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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR EMANUEL ON CPS STUDENTS' ACADEMIC GAINS, STATE
EDUCATION FUNDING**

"This report by the University of Chicago is proof positive that when we make the right investments in our students' education, there is no limit to the success they can achieve. Yet at a time when our students are making record gains in ACT scores, graduation rates, and college participation, schools face the unacceptable possibility of having it all undermined by devastating cuts and the continuation of an inequitable state funding formula. Our teachers, principals, parents, and students deserve better. I urge everyone in Springfield to look closely at this latest report, see the academic progress that is at risk, and put the children of this city and this state first by adequately and equitably fund education."

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