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Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti visits Waukegan to discuss school funding with education leaders

*The Lt. Governor highlights school funding increases that result from
Governor Rauner's amendatory veto of Senate Bill 1*

WAUKEGAN - Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti visited Miguel Juarez Middle School in Waukegan today to discuss school funding with area stakeholders and education leaders, including Mayor Sam Cunningham, Superintendent of Waukegan Community Unit School District (CUSD) #60 Theresa Plascencia, school board members, principals, and teachers.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Governor Rauner's amendatory veto to Senate Bill 1 (SB1), the school funding bill, which increases funding to low-income school districts throughout Illinois.

"It shouldn't matter where you live or what your parents do for a living, all Illinois children deserve access to a world-class education," said Lt. Governor Sanguinetti. "We need a funding formula that is fair and equitable to every student in every school district in the state."

Lt. Governor Sanguinetti urged those present to talk to their legislators to act on this bill quickly so schools get the budgetary certainty they need so they can open on time.

"We waited two months for the Democrats to send the education funding bill to the Governor. It took Governor Rauner less than 12 hours to send it back to the legislature," said Lt. Governor Sanguinetti. "We need our legislative leaders to act expeditiously so we can fix the funding formula before school starts."

“Legislators need to understand that this is about enacting a system that is fair to every student in every district in the state,” Lt. Governor Sanguinetti said.

“My staff and I appreciate Lt. Governor Sanguinetti taking time today to listen to the needs of our school district. Waukegan Public Schools, and districts throughout the State are in dire need of equitable education funding. Our children deserve better, and I hope that Legislators in Springfield and the Governor will do what’s right for the students of Waukegan and those throughout the State of Illinois,” Superintendent Plascencia said.

The attached photos may be used for publication.

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Photo caption: Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti met with area stakeholders and education leaders today to discuss school funding and the Governor’s Amendatory Veto of Senate Bill 1.