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Dear Cook County Commissioners:

As chair of the South Cooperative for Public Education (SCOPE) and on behalf of its 68 member school districts and special education cooperatives located in South Cook County, I strongly urge your support of the proposed amendment to the Cook County Paid Leave Ordinance exempting school districts and park districts.

School district employees already are provided with paid leave through collective bargaining agreements and board policy. Imposing additional paid leave mandates on school districts will create serious unnecessary operational and staffing challenges.

Thank you for your consideration.

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