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***Statement from Lilia Guevara, Maria Owens, Alma Sigala, and Andrea Zayas, Members of the Executive Committee of Kids First Chicago's Parent Advisory Board, Regarding the Potential Dismissal of Chicago Public Schools CEO Pedro Martinez***

As parents and community leaders, we are deeply concerned by reports that the Chicago Board of Education, at the direction of the Mayor of Chicago, may move to fire Chicago Public Schools CEO Pedro Martinez. This decision, at the beginning of the school year, during ongoing negotiations with the Chicago Teachers Union, and just months before the transition to an elected school board, could have a negative impact on Chicago's students.

The fact that hundreds of principals and assistant principals [have voiced](#) their support for CEO Martinez indicates just how seriously a move like this must be considered before acting.

We urge both the Mayor and the Board of Education to act in the best interest of students and families by offering transparency and accountability in their decision-making during this critical time for Chicago Public Schools.

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***Declaración del Comité Ejecutivo de la Junta Asesora de Padres de Kids First Chicago***

Como padres y líderes de la comunidad, estamos profundamente preocupados por los informes de que la Junta de Educación de Chicago, bajo la dirección del alcalde de Chicago, podría despedir al director ejecutivo de las Escuelas Públicas de Chicago, Pedro Martínez. Esta decisión, al comienzo del año escolar, durante las actuales negociaciones con la Unión de Maestros de Chicago, y sólo unos meses antes de la transición a una junta de educación electa, carece de una justificación clara.

El hecho de que cientos de directores y subdirectores [hayan expresado](#) su apoyo al director ejecutivo Martínez es una clara señal de que los líderes escolares de nuestra ciudad no creen que esta sea la decisión correcta en este momento.

Instamos tanto al alcalde como a la Junta de Educación a actuar en el mejor interés de los estudiantes y las familias, ofreciendo transparencia y responsabilidad en su toma de decisiones durante este momento crítico para las Escuelas Públicas de Chicago.

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**ABOUT KIDS FIRST CHICAGO**

Kids First Chicago's mission is to dramatically improve education for Chicago's children by ensuring their families are the respected authorities on what their kids need and decision-makers in their kids' education. We do this by partnering with families to support them in gaining the resources, access, and voice they need to achieve their vision for their children. K1C provides transparent and rigorous education analysis to families, educators, and policymakers alike to inform data-driven and inclusive decision-making about the future of Chicago's public schools. For more information, visit [kidsfirstchicago.org](http://kidsfirstchicago.org).