



POWER-PAC Illinois Chicago Platform of Issues - 2019

POWER-PAC Illinois – Parents Organized to Win, Educate, and Renew - Policy Action Council, Illinois is a 15-year-old cross-cultural, statewide association of parents and organizations. It is democratically-run and parent-led. Our mission is to build a strong voice for low-income, immigrant and working families by uniting parents across race and community around issues of importance to families.

We urge municipal candidates to support our platform of Chicago issues:

Education:

- **Ensure that school discipline is restorative not punitive:**
 - **Support the creation and implementation of a Memorandum of Understanding between Chicago Public Schools and Chicago Police Department** – ensure that the police have a good relationship with students and are only called into schools for emergencies
 - **Provide more funding for parent-led peace centers** – create safe and supportive schools for Black and Brown students that help them work through problems and stay out of trouble and in school
- **Early Childhood Education –**
 - **Improve Chicago’s Ready to Learn enrollment system** to make it more accessible for families
 - **Create more slots for 0-2-year-olds** so all our children are ready for preschool
- **Support Diverse Learners -**
 - **Ensure all children** are screened, evaluated, and receive necessary services in a timely fashion.
 - **Support and hold schools and city agencies accountable for providing high quality Early Intervention and Individual Education services.**

Economic Security:

- **Support and implement recommendations of the City Clerk’s Fines and Fees Collaborative and Ordinance #O2018-8115** – to ensure that low-income communities of color are not overwhelmed with City debt and suffering multiple consequences, particularly around tickets
- **Support the City Clerk’s Status of Women and Girls Working Group recommendations** – to ensure women and girls have financial security

Health:

- **Ensuring Health and Wellness of CPS Students**
 - **Ensure children have access to healthy, quality meals in CPS** – support the continuance and implementation of Breakfast after the Bell and overall quality meals in schools
 - **Ensure that CPS does not request waivers for gym** – fight obesity and clear students’ minds
- **Reopen mental health facilities** – so our communities can thrive and positive well-being

Immigration:

- **Oppose any public charge policy and continue to be a sanctuary city**