

**Statement from IEA President Cinda Klickna
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The 133,000 members of the Illinois Education Association (IEA) offer their full support to the Chicago Teachers Union (CTU) in a fight that is about much more than a contract for the 26,000 CTU members.

CTU is standing up for students and public education everywhere by fighting for an agreement that will be good for students, public schools and the profession of teaching.

The IEA mission states that our organization stands for excellence and equity in education. We know these also are the values of the CTU.

We urge IEA members throughout the state to show their support for CTU in this very important fight.