

Dear Senators,

I write to ask you to do 3 vital things -- I am both an educator myself and a parent of a public school child.

Please I ask that:

1. That maps are drawn in a way to ensure the most Black representation as possible.
2. That the committee disregard the voices of billionaire-backed organizations like Kids First and Advance Illinois, who are actively lobbying to reduce the size of the board in order to maintain mayoral control.
3. That if the committee consider any trailer bills, they consider a bill that mandates and funds a board committee focused on advancing Black student achievement.

Thank you very much for your work and consideration.

Sincerely,

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