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Dear Parents & Schools,

We wanted to provide you an update about our tax credit scholarship application.

Over the past week we have identified the technology problems that caused our application to fail and are now in the process of solidifying solutions to make sure this doesn't happen again. Demand for the Empower Illinois scholarship is significant, last week resulted in one of the largest day 1 launches in the country ever.

In addition to leading technology experts, we have brought together a diverse group of partners from the secular, Lutheran, Catholic, Muslim and Jewish school communities to oversee the work and to set the path forward. In addition to adding capacity, we are also working to lessen the drain on servers and make the application process less stressful.

As a result, we are still likely at least two weeks away from making the application available. An exact date has not been determined but ***we will provide at least one week notice before the application reopens.***

It's important to remember that this is a delay only and does not impact the availability of scholarships from us or other SGOs in the state. The program has received \$45 million in pledges and we are all working hard to raise more for Illinois kids.

We know your children only get one chance at a great education and providing a fair opportunity for families to get an Empower Illinois scholarship is our highest priority.

Stay tuned to our website and Facebook page and we will continue to email those who have signed up via our website.

Thank you for your continued patience.