

Media Advisory For: Wednesday, July 24th at 9:30am

Contact: Victoria Alvarez, valvarez@seiu73.org, 773.490.7324

SEIU Local 73 CPS Workers Declare Win to Strike Vote – Bring Their Message to CPS Front Door United With Chicago Teachers Union

What: Special Education Classroom Assistants (SECAs), Custodians, Bus Aides, and Security Officers will publicly announce the overwhelmingly victorious results of their strike vote ballot count that took place July 13th. Workers represented by SEIU Local 73 voted YES by 97% to authorize their bargaining committee to call for a strike if a fair contract is not reached. Workers will turn out en masse to tell their stories of how continued privatization and austerity measures have affected their ability to provide the needed attention to Special Education students and to maintain clean and safe facilities for their school communities. SEIU Local 73 members will be joined by members of the Chicago Teachers Union. Together they will emphasize the growing need for better resourced schools and call on Mayor Lightfoot to keep her promise to our Chicago communities to create more sustainable schools for all. If striking is what it takes to do right by Chicago's students and families, SEIU Local 73 and CTU are prepared to take that step.

When: Wednesday, July 24, at 9:30am

Where: Chicago Public Schools, 42 W. Madison

Who: SEIU Local 73 and CTU members

Visuals: Enlarged check to private companies, Aramark and Sodexo, from CPS

###

SEIU Local 73 represents more than 29,000 workers, primarily in public service and publicly funded positions in school districts, municipalities, social service agencies, and many other job classifications in Illinois and Indiana. We are dedicated to improving the lives of workers and their families.