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COUNCIL MEETING

March 20, 2026

8:00 AM

Zoom

Jen Figurelli, Executive Director

AGENDA

- Call to Order – LEND Co-Chair
 - Executive Director's Report
 - Session Update
 - Bills That Passed Committee
 - Bills in Discussions
 - LEND Financial Update
 - FY27 Proposed Dues
 - Federal Update
 - Member Concerns
 - Adjourn

BILLS THAT PASSED
HOUSE
COMMITTEES

HOUSE EDUCATION POLICY

HB1783 (Mussman): ST BD ED-LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT

- Provides that the State Board of Education, in cooperation with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission and the Department of Human Services, shall establish a language assessment program for deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind children, and select language developmental milestones.
- **Status: Held on 2nd for Amendment**

HB5207 (Gill) SCH CD-AG ED PROGRAM REPORT

- Requires the State Board of Education to, on or before March 1, 2027, submit a report to the General Assembly regarding the status and availability of agricultural education programs in the State. Effective immediately.

HOUSE EDUCATION POLICY

HB4264 (Hoffman): PRIV BUSINESS/VOC SCH-EXEMPT

- Provides that an educational institution that offers instruction or programs of study for which the participant or student is not charged any tuition or fees other than a nominal fee to cover the costs of books, tools, and similar materials shall not be considered a private business and vocational school.

HB4582 (Mussman) SCHCD-TWICE-EXCEPTIONAL STUDNT

- Provides that if a twice-exceptional student demonstrates the ability to benefit from advanced academic programs, this must be recognized in their IEP or Section 504 plan. The plan must include goals, services, and accommodations that support both the student's advanced abilities and their disabilities in all educational settings.
- **Status: Held on 2nd for Amendment**

HOUSE EDUCATION POLICY

HB5551 (Mussman)

- **ISBE CLEAN UP BILLS**

- Seeks to end the process of districts filing EAV adjustments from past years for recomputation of Evidence-Based Funding. The program is no longer needed after changes to state law enacted in 2021.
- Previously, districts sought the ability to file EAV adjustments that arrived after state aid calculations had been completed. Local losses are now fully recouped and there is no longer a case to be made that the state should offset a portion of local losses.
- **Status: Held on 2nd for Amendment**

HOUSE EDUCATION POLICY

HB5552 (Faver Dias)

- **ISBE CLEAN UP BILLS**

- RECIPROCITY:

- This allows qualifying educators trained in another state or country who are seeking licensure reciprocity in Illinois to be eligible for a provisional endorsement while they work to meet Illinois testing requirements to obtain their Professional Educator License (PEL).
- This allows a qualifying educator who was trained in another state or country, passed a content area test in another state, and meets other preparation requirements, to be eligible for licensure reciprocity in Illinois without needing to take an Illinois content area test. All states except for Iowa require a content area test.

HOUSE EDUCATION POLICY

HB5552 (Faver Dias)

- **ISBE CLEAN UP BILLS**
- ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (AFR):
 - Public Act 104-0261 included changes to the submission process for AFRs. As part of that, ISBE proposed moving the due date to February 15 and removing the 60-day extension option that districts have to extend the AFR due date from October 15 to December 15.
 - This ISBE Clean UP bill makes the due date October 15 and adds back in the 60-day extension.

HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

HB4379 (Briel) – Adult Changing Stations

- Provides that the owner or operator of each State-owned building and the owner or operator of each public building (rather than only the owner or operator of each State-owned building) shall (1) ensure that one or more of the public restrooms is designated as an adult changing station, with certain requirements, (2) maintain, repair, and replace each adult changing table as necessary, (3) clean each adult changing station with the same frequency as the other public restrooms.
- **Status: The sponsor has agreed to meet with us the first week of April so we can reiterate our opposition and talk about an amendment.**

HOUSE ETHICS AND ELECTIONS

HB4339 (Du Buclet) SCH CD-HIGH SCH-REGISTER VOTER

- Beginning with the 2026–2027 school year, requires a school district maintaining any of grades 9 through 12 to provide all eligible students graduating from high school with the opportunity to register to vote. Effective immediately.
- **SUPPORT**

HOUSE ADMIN, LICENSING, & CHARTER SCHOOLS

HB4553 (Mason) SCH ATHLETICS-OFFICIAL-CHECK

- Officials that referee school games are not finger print background checked.
- The IHSA is opposed and may try to work on an amendment. The bill is being held should the IHSA and sponsor come to agreement on other issues concerning gaps in records checks.
- **Status: Held on 2nd for Amendment**

