



**BOARD OF EDUCATION**, School District 148, Cook County

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Most likely you are aware that public school districts in Illinois and across the country are experiencing a financial crisis.

The State of Illinois is delinquent in paying its bills, including what it owes to schools. There also is talk of reductions in next year's funding levels. This has many school districts making significant cuts in spending, including teacher and staff layoffs, as they prepare for the 2010-11 school year.

Dolton West Elementary School District 148 is among those affected by the state's financial situation and in the coming days, will make some difficult decisions. The district is considering between \$2.5 - \$2.6 million in budget reductions and has already notified staff members who may be impacted.

The Board of Education will be making the final decision regarding the district's plan regarding personnel and finances at its next meeting.

Meanwhile, we urge you to contact your local legislators and urge them to do what is right and make education funding their top priority. Our children and communities deserve nothing less.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

Dr. Patricia Moore  
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