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CTU responds to Byrd-Bennett resignation

CHICAGO - The Chicago Teachers Union is not surprised at the resignation of Chicago Public Schools chief Barbara Byrd-Bennett. The current federal investigation that forced her departure sets a horrible example for our students and the educators who look to her leadership. She leaves Chicago not only under a cloud of suspicion and organizational chaos, but also following one of the darkest hours in our city's history when she closed 50 public schools in a single year, the largest number in U.S. history. The Byrd-Bennett's investigation, as well as the obvious conflicts of interests among current Board members, underscores why we have advocated for an elected school board. We wish her well in her endeavors.

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