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## Mayor's CPS chief resists City Hall



King facing pressure from Johnson on borrowing plan, pension payment as budget deadline looms

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Chicago Tribune

Chicago Public Schools interim chief Macqueline King is resisting pressure from Mayor Brandon Johnson to make a controversial pension payment and borrow millions of dollars to settle the district's budget, a notable twist

in what has become a deeply uncertain budget cycle for the fourth-largest school district in the nation.

Several city officials met with CPS leadership last Thursday without King to lay out recommendations aimed at helping her close a \$734 million deficit by the end of August, according to several board members who spoke to the Tribune.

Among their suggestions was taking out a \$200 million loan and asking for new state revenue, while accepting responsibility for a controversial \$175 million pension payment, previously covered by the city. King initially opposed all of their major proposals, board members who spoke to the Tribune said.

King held meetings with aldermen and state representatives Tuesday, but did not discuss budget specifics or the \$175 million

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Chicago Public Schools interim CEO Macqueline King speaks during an announcement of expansion of the Sustainable Community Schools program at South Shore Cultural Center on Aug. 4. **ANTONIO PEREZ/TRIBUNE**

## Students could see new test standards

Illinois board weighing proposals in effort to improve consistency

By Kate Perez  
Chicago Tribune

Illinois students could be held to new standards for school testing, a shift the state school board says will better prepare them for college and postsecondary education careers while accurately measuring performance levels.

The Illinois State Board of Education announced proposed changes to state standardized testing Tuesday — including the ACT, the Illinois Assessment of Readiness and the Illinois Science Assessment — that would create consistent measures of student performance on all state exams and make it easier to understand and track students' progress. It would also adjust the proficiency threshold for each exam section based on grade level, determining the minimum score a student must achieve to be considered on track for their grade level in learning.

There are three major exams that Illinois students take while in school: The Illinois Assessment of Readiness is administered to students in grades three through eight each year to test their skills in English language arts and math, while the Illinois Science Assessment is only administered to students in fifth and eighth grades. Students take the PreACT in ninth and 10th grade and the ACT in 11th grade.

Currently, the three exams do not use the same levels or benchmarks to assess student learning based on their exam scores. The current testing measurements have multiple performance levels for students to be sorted into, which are categories of score ranges on the state assessment.

The varied scores from test to test can create confusion for parents and students due to the

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Anjanette Young's favorite place to unwind is the lakefront. Young is the social worker handcuffed by police and left naked in her home while officers were serving a warrant at the wrong address. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

## Without no-knock ban, ordinance slated for vote

CPD warrant policy named for Anjanette Young moves forward, with compromise

By Alice Yin  
Chicago Tribune

A years-in-the-making ordinance overhauling the Chicago Police Department's search warrant policy could at last get over the finish line in September, advocates hope, but without the ban on no-knock warrants Mayor Brandon Johnson promised in his 2023 campaign.

Instead the Anjanette Young ordinance, named after the Black social worker who police hand-

cuffed and left naked in her home while serving a warrant at the wrong address, will require cops to wait 30 seconds before entry. It's a compromise accepted by both Young and her main council ally, Ald. Maria Hadden, one that reflects the shift in the political climate since demand for police accountability reached a fever pitch during the Black Lives Matter movement that exploded in 2020.

The new version grants Hadden, Young and her support-

ers the ability to claim a win that they say will still protect Chicagoans. But the struggle thus far to build consensus behind the tougher ordinance, despite the citywide furor over police mistreatment of Young, reflects the difficulty activists faced in turning energy around the George Floyd protests into legislation.

While Young and Hadden said they still support a no-knock ban in the future, and Johnson campaigned on such a law, the mayor has avoided giving his

current stance on the issue.

"It's an ongoing conversation," the mayor told reporters this week about whether a no-knock ban remains on his agenda. "These reforms and transformations certainly don't come easily, but it doesn't stop us, prevent us or curtail us, quite frankly, from pursuing justice."

The pivot comes after five years of Young and Hadden focusing on no-knock warrants, which allow

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## National Guard, federal officers deploy in DC

Mayor vows to work with Trump aides, but residents wary

By Ashraf Khalil  
and Lindsay Whitehurst  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The new picture of law enforcement in the nation's capital began taking shape Tuesday as some of the 800 National Guard members deployed by the Trump administration began arriving as police, D.C. officials and federal officials met to take the first steps in an uneasy partnership to reduce crime in what President Donald Trump called — without substantiation — a lawless city.

The influx came the morning after the Republican president announced he would be activating the guard members and taking over the District's Police Department, something the law allows him to do temporarily. He cited a crime emergency — but referred to the same crime that city officials stress is already falling noticeably.

Mayor Muriel Bowser pledged to work alongside the federal officials Trump has tasked with overseeing the city's law enforcement, while insisting the police chief remained in charge of the department and its officers.

"How we got here or what we think about the circumstances

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Troops load boxes of rifle ammunition Tuesday at the District of Columbia National Guard Headquarters as President Donald Trump implements his order to use federal authority to address crime and homelessness in the city. **J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP**

## Sox rookie shortstop making a big splash

Colson Montgomery has earned high praise from hitting coach Marcus Thames for an approach that has led to a fast start in the major leagues. He hit his 10th home run since being called up on July 4 in Monday's loss to the Tigers at Rate Field. **Chicago Sports**

## Floating Museum has new installation

Art collective's Floating Monuments series continues with a third inflatable, "for Mecca," a structure that people can walk through. Notable original Bronzeville buildings are represented, including Mecca Flats. **Arts & Living**

