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Dear CPS Teachers/Staff,

I would like to thank you in advance for your possible interest in becoming involved in stopping the city's bid for the 2016 Olympics. Many were outraged from the "Olympic Week" in Chicago Public Schools. Many saw it as a publicity stunt that "fed" students a one-sided view of the bid and used them as props to show community support for the games.

No Games Chicago [NGC], a volunteer-run citizen group, is dedicated to providing a fair and balanced view of Chicago's bid for the 2016 Olympic games. Please visit our site to learn more about the bid, sign the petition, and download and read our extensive evidence.

Representatives of NGC will speak in English or Spanish to groups throughout the city in classrooms, schools, or where young people and their teachers are present. Their voices and opinions have not been heard on this issue and we would like to offer more balanced information and help people communicate their concerns.

There are other ways to get involved. Fewer than 70 days remain until the International Olympic Committee [IOC] names the city that will host the games. The following options offer opportunities for many people to get involved.

Local Action - Urge the city council to support Ald. Flores' (1st Ward) proposed ordinance placing a \$500 million cap on city liability for the games. If you can, attend the Finance Committee hearing on July 27th at City Hall at 10am to say "No Blank Check" to Daley to protect taxpayers from cost overruns should Chicago host the games.

In connection with this you could:

- Gather signatures for our petition that says "No Blank Check"
- Urge your aldermen to support Ald. Flores' proposal to cap spending of tax dollars at \$500 million.
- Invite No Games Chicago to speak at your school, park, church, home, or forum.

National Action – Urge President Obama NOT to support Olympic games in Chicago. Letters to the White House, e-mails to www.whitehouse.gov/contact, telephone calls to 202-456-1111 are all ways to reach the President. The President has openly supported the Olympic games in Chicago in 2016. And has even created a special office in the White House for this purpose. He needs to understand how many Chicagoans do NOT support this effort. Students, teachers and parents can urge him by letter, e-mail, and telephone to stay home from Copenhagen in October when the IOC meets, and to let him know that money that would be spent on Olympic Games should be spent on education needs and other pressing needs here at home. He should also be told how forcing students and teachers to support the City of Chicago in this effort has wasted valuable classroom time.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I will be out of my office until August 2nd but your messages will be saved and after that time I will be pleased to answer your questions personally or locate speakers for your classroom or other groups. Thanks.