



SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, honoring this fundamental goal has always been a primary concern of this administration; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens of Illinois depend on schools that are appropriately funded and start on time; and, **WHEREAS**, many school districts depend on funds appropriated by the State and cannot operate throughout the full upcoming school year without those funds; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens of Illinois deserve adequate and equitable education funding regardless of their zip code; and,

WHEREAS, the General Assembly chose to make appropriations for education in its Fiscal Year 2018 budget contingent on passage of revisions of the State's school funding formula; and,

WHEREAS, the General Assembly, in fact, passed a revised school funding formula in Senate Bill 1 on May 31, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, since Senate Bill 1 passed, I have repeatedly requested the General Assembly send it to my desk; and,

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WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1 as passed by the General Assembly does not ensure fair funding and outcomes for all our children, and failure to enact a school funding bill will negatively impact those children in need of a high-quality education and will have devastating and long-lasting ramifications for our state; and,

WHEREAS, under Senate Bill 1, a single school district unfairly receives hundreds of millions of dollars in extra funding beyond the amounts received under the funding formula by the other 851 school districts in Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, our State's current school funding formula is inadequate and inequitable for our children's education needs and has not been appropriately managed for decades; and,

WHEREAS, this administration, through the Illinois State Board of Education and the bipartisan Illinois School Funding Reform Commission, studied at great length the current disparity in school funding across the State and developed a framework for reforming the current school funding formula; and,

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WHEREAS, both the General Assembly's behavior and the inequitable legislation they have propounded will prevent schools from opening, to the detriment of this State and Illinois families who trust and expect their children to be adequately and equitably educated on time; and,

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution empowers the Governor to convene a special session of the General Assembly;

THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 (b) of the Illinois Constitution, I, Governor Bruce Rauner, hereby call and convene the 100th General Assembly in a Special Session to commence at 12:00 Noon on July 26, 2017, for the purpose of considering appropriate legislation to ensure that all school districts in Illinois are equitably and adequately funded to provide a high-quality education for all Illinois students.

The Secretary of State shall take whatever reasonable steps are necessary to notify the members of the General Assembly of the purpose, date, and time set for convening this Special Session pursuant to 25 ILCS 15/3.

ISSUED: July 24, 2017



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