

# Chicago Public Schools Budget Overview Board of Education

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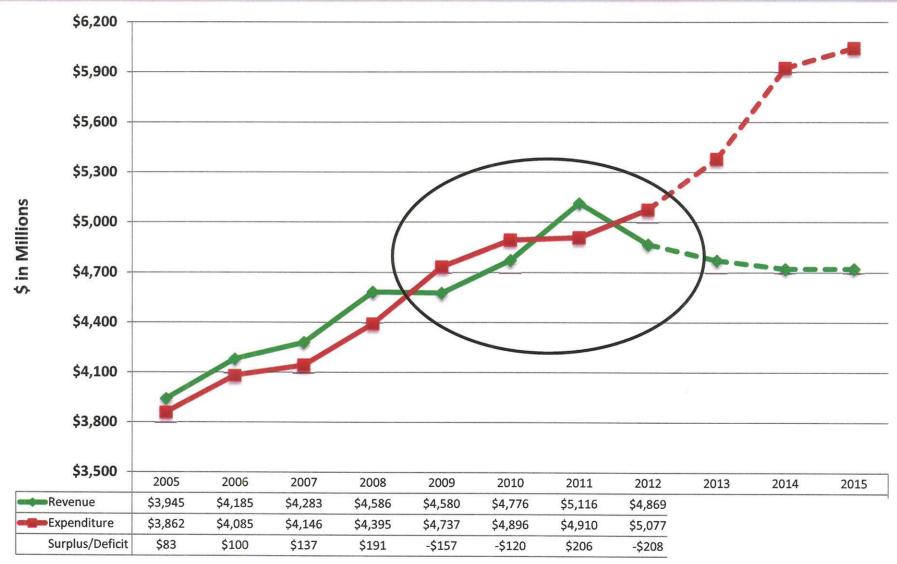
## **Summary**



- CPS faces a daunting financial challenge in the next three years - staggering deficits which threaten our ability to drive student learning
- Historical increases in revenue, which fueled spending and hid structural deficits, have reversed
- Increased spending on pensions and debt service will siphon hundreds of millions of dollars from classrooms
- Structural changes are needed to achieve long-term sustainability, and this will be challenging
- FY13 budget process focuses on maximizing funds to schools, and engages and empowers principals more than ever

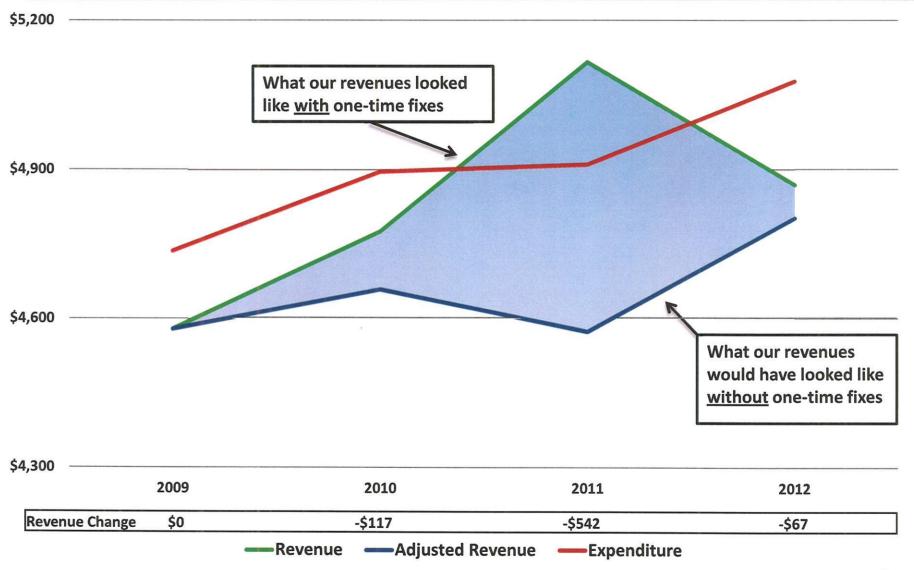
# Lower revenues and accelerating expenses lead to significant deficits in FY13 and beyond





