

## **“SIX FOR SCHOOLS”**

### **SIX QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS**

#### **AND CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICE**

1. **What is their plan to pay schools what they are still owed for the 2009-2010 school year?**

*(As of mid-August 2010, the State of Illinois still owed District 300 \$6.5 million for last school year.)*

2. **What is their plan to fully fund “categorical” services, such as transportation and special education?**

*(The state only reimbursed District 300 for part of these mandated services last school year, and the current state budget shows no sign of relief. Anything less than 100% funding for mandated services is unacceptable.)*

3. **What is their plan to build political consensus for educational funding reform?**

*(The current educational funding system in Illinois is overly reliant on property taxes and unfair to the students from one district to the next. State leaders have been at a political impasse for years on this critically important issue.)*

4. **What else do they propose that School District 300 leaders do to help the situation?**

*(The D300 School Board has already cut millions of dollars from our local budget, increased class sizes, decreased services and supplies, and lowered the pay/benefits for most employee groups.)*

5. **What else do they propose that D300 parents and community members do to help the situation?**

*(Ask your elected state leaders, and candidates for office, whether there's anything that parents can do to help them rally support and finally get the job DONE.)*

6. **What evidence do they have that the state budget crisis will be solved in the next 6-12 months?**

*(Based on the latest state budget numbers, D300 leaders predict a local deficit of at least \$6 million for the next school year: 2011-2012. Unless state leaders enact substantial reforms in a timely manner, D300 leaders will be forced to consider more painful budget cuts for next school year: 2011-2012.)*