

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**GOVERNOR BRUCE RAUNER AND THE MCCORMICK FOUNDATION  
CELEBRATE BRINGING CIVICS BACK TO ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOLS**

**When:** Friday, March 11  
1:00 - 1:30 PM

**Where:** UIC Forum  
725 W. Roosevelt Road  
(SE corner of Roosevelt Road and Halsted Street)  
Chicago

**What:** Join the Robert R. McCormick Foundation and the Illinois Civic Mission Coalition for a **ceremonial bill signing** celebrating the passage of the new Illinois law requiring high school students to complete a semester-long civics course to graduate.

Included in the program, will be brief remarks from:

- Governor Bruce Rauner
- Senator Tom Cullerton (D-Villa Park)
- David Hiller, President and CEO of the Robert R. McCormick Foundation

The McCormick Foundation along with governmental leaders and statewide philanthropic and corporate organizations have endeavored to ensure civic education is once again a priority Illinois schools. Last year, these groups led a successful campaign to get the civics course mandate passed. The new requirement takes effect on July 1, 2016, and applies to incoming students.

This event is part of the Illinois Civic Mission Coalition (ICMC) Annual Convening. The ICMC is a broad, non-partisan consortium which includes educators, administrators, students, universities, funders, elected officials, policymakers and representatives from the private and non-profit sectors. Formed in 2004 by the Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago, the ICMC is part of the Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools, a national initiative to restore the core purpose of education to prepare America's youngest citizens to be informed and active participants in our democracy.

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