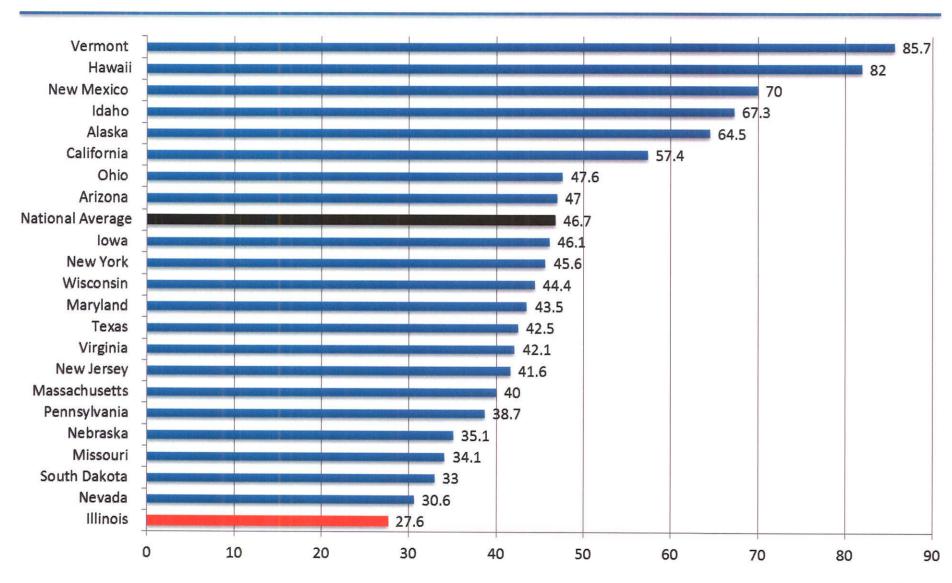
## One—time fixes off set \$726 million deficit from FY10 - FY12





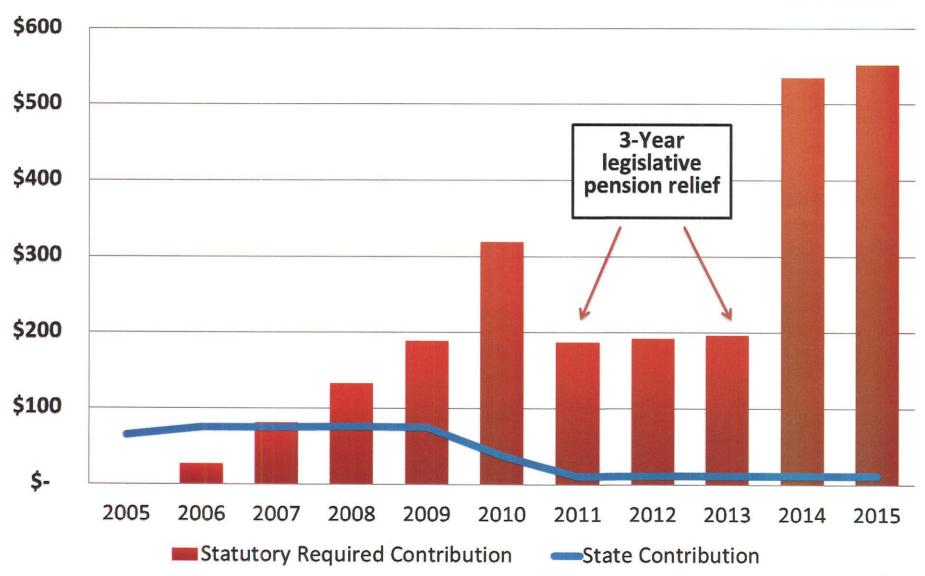
## Illinois ranks last in the nation for funding education





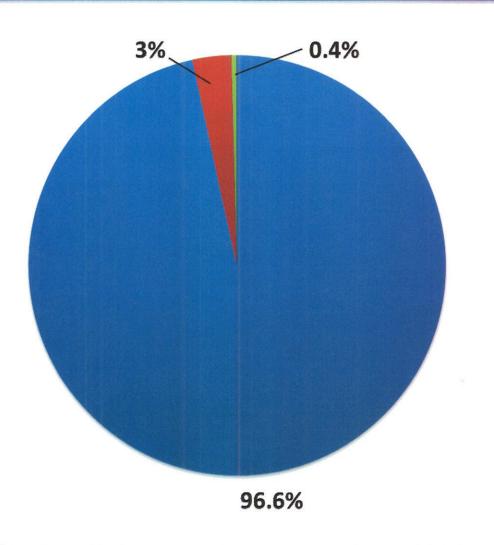
# Growing pension expense is challenging now, devastating in 2014 and beyond





