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The Senate met pursuant to proclamation of the Governor.  
Senator Donne Trotter, Chicago, Illinois, presiding.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**  
**JESSE WHITE • Secretary of State**

July 24, 2017

Honorable Tim Anderson  
Secretary of the Senate  
Room 401  
Capitol Building  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Secretary Anderson:

Enclosed please find a copy of Proclamation No. 2017-174 through 2017-177, filed in my office on July 24, 2017, by Governor Bruce Rauner, calling for a Special Session of the 100<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, to begin at 12:00 Noon on July 26, 2017, July 27, 2017, July 28, 2017 and July 31, 2017.

A notice and accompanying Proclamation have been mailed today to each Member's office.

Sincerely,  
s/Jesse White  
JESSE WHITE  
Secretary of State

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**  
**SPRINGFIELD, IL**

**PROCLAMATION 2017-177**

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Constitution establishes that providing a free, high-quality public education is a fundamental goal of the State; and

**WHEREAS**, honoring this fundamental goal has always been a primary concern of this administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Illinois depend on schools that are appropriately funded and start on-time; and

**WHEREAS**, many school districts depend on funds appropriated by the State and cannot operate throughout the full upcoming school year without those funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Illinois deserve adequate and equitable education funding regardless of their zip code; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly chose to make appropriations for education in its Fiscal Year 2018 budget contingent on passage of on revisions of the State's school funding formula; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly, in fact, passed a revised school funding formula in Senate Bill 1 on May 31, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, since Senate Bill 1 passed I have repeatedly requested the General Assembly to send it to my desk; and

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**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly has ignored my repeated requests to send Senate Bill 1 for review; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly has instead delayed for 54 days since it passed Senate Bill 1 by using an internal legislative maneuver to avoid presenting Senate Bill 1 to me; and

**WHEREAS**, until the General Assembly ends its procedural antics and sends me Senate Bill 1, I cannot consider it; and

**WHEREAS**, the acts of the General Assembly are creating an artificial crisis for school funding across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, this artificial crisis is causing an unnecessary atmosphere of statewide fear in the minds of parents, educators, and all involved with the State's education system; and

**WHEREAS**, this delay is unacceptable gamesmanship with the students of this State; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois State Board of Education is required to begin making payments to school districts across the State by August 1, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, a new education funding formula must therefore be adopted by July 31, 2017, to ensure that school districts receive the money they need to open; and

**WHEREAS**, we must provide certainty to parents with school-age children, educators, and all Illinois citizens who care about education and the future of our State; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 1 as passed by the General Assembly does not ensure fair funding and outcomes for all our children and failure to enact a school funding bill will negatively impact those children in need of a high-quality education and will have devastating and long-lasting ramifications for our state; and

**WHEREAS**, under Senate Bill 1, a single school district unfairly receives hundreds of millions of dollars in extra funding beyond the amounts received under the funding formula by the other 851 school districts in Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, our State's current school funding formula is inadequate and inequitable for our children's education needs and has not been appropriately managed for decades; and

**WHEREAS**, this administration, through the Illinois State Board of Education and the bipartisan Illinois School Funding Reform Commission studied, at great length, the current disparity in school funding across the State and developed a framework for reforming the current school funding formula; and

**WHEREAS**, this administration, the Illinois State Board of Education and the bipartisan Illinois School Funding Reform Commission worked tirelessly to achieve what many other funding commissions have not: a comprehensive framework that aims to adequately and equitably fund our schools while prioritizing the needs of individual students; and

**WHEREAS**, both the General Assembly's behavior and the inequitable legislation they have propounded will prevent schools from opening, to the detriment of this State and Illinois families who trust and expect their children to be adequately and equitably educated on time; and

**WHEREAS**, Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution empowers the Governor to convene a special session of the General Assembly;

**THEREFORE**, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 (b) of the Illinois Constitution, I, Governor Bruce Rauner, hereby call and convene the 100<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in a special session to commence at 12:00 noon on July 26, 2017, for the purpose of considering appropriate legislation to ensure that all school districts in Illinois are equitably and adequately funded to provide a high quality education for all Illinois students.

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The Secretary of State shall take whatever reasonable steps are necessary to notify the members of the General Assembly of the purpose, date, and time set for convening this Special Session pursuant to 25 ILCS 15/3.

ISSUED July 24, 2017

s/Bruce Rauner  
Bruce Rauner  
Governor, State of Illinois

The Chair stated that the rules adopted in the 100<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and its officers and committees are in effect for the continuous period of the 100<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, including any special sessions.

Senator Rezin asked and obtained unanimous consent for a Republican caucus to begin immediately upon adjournment.

At the hour of 12:47 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced the Fourteenth Special Session stand adjourned until Tuesday, August 1, 2017, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., in perfunctory session, or until the call of the Presiden