

Leaving No Stone Unturned...

When it comes to funding our schools, there's a misconception out there that CPS is willingly leaving money on the table.

The truth is, we **ACTIVELY** seek out any and all funding that is available to us, and have secured **MORE THAN \$778 MILLION** in outside funds in the past three years.

Here are just a few examples:

MORE THAN \$421 MILLION FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY

Through various city, state, and federal sources, CPS has secured \$321 million to fund capital projects in our schools, and another \$100 million to provide our students with the devices needed for a 21st-Century education.

MORE THAN \$135 MILLION IN COMPETITIVE GRANTS

CPS aggressively pursues grant funding to support all aspects of the student experience, from core academics, to infrastructure, to social-emotional health, and much more. Recent successes include:

- **\$36 MILLION**

to advance technology education in classrooms and create teacher and principal development programs in high-need schools

- **\$40 MILLION**

to fund programs that support students' physical, mental, and behavioral health, as well as initiatives around substance abuse prevention and intervention

- **\$21 MILLION**

to fund green initiatives, including the purchase of 50 electric school buses and the creation of a composting program for food waste reduction

- **\$7 MILLION**

to support STEM, Arts education, and Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs

MORE THAN \$154 MILLION IN GOVERNMENT REIMBURSEMENT

Thanks to our District's continued advocacy, we are consistently collecting more in Medicaid reimbursement from the state of Illinois. We have also seen reimbursement from the federal government for PPE, testing, vaccination, and other expenses CPS incurred to keep our school communities safe from COVID-19.

MORE THAN \$20 MILLION FROM AFFIRMATIVE LITIGATION

When decisions are made that could harm our students, CPS pursues the perpetrators in court. One example is the lawsuit we filed against several companies for the deceptive tactics they used to market vaping devices to children. Settlements from these lawsuits are expected to provide CPS with more than \$20 million by 2025.

MORE THAN \$46 MILLION FROM PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS

The Children First Fund (CFF), our District's philanthropic arm, works with corporate, foundation, and individual partners to bolster funding for programs that touch all aspects of the student experience, from health and safety, to core academics, to college and career readiness.

Some programs currently benefiting from this funding include:

- **Choose to Change** – a program to support at-risk youth who have fallen away from school due to exposure to violence and trauma
- **Chicago Connected** – a first-of-its-kind initiative to provide CPS families with access to free, high-speed Internet in their homes
- **The Chicago Roadmap** – a partnership between CPS and the City Colleges of Chicago that smooths the transition between high school and college
- **Teach Chicago Tomorrow** – a program to guide students interested in education to careers as future CPS teachers
- **College Access and Scholarships** – extra counseling supports and financial assistance for CPS students in the greatest need, including our undocumented students who have limited access to financial aid for college