



CPS Chicago Public Schools
John Hope College Preparatory High School
"Excellence Without Excuses"

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Students, Faculty, and Parents,

As you know the State of Illinois is in a budget crisis, which is affecting funding to CPS. The CPS budget passed in August is under funded by \$480 million and the clock is ticking for Springfield to fully fund CPS, or there is a risk of severe cuts to individual schools, including John Hope High School. These cuts could take place as early as the 2nd semester of this academic year.

These are important learning opportunities for us, and I challenge us all to get involved in the various activities happening throughout the city. When opportunities become available, within the district and at the school level, I anticipate that we will get an overwhelming response to this CALL FOR ACTION.

Parents, students and faculty, I encourage you to contact Bruce Rauner, IL Governor, contact [here](#), Mike Madigan, IL Speaker of the House, mmadigna@housedem.state.il.us, and other elected officials of our district. Ask that they not ignore the thousands of CPS students, teachers and staff who will be affected by their action. This is not the time to cut funding for education. Encourage them to fully fund education in Chicago and the entire state.

Thank you for your commitment to education at John Hope High School, where we believe in "Excellence without Excuses."

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