

Subject: Your child is eligible for a money remedy for missed special education services from the 2016-17 and/or 2017-18 school years from Chicago Public Schools

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Dear CPS Families,

During the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years, some students at CPS did not receive all Individualized Education Plan (“IEP”) services because of CPS policies that made it harder for IEP teams to give them those services. These services included:

- Transportation;
- Extended school year services (“ESY”);
- Paraprofessional support;
- Identification as a student with a specific learning disability (“SLD”);
- Placement in a therapeutic day school (“TDS”); and
- Services provided by a paraprofessional or a special education teacher when schools didn’t have money in their budgets to fill those positions.

CPS is working to give those students money for the services they missed through a project called “Student Specific Corrective Action,” or “SSCA.” CPS believes your child may have been one of the students who missed out on services.

In August 2021, we sent you a letter to let you know about some changes we are making to the SSCA process that will help CPS to pay families more quickly. In this letter, we want to give you an update so you know what to expect next.

We have posted a webinar on cps.edu/ssca where you can get information about what SSCA is and what your options are.

We expect that the claims window will open on January 26, 2022, so that you can accept your child’s money remedy. **You will receive another letter from us and from our claims administrator at that point with instructions about how to access that website and claim your remedy** (money compensation). We will have virtual town halls in January, February, and March to answer any questions you have, but please keep in mind that **the deadline for claiming the money remedy is April 30, 2022. If you do not claim it by the deadline, your child will lose the money.**

We recommend using the money to buy educational services or materials for your child. For example: tutoring, therapy, sports camps, music lessons, museum memberships, art classes, learning software, books, and so on. The money remedy is meant to help make up any learning that your child may have missed because they did not receive the services they should have gotten during the 2016-17 or 2017-18 school years. If your child missed transportation services during the 2016-17 or 2017-18 school year, the remedy is meant to reimburse you for providing your own transportation. **Please note that if you receive public benefits, the money remedy could have an effect on them.** Come to the upcoming webinar and town halls to learn more.

If you have any questions about SSCA, please watch the upcoming webinar and participate in the town hall meetings. You can also visit cps.edu/ssca, where we have posted guidelines, FAQs, procedural



safeguards, and more to help you understand SSCA. **Feel free to email us at ssca@cps.edu or give us a call at 773-553-1843.**