



October 29, 2019

Chief Executive Officer Andy Gloor
Sterling Bay
1330 West Fulton, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois 60607

Dear Mr. Gloor,

Our children deserve fully-funded schools with the supports they need to thrive - including a nurse, social worker, counselor and librarian in every school. All children in this city deserve schools with class sizes that allow them to learn and thrive to their fullest potential.

This is what educators are fighting for. This is what our strike is about. We are being told by Mayor Lightfoot that she cannot find the remaining \$38 million to close the gap, to get these basic necessities put in writing in the contract. \$38 million is one half of one percent of CPS's annual budget. It is hard to believe that CPS cannot find that money. Actually we don't believe it. We are educators. We know that when there is a will, there is a way.

We know that Mayor Lightfoot has been unwilling to ask you to renegotiate the TIF deal that Sterling Bay made with the city, but we aren't.

We call on you to renegotiate Lincoln Yards TIF deal. Sterling Bay brought in a whopping \$1.9 billion in revenue off real estate sales in Chicago in the past two years. Chicago's children need \$38 million far more than Sterling Bay. Chicago and all of the corporations housed here, including Sterling Bay, have far more to gain by investing in our children and our public schools, than you do by diverting those funds into your own pockets. There is an urgent need for us to meet and begin this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Luskin", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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