

# **POWER-PAC recommends the following changes in school discipline policies to the Chicago Public Schools.**

## **1. END OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS**

- ➔ CPS should use out-of-school suspensions only as a last resort when a student's behavior is a serious threat to safety.

## **2. REINSTATE RECESS & BREAKS IN SCHOOL DAY**

- ➔ CPS should work with the Chicago Teacher's Union, local school administration and parents to expand the school day to allow for recess and more breaks in the school day.
- ➔ CPS should work with school administration to increase the time kids spend in physical education classes.
- ➔ CPS should ban silent lunches and assure that lunchrooms are monitored.

## **3. IMPLEMENT PREVENTION PROGRAMS**

- ➔ CPS should pilot test and implement programs in the elementary schools that are about restorative justice and violence prevention.

## **4. PROVIDE TRAINING ON DISCIPLINE POLICIES**

- ➔ CPS should develop an annual standard training and orientation for parents, teachers and school administrators on discipline policies that are offered to everyone.
- ➔ CPS should provide information to parents in a more parent-friendly format.

## **5. PARENTS INVOLVED IN OVERSIGHT & ACCOUNTABILITY**

- ➔ CPS should include parents at the city-wide level in setting and reviewing discipline policies, and at each school.
- ➔ CPS should require that schools provide monthly reports on the number of suspensions and other disciplinary actions to the public.