



February 14th, 2019

Elizabeth Shaw
Chicago International Charter School - CEO
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Chicago, IL 60603

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Civitas Education Partners - CEO
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Dear Ms. Shaw and Dr. Kahn,

As the Chairman of the Chicago City Council Latino Caucus (CCCLC), I am writing to you on behalf of the Caucus as we have been monitoring the events of the ongoing strike. We demand that you agree to a contract and settle the strike as soon as possible; it is truly shameful that it has come to this point!

It is clear that the requests the teachers are making are beneficial for the students and families you serve, particularly provisions for lower class sizes and sanctuary schools. As the State's school funding formula continues to receive increased funding, and given our push for additional funding for bilingual education from the State Legislature. Your teachers often have a higher student-teacher ratio, they are paid less and work longer days. We find this to be extremely unfair. This matter is very important to us as the greater majority of children you serve some from our communities. We believe that your schools will have the resources needed to make these proposals a reality.

It is in the best interests of our communities for the students to return to school. Again, we demand that you make every effort to come to a contract agreement and ensure that the schools reopen as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gilbert Villegas".

Gilbert Villegas
Alderman of the 36th Ward
Chairman of the Chicago City Council Latino Caucus

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Alderman Joe Moreno - 1st Ward
Alderman Susan Sadlowski Garza - 10th Ward
Alderman George Cardenas - 12th Ward
Alderman Raymond Lopez - 15th Ward
Alderman Ricardo Muñoz - 22nd Ward
Alderman Silvana Tabares - 23rd Ward

Alderman Danny Solis - 25th Ward
Alderman Roberto Maldonado - 26th Ward
Alderman Ariel Reboyras - 30th Ward
Alderman Milly Santiago - 31st Ward
Alderman Carlos Ramirez-Rosa - 35th Ward