VENICE ^{\$1,498}	FAIRMONT ^{\$1,439}	GEN. GEORGE PATTON ^{\$1,381}
W HARVEY-DIXMOOR ^{\$1,365}	EAST ST. LOUIS ^{\$1,312}	BROOKLYN ^{\$1,311}
DOLTON ^{\$1,292}	CALUMET CITY ^{\$1,262}	CAIRO ^{\$1,234}
CICERO ^{\$1,197}	MADISON ^{\$1,195}	CHICAGO HEIGHTS ^{\$1,194}
E AURORA ^{\$1,184}	HAZEL CREST ^{\$1,180}	FORD HEIGHTS ^{\$1,174}
CAHOKIA ^{\$1,173}	HARVEY ^{\$1,147}	THORNTON TOWNSHIP ^{\$1,133}
BELLWOOD ^{\$1,124}	CCSD 168 ^{\$1,115}	CALUMET ^{\$1,113}
POSEN-ROBBINS ^{\$1,173}	PEMBROKE ^{\$1,173}	LUDLOW ^{\$1,173}
MAYWOOD-MELROSE-PARK-BROADVIEW ^{\$1,173}	WAUKEGAN ^{\$1,108}	N CHICAGO ^{\$1,039}
DALZELL ^{\$1,030}	S HOLLAND ^{\$1,029}	N BERWYN ^{\$1,010}
CARBON CLIFF-BARSTOW ^{\$1,009}	DECATUR ^{\$1,001}	IS MORTON ^{\$986}
KANKAKEE ^{\$972}	PROVISO TOWNSHIP ^{\$964}	BLOOM TOWNSHIP ^{\$958}
MERIDIAN ^{\$949}	DOLTON ^{\$149}	CENTRALIA ^{\$135}
SUMMIT ^{\$901}	PRAIRIE-HILLS ^{\$886}	JOLIET ^{\$873}
LINCOLN ELEM ^{\$867}	YORKVILLE ^{\$865}	PEORIA ^{\$852}
SANDRIDGE ^{\$841}	MOUNT VERNON ^{\$833}	CENTRAL CITY ^{\$832}
BARTELSO ^{\$827}	CHICAGO ^{\$816}	

SB2054 FUNDS EARLY CHILDHOOD AND OTHER PROGRAMS

Flat appropriations are provided for the Mandated Categorical programs (special education, transportation, and free breakfast/lunch), bilingual education, career and technical education, and other programs. It increases funding for the Early Childhood Block Grant by \$75 million and restores funding to several smaller budget lines that were unfunded in FY16, such as after school programs, low-income AP class funding, and autism services.

SB2054 FALLS SHORT ON PENSION PARITY...

(BUT WE'LL LIVE TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY)

The Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) will receive about \$250 million in additional funding to meet the full FY17 certified contribution for downstate and suburban teacher pensions through the continuing appropriation that exists for state pension payments, bringing their total FY17 state contribution to \$3.9 billion.

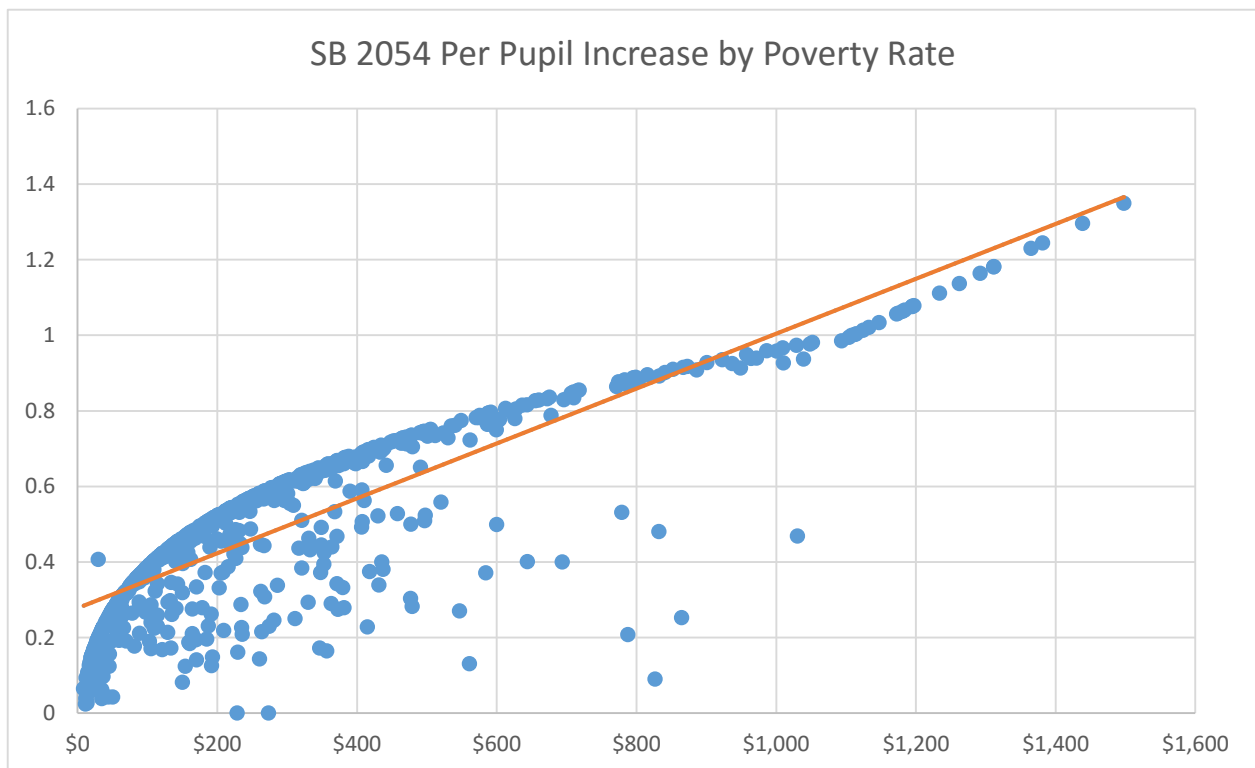
SB2054 appropriates \$100 million additional to the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund (CTPF), falling \$105 million short of fully covering the "normal cost" for Chicago teachers. The total FY17 appropriation for CTPF is \$112 million.

SB2054 MOVES TOWARD EQUITY AND ENSURES SCHOOLS OPEN...

(WHILE WE WORK OUT A COMPREHENSIVE, LONG-TERM, EQUITABLE FUNDING SOLUTION)

Illinois is nationally notorious for contributing the lowest percentage of school funding of any state in the country, leading to the worst inequities among districts. Without additional state resources, it is the poorest districts and the neediest students who would be hurt the most.

We need a long-term funding fix. SB 2054 enables schools to get by while the legislature keeps working on education funding reform. This year-long budget is a step in the right direction because new funds are put in a new, fair Equity Grant that helps minimize the funding gaps among districts. The scatterplot below shows the allocation of the formula increases by poverty rate.



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