# Nationally, most pension systems are state supported for unfunded liability





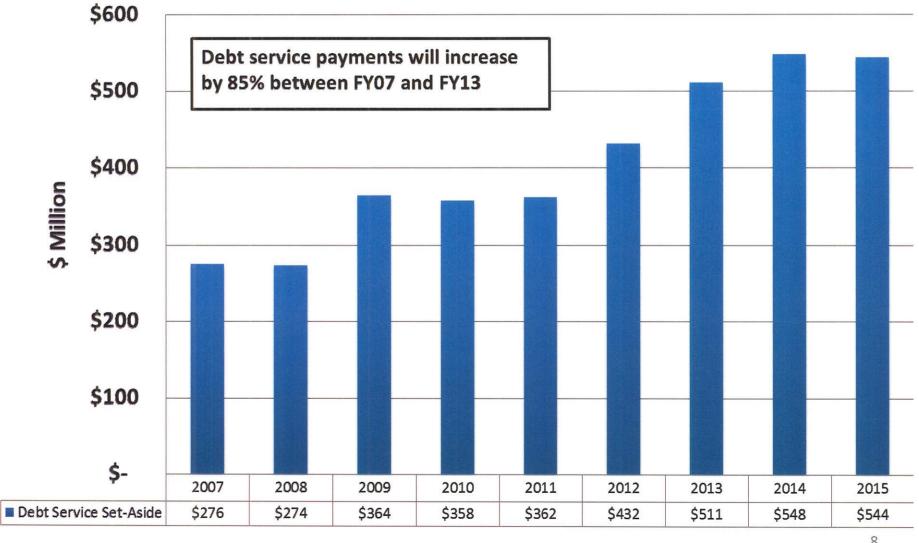
#### **Percent of All Teachers in:**

- Districts with State-Supported Pension Plans
- New York & CPS
- Other districts with Locally Funded Plans

Sources: NCES CCD 2010 School District Data and National Council on Teacher Retirement 2011 Member list

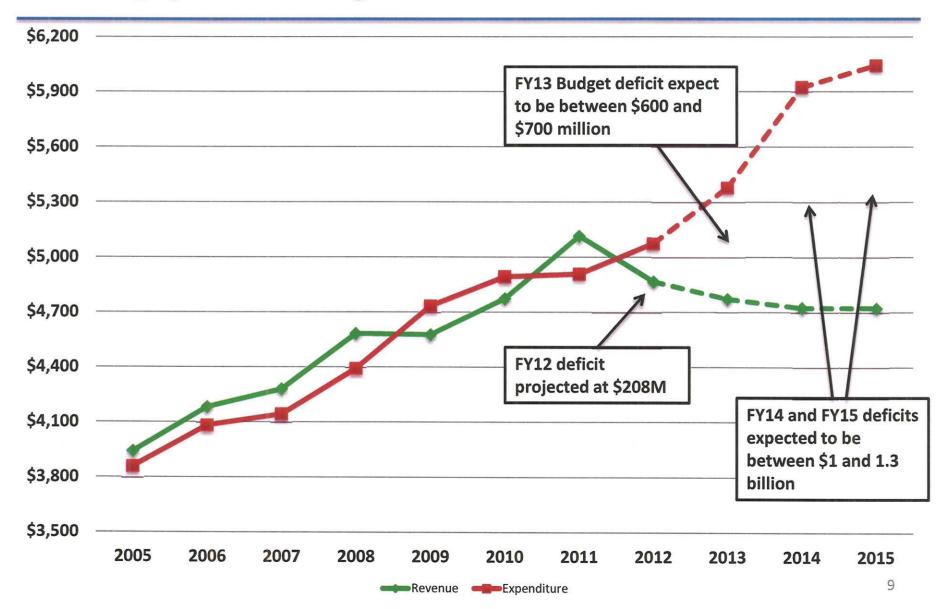
## Debt service payments will continue to rise, even with reduced borrowing in the future





# Cost savings result in lower FY12 deficit, but FY13 gap is daunting





## Clear principles guide our FY13 process



- Protect what's working, invest in key priorities to drive student learning
- Maximize funding allocated directly to schools to empower principals
- Continue to drive lower costs in operations, procurement and Central Office functions
- Reduce capital spending to necessities
- Use reserves judiciously where necessary

## **Investments in Student Learning**



- Invest in key priorities to drive student learning
  - Time Needed to Teach: A Full School Day that provides students with the instructional time needed to boost achievement
  - How We Teach: A new teaching framework to improve the quality of teaching and learning in our schools
  - What We Teach: Curriculum aligned to Common Core State Standards
  - Creating Additional High Quality School Choices: Invest in highperforming schools in each neighborhood—magnet, selective enrollment, IB, Early College STEM, military schools and highperforming neighborhood schools
- Protect what's working

## The path forward for FY13 budget



- Continue detailed review of all expense areas
- Seek input from principal/chief advisory team
- Release budgets to schools (Mid April)
  - Two months earlier than last year
  - Engage principals to ensure understanding of new approach
- Present detailed capital plan (May 1)
- Complete full budget and present to public (late spring)

# Plan actions to address future structural problems, especially pension



- Deficits of \$1 billion or more are only a year away
- Expense reductions to close gap would be devastating, revenue opportunities very limited
- We must consider bold actions to ensure we can continue our mission
- Parents, teachers, principals, community leaders and legislators will be key partners in finding solutions

### Conclusion



- The status quo for funding schools is not working for our students and district
- Leading the district to financial sustainability will require difficult decisions
- Primary focus must be on improving student learning
- Resource limitations increase this challenge
- CPS can't solve this crisis on our own, we need input and assistance from all stakeholders
- The students of CPS need all of us to unite for success