

# FUND OUR FUTURES!

Students, parents, faculty, staff, and others have asked what we can do to guarantee funding for Illinois state universities (including NEIU) as well as funding for MAP grants, which help financially challenged students pay for college.

## To-Do List



### **FIRST:**

Go to the following online petition and demand that public higher education be funded in Illinois:

<http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/gov-rauner-pass-a-budget-2>



### **NEXT: NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE?**

Register here and receive online reminders of upcoming elections:

<https://neiu.turbovote.org/register>

Then **vote, each and every time** there is an election!



### **ALSO:**

Contact Governor Rauner at 217-782-0244 and your state senator and representative about the lack of funding for public higher education and MAP grants in Illinois. Call them **every day** and tell them you vote and that denying funding to higher education is not acceptable. Don't know your state rep. and senator? Look here:

[http://openstates.org/find\\_your\\_legislator/](http://openstates.org/find_your_legislator/)



### **ESPECIALLY ON:**

#### **BLIZZARD DAY**

We will create a "blizzard" of phone calls in Gov. Rauner's office on **February 18**, after he receives SB2043, which authorizes funding for MAP Grants and community colleges. Gov. Rauner has already sworn to veto the bill, and citizens of Illinois need to call his office **all day** on February 18 to let the governor know that we will not accept anything less than full state support for our colleges, universities, and students.

**217-782-0244**

*(You're not done yet! Turn OVER for more...)*

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## THEN:

Like the following Facebook pages and browse them for upcoming events and demonstrations and for news about the budget crisis and higher education in Illinois:

*NEIU Chapter of UPI*  
[www.facebook.com/neiupi/](http://www.facebook.com/neiupi/)



*Fund Our Future*  
[www.facebook.com/FundOurFutureIllinois/](http://www.facebook.com/FundOurFutureIllinois/)



*Rainbow PUSH Coalition*  
[www.facebook.com/Rainbow.PUSH/](http://www.facebook.com/Rainbow.PUSH/)



*Save Chicago State University*  
[www.facebook.com/groups/1674323146186114/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1674323146186114/)



*#DontFireMyTeacher*  
[www.facebook.com/hashtag/dontfiremyteacher](http://www.facebook.com/hashtag/dontfiremyteacher)



## CRUCIAL:

Attend NEIU's event **Stand Up, Speak Out to Fund Our Future** (sponsored by AFSCME and the NEIU Student Government Association) on

**Thursday, Feb. 25 at 3:00 in the Auditorium**

Meet politicians, administrators, students, staff, and activists working to fund Illinois's public universities and MAP grants.



## AND FINALLY, AND MAYBE MOST IMPORTANT:

Create your own event, form your own action, make noise, and be heard. Students are the future of Illinois and universities are an investment we cannot afford to abandon. Don't let up until our government uses our tax dollars to invest in its people!