

**PRESS ADVISORY FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 9:00 AM**

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**\*\*\*VISUALS: Workers holding 'Strike Chicago parks and school signs.' Strike notification letters. Alderman and Illinois Electeds Standing with Workers. Workers delivering letters to Mayor\*\*\***

**CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF AND CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT WORKERS TO DELIVER STRIKE NOTICES TO MAYOR LIGHTFOOT**  
***Workers representing 7,500 CPS staff and 2,500 Park Workers to Hand Deliver Strike Notices, Hold Press Conference***

**CHICAGO-** Chicago Public Schools and Park District members of SEIU Local 73, aldermen, and allies will gather at City Hall on Tuesday, October 1 and hold a press conference to announce strike developments and plans. The workers will then hand-deliver strike notices to Mayor Lightfoot's office. In July, Chicago Public School staff authorized a strike by 97%. Last week, Chicago Park Workers authorized a strike by 94%. The earliest date CPS staff could go on strike is October 17. Chicago Park Workers can go on strike as early as October 9.

While there has been some positive developments in recent negotiations, Mayor Lightfoot and the City have still failed to offer a contract that fully addresses the economic concerns and working conditions of school staff and park workers. Most importantly, the latest offers does not ensure the clean, safe schools and parks that workers are demanding and it does not make sure that students in special education receive the care and instruction they deserve.

**WHO:** Special Education Classroom Assistants, Custodians, Bus Aides, Security Officers, Landscape Laborers, Attendants, Instructors, Recreational Leaders, Supervisors who work for Chicago Public Schools and the Chicago Park District. SEIU Local 73 Officers. Chicago Teachers Unions representatives. State Sen. Ram Villivalam. State Sen. Robert Peters. State Rep. Lindsey LaPointe. State Rep Delia Ramirez. Ald Matt Martin. Ald. Byron Sigcho Lopez. Ald. Mike Rodriguez. Ald. Carlos Ramirez Rosa. Allies.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 1, 2019. 9:00AM

**WHERE:** Chicago City Hall, 2nd Floor