

Sun-Times: CPS brass cracking down on big payouts for sick days

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Chicago Public School officials hope to save tens of millions of dollars a year under a new sick-day policy that will be proposed next week and apparently will end excessive sick-day payouts.

The proposal follows a [Feb. 3 Better Government Association report](#) about a CPS policy that allows departing employees to pocket up to 325 unused sick days in cash on their way out the door.

CPS officials issued a news release Tuesday announcing they would be proposing changes to their sick day policy for only non-union employees at the Feb. 22 School Board meeting. However, the news release did not explain what the policy changes would be. The district estimated it spends \$37 million a year on unused sick days for both non-union and union employees.

The policy change, if approved, would affect 3,139 non-union employees, CPS Media Affairs Director Robyn Ziegler said. That includes not only the brass at central headquarters, but principals, assistant principals, new "network chiefs" and their staff.

"We intend to present a comprehensive policy to the Board that will do away with generous payouts that we simply can no longer afford," Schools CEO Jean-Claude Brizard said in the news release....[READ THE FULL STORY AT SUNTIMES.COM](#)