

Media Advisory For: Tuesday, September 3rd at 6:30am

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SEIU Local 73 Ramps Up Pressure on Lightfoot – Plans Back to School Pickets

What: SEIU Local 73 CPS members will begin a week-long series of pickets starting on September 3rd, the first day of back to school for Chicago Public Schools. On September 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th, Special Education Classroom Assistants (SECAs), Custodians, Bus Aides, and Security Officers will be flyering and talking to parents and community members about their fight for a fair contract.

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. The union is demanding an end to privatization and austerity measures that have affected CPS worker resources and supplies. CPS workers represented by SEIU Local 73 are demanding a contract that will allow them to provide proper time and attention to Special Education students and that will allow them to maintain clean and safe facilities for their students.

On September 3rd at Christopher Elementary, SEIU Local 73 members will be joined by members of the Chicago Teachers Union, 25th Ward Alderman Byron Sigcho Lopez, and 35th Ward Alderman Carlos Ramirez Rosa for the first of the four pickets. 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.

When and Where:

September 3rd – Christopher, 5042 S. Artesian Ave, 6:30am to 8am

Who:

SEIU Local 73, CTU members, Byron Sigcho Lopez, Carlos Ramirez Rosa

Other picket dates include:

9/4 – McCutcheon, 4865 N Sheridan Rd, 7am to 8:30am

9/5 – Dawes, 3810 W. 81st Pl, 7am to 8am

9/6 – Hanson Park, 5411 W. Fullerton Ave, 7am to 9am

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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.