

Roundtable with Educators on Education

Friday, August 7, 2015 10:00 AM

I. Public Education at Elementary and High Schools

- a. Special education programs needed to assist people with disabilities and mental health
- b. Schools need special education programs are needed in small, medium and large class sizes by finding an ability to work with special education students outside of class or after class
- c. \$600 million needs to be appropriated to elementary and high schools to fund teachers' salaries, education programs and student services at Chicago Public Schools
- d. An additional \$1.5 billion needs to be funded to Chicago Public Schools from City Council to reopen 54 closed schools in Chicago neighborhoods
- e. Implement college bridge programs for high school students
- f. Make sure all schools have education materials to offer students, such as textbooks and course supplies
- g. Implement education tax credit for nonprofit organizations in Illinois and federal level
- h. Make sure schools are wheelchair accessible
- i. An additional \$100 million need to be appropriated to provide truant officers. Truant officers can make sure students stay in school and go to school daily.
- j. Implement reading and math programs for students for improvements on academic standardize testing to improve academic standards at schools
- k. \$600 million will help schools compete with other countries
 - i. to have all year around schools and reduce dropout rates
- l. Allow parents to volunteer in schools and in classrooms

II. Higher Education in Illinois

- a. \$12.8 billion needs to be implemented to fund MAP grants for college students
- b. Student loan debt assistance programs
- c. Student education grant programs open to graduate students over ten years
- d. Provide smaller class sizes
- e. Work with private universities on ways to reduce tuition and fees for the 99%
- f. Scholarships and grants need to be more accessible and easy accessible to college students
- g. Allow more job opportunities in education and child development that only allow college degrees and not teaching certifications. This is a burden to residents in suburbs looking for work that do not have teaching certifications.
- h. Training and apprenticeship programs for students

III. Private and Suburban Schools in Illinois

- a. Apprenticeship and training programs for students
- b. No charter schools
- c. 5% increase for teachers pay over ten years to prevent poverty in households
- d. Elected school boards need to be implemented to prevent corruption and scrutiny

IV. Chicago State University Corruption and Scrutiny

- a. Freeze Wayne Watson \$500,000 pension from the state of Illinois
- b. Stop the repression from the current administration
- c. Faculty need to be allowed to come forward to express concerns with being threatened with termination or layoffs
- d. Wayne Watson need to be allowed to pay the money he stolen from the university back
- e. Watson need to be in prison and get indicted in court.

V. Ideas from others in the group

VI. Accept Voluntary donation to the church

VII. Action Plan