

WHEREAS, in 2017-2018 CPS budgeted for less than a third of the number of librarians staffed in the 2012 school year; and

WHEREAS, three out of four Chicago Public Schools do not have a librarian, with only 25 of 167 Chicago Public School staffing at least one full time librarian; and

WHEREAS, the total number of certified librarians at CPS is 40; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies show that students with access to a full-time librarians achieve better test scores in reading and writing than those students without access to librarians; and

WHEREAS, the American School Counselor Association recommends a student-to-student counselor ratio of 250:1, yet the current ratio of students to counselors in CPS is roughly 1000:1; and

WHEREAS, failure to provide school counselors disproportionately impacts first-generation and low-income students; and

WHEREAS, failure to provide students and staff with these supportive services is detrimental to education of students and the learning environment as a whole;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the members of City Council call for hearings before the Committee on Education and Child Development at which CPS appear to discuss: Current and historical staffing of librarians, nurses, social workers and counselors; CPS' plan to engage and fill the staff needed in each school and what resources will be required; and,

The public health and education ramifications of failure to provide these essential services to CPS students.

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