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## DEEP, DEEP FREEZE

A rider braves freezing weather while waiting for a CTA Blue Line train at California Avenue in Logan Square as temperatures remained near zero Monday. A wind chill advisory remains in place for the area and is expected to be lifted at 9 a.m. Wednesday, according to the National Weather Service. **Story on Page 2**

### UPCOMING FORECAST

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>COLD</b>	<b>COLD</b>	<b>COLD</b>	<b>COLD</b>
High 1 Low -1	High 16 Low 9	High 18 Low 5	High 12 Low 1

### ELECTION 2024

## Trump gets victory in Iowa caucus

Ex-president's rivals Haley, DeSantis pivot focus after contest kicks off monthslong GOP primary process

By Steve Peoples, Thomas Beaumont and Hannah Fingerhut  
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Donald Trump won the Iowa caucuses Monday, a crucial victory at the outset of the Republican primary that reinforces the former president's bond with his party's voters even as he faces extraordinary legal challenges that could complicate his bid to return to the White House.

The magnitude of Trump's success is still coming into focus, but the former president's supporters endured a historic and life-threatening cold snap to participate in caucus meetings that unfolded in schools, churches and community centers across the state.

The results are just the first in what will be a monthslong effort for Trump to secure the GOP nomination a third consecutive time.

But they send an unmistakable message to the Republican Party that the nomination is Trump's

to lose and crystallize the challenge facing his GOP opponents.

Former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis are Trump's most prominent primary rivals. They were aiming for a second-place finish in Iowa that would give them at least some momentum heading into future races.

Both are already pivoting their focus, with Haley poised to compete vigorously in New Hampshire, where she hopes to be more successful with the state's independent voters heading into the Jan. 23 primary.

DeSantis, meanwhile, is heading straight to South Carolina, a conservative stronghold where the Feb. 24 contest could prove pivotal, before then going to New Hampshire.

Iowa is an uneven predictor of who will ultimately lead Republicans into the general election.

George W. Bush's 2000 victory was the last time a Republican candidate won in Iowa and went on

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Former President Donald Trump eats pizza Sunday at the Waukee Fire Department in Iowa. **ANDREW HARNIK/AP**

## Legislators return to face funding issues

Migrants, Chicago school board elections on agenda in Springfield

By Jeremy Gorner and Dan Petrella  
Chicago Tribune

Funding for the ongoing migrant crisis and crafting voting logistics for Chicago's first elected school board are among the pressing issues facing Illinois lawmakers as they return to Springfield on Tuesday for a four-month legislative session.

Adding a potentially complicating element to the session, which ends in May, is the March 19 primary, when all 118 Illinois House seats and 23 of the Illinois Senate's 59 seats are on the ballot. Legislators are generally loath to confront controversial issues in an election year.

The primary comes less than two weeks before legislators face a self-imposed deadline to approve a new 20-district map for the first Chicago Public Schools elected board, an

issue they left hanging last spring and again in the fall after Democrats who control both legislative chambers failed to reach an agreement.

Something has to get done this time around, as the school board election is set for November. At the same time, Gov. J.B. Pritzker and lawmakers have to decide how big of a role the state government should play in assisting Chicago with an even more immediate issue, the thousands of asylum-seekers who have been sent to the city by governors in Texas and other border states.

House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch said the migrant issue "is going to be top of everyone's mind."

"We know that the lines that have been tapped are going to be a part of that conversation as well,"

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Marissa Lichwick-Glesne waits to cross the street with her son Laike after picking him up Wednesday from Lenart Regional Gifted Center. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/TRIBUNE**

## CPS to purchase green buses, but driver shortage a problem

Getting kids to and from school remains thorn for worn-out parents

By Alysa Guffey  
Chicago Tribune

Less than three weeks after informing parents that general education students would not receive busing for the remainder of the academic year, Chicago Public Schools announced it would buy and operate up to 50 electric school

buses over the next three years through a \$20 million grant from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Environmentalists and school and city officials praised the EPA funding as a step in the right direction toward a greener school district, improved city air quality and a reduced carbon footprint.

But the news of clean energy buses comes in the middle of a tough school year for many parents who are exasperated by daily hourslong commutes to school because of a bus driver shortage that has kept their children without the free or easy district transportation they received in previous years.

Since August, CPS has provided transportation

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#### Coalition calls for equity in education

The Rainbow/PUSH Coalition held its annual Martin Luther King Jr. scholarship breakfast Monday in Chicago, with the theme "Save Our Children." **Chicagoland**

#### Hamas ratchets up pressure

Hamas released a video showing three hostages and said it would soon announce their fate, an apparent attempt to pressure Israeli officials. **Nation & World**

#### Arctic air mass grips nation

Brutally cold temperatures and dangerous wind chills stayed put across much of the nation, holding up travel and an NFL game. **Nation & World**

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