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# Mayor Rahm Emanuel to discuss "Moving Forward in Chicago" including new graduation requirements for post-high school education at National Press Club Headliners Luncheon

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WASHINGTON, /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel will discuss "Moving Forward in Chicago" including new initiatives for education and other programs at a National Press Club Headliners Luncheon on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.

Mayor Emanuel says he wants to guarantee the future success of students by requiring public high-school seniors to provide a college or trade school acceptance letter, proof of military enlistment or a job offer in order to graduate. Emanuel is serving his second term as the mayor of the nation's third-largest city with an estimated population of more than 2.7 million. Before assuming this role in 2011, he was President Barack Obama's chief of staff and served three terms in the U.S. Congress.

Emanuel is guiding a school system with graduation rates that, according to the Chicago Public School system, are growing from 66 percent in 2014 to about 73 percent in 2016 – the largest increase in graduate rates in the nation, but still below the national average of 80 percent. A stated purpose of the Mayor's new proposal is to get students thinking about their life after high-school.

Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m., with remarks beginning at 1 p.m., followed by a question-and-answer session ending! at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 for Press Club members (members may purchase two tickets at this rate) and \$39 for all other non-member tickets. Please click [here](#) to purchase tickets.

For questions, please email [reservations@press.org](mailto:reservations@press.org) or call (202) 662-7501. Tickets must be paid for at the time of purchase.

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