



### **Illinois Latino Agenda Statement on newly appointed CEO for Chicago Public Schools**

The Illinois Latino Agenda 2.0 (ILA 2.0), a coalition that works to advance the economic, political, and social prosperity of the Latino community, congratulates Pedro Martinez on being named CEO of Chicago Public Schools and commends Mayor Lori Lightfoot and the Chicago Board of Education on selecting a strong leader who will act in the best interest of all students to promote their academic enrichment in these challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The ILA 2.0 would also like to greatly appreciate Dr. Jose Torres for his service. His knowledge and leadership during this transition period have been invaluable.

This is a proud day for the Latino community and a promising one for Latino students in CPS, who make up 47 percent of the student population. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with Mr. Martinez and his team and his team to ensure a prosperous future for all children.

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