

News Headlines Regarding Privatization

“Magic Johnson [Sodexo] and the mayor: \$250,000 donated after \$80 million CPS deal”

– Chicago Tribune, *'Magic' Johnson and the mayor: \$250,000 donated after \$80 million CPS deal*, March 19, 2015, by [David Heinzmann](#), [John Chase](#) and [Jeff Coen](#)

“...Sodexo paid \$80 million in April of 2005 to settle a lawsuit brought by the company’s thousands of black employees, who claimed that they were routinely barred from promotions and segregated within the company.”

– Huffington Post, *Outsourcing America: Sodexo Siphons Cash From Kids and Soldiers while Dishing Up Subprime Food*, November 24, 2013, by Rebekah Wilce and Mary Bottari

“Attorney General...announced today a \$20 million settlement with food services provider Sodexo for overcharging 21 New York school districts.”

– New York Attorney General Press Release, July 21, 2010

“... Numerous school districts and other institutions – including eleven universities – have cancelled some or all contracts with Sodexo...”

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“Parents at West Side school volunteer – to clean restrooms and classrooms”

–Chicago Tribune, *Parents at West Side school volunteer – to clean restrooms and classrooms*, December 19, 2015, by Marwa Eltagouri

“...Complaints about dirty school buildings piled up after CPS hired the contractors [Sodexo and Aramark]. Questions about cleanliness of the schools intensified after Aramark laid off nearly 480 custodians.”

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“Parents claim the unsanitary bathroom conditions, overflowing garbage cans and soiled napping cots are the result of inadequate custodial care following the Chicago Board of Education’s decision last spring to award multimillion-dollar custodial management contracts to two firms, Aramark and Sodexo...”

– Chicago Tribune, *Parents at West Side school volunteer – to clean restrooms and classrooms*, December 19, 2015, 6:19 p.m., by Marwa Eltagouri

"Three or four kids fell, and two more were crying... Word spread quickly... that shoveling the sidewalk is the responsibility of the Sutherland's janitorial staff, which was handed over to Aramark this year.”

“Parents vented not only about the unsafe sidewalks but also about the unkempt conditions at the school...”

– Substance News, *Icy Sidewalks Spark Outrage Over Janitorial Services at Sutherland*, January 12, 2016, by Howard Ludwig