

Good Afternoon my name is Vanessa Valentin resident of the northwest side and staffer with Alderman Gilbert Villegas from the 36th Ward.

This is a pivotal time for Chicago schools and a critical time in Chicagos history.

However, the ability to vote and run in school board elections is currently limited to U.S. citizens. Illinois State Senator Celina Villanueva introduced SB1345 in the senate in February 2023 to allow non-citizens to vote in the school board elections across Illinois.

I am asking this body to support SB1345 that will allow non us citizens to vote and run for these positions.

Not allowing parents who are non-citizens but taking the funding from the federal and state government to fund CPS is like taxation without representation.

Thank you

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