HOUSE ADMIN, LICENSING, & CHARTER SCHOOLS

HB4247 (Mayfield) SCH CD-ASTHMA MEDICATION

- Defines athletic trainers and coaches
- Adds trainers and coaches to the list of school personnel that can be (not must be) trained to administer undesignated medications
- Adds "practice field or gym" to school locations where a supply of asthma medication may be located (not shall)
- All changes made by the bill are subject to appropriation or available grant funding (although none of it is a mandate)
- **Status: Held on 2nd for Amendment**

HOUSE ADMIN, LICENSING, & CHARTER SCHOOLS

HB5321 (Stuart) SCH CD-TEACHER SALARY-CONT ED

- This bill ensures that any continuing education used for teacher salary advancement must be transcribed credit from a regionally accredited higher education institution and must result in a letter grade.

HB4068 (Crawford) SCH CD-ACCOMODATIONS-TIMELINE

- Provides that within 14 school days after receiving a written request for a federal Section 504 plan from a child's parent or guardian, a school district shall determine whether the clinical information provided by the parent or guardian is sufficient to support the need for a Section 504 plan, whether further evaluation is warranted to make that determination, or whether there is no basis for an evaluation or plan based on available information. Makes the process consistent with the IEP process.

HOUSE ADMIN, LICENSING, & CHARTER SCHOOLS

HB4859 (Yang Rohr) SCH CD-UNUSED FOOD SHARING

- Allows a school district to comply with provisions concerning school unused food sharing plans by implementing a share table. Provides that the school district may develop and follow a policy on standard operating procedures for share tables.

BILLS IN DISCUSSIONS



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HB4416 (Evans)/ SB3286 (Villivalam): UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

- We are actively communicating our opposition with members of the General Assembly. Your calls and emails have helped support our work. Please call your House and Senate members if you haven't already done so.
- Talking points can be found on our website on the members only page.
- **If you have not filled out the spreadsheet please reach out to Karli Ryan, karliryan@ethekos.com and she will send it to you.**

BILLS IN DISCUSSIONS

HB4399 (Delgado): BIODIESEL FUEL

- The bill is not moving. K-12 advocates and the Illinois Soybean Association will meet this summer.

WORLD LANGUAGE

- Both our bill and the ISBE bill have received extensions as we continue discussions.

BILLS IN DISCUSSIONS

SB2427 (Castro/Mussman): Cell Phone Ban

- We met with the Governor's Office last Tuesday and have made forward progress with them and the House sponsor.
- "School time" means the time students spend on a school campus during the regular school day, beginning with the designated arrival time for students through the designated dismissal time for students, including instructional time, recess, lunch, and passing periods. "School time" does not include a before-school or after-school activity or a student's presence at an off-campus learning opportunity.
- At the discretion of the school district, you may exclude lunch and passing periods for high school students.

BILLS IN DISCUSSIONS

SB2427 (Castro/Mussman): Cell Phone Ban

- Policy adopted by the school board shall include:
 - At a minimum, prohibits student use of wireless communication during school time;
 - Guidance for wireless communication device storage within a school building;
 - importance of uniform enforcement of the policy in a trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate manner;
 - Provides alternative for cases in which a parent or guardian is unable to appear in person to retrieve the device;
 - Violations of the policy shall be published in the student handbook.

BILLS IN DISCUSSIONS

SB2427 (Castro/Mussman): Cell Phone Ban

- The Policy may not prohibit:
 - If a licensed physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner determines it necessary for the student to have during school
 - To fulfill and IEP or 504
 - If school personnel have determined the device is needed for EL students
 - If school personnel determine on a case-by-case basis that a student caregiver need access for the care and well-being of a family member

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SB2427 (Castro/Mussman): Cell Phone Ban

- Policy Exceptions:
 - If school personnel have authorized the student to use the device for educational purposes;
 - in the event of an emergency as detailed in at least one of the district's emergency and crisis response plans, protocols, or procedures.
- No school district may enforce the wireless communication policy through fees, fines, suspensions, expulsions, or a school resource officer. This does not extend to the use of the device to engage in other gross disobedience.
- Existing policies are grandfathered in through the 2030-2031 school year.

BILLS IN DISCUSSIONS

HB5417 (Mussman): FOOD SERVICE CONTRACTS

Food service contracts entered into between a school board and a food service management company shall:

- Be for a duration of no longer than 1 year with options for annual renewal not exceeding 4 years
- Include termination clause where either party can cancel after a 60-day notification
- All contracts are subject to standardized evaluation criteria created by ISBE for scoring
- The bids must be evaluated by a CPA or an equally qualified individual employed in finance or accounting
- **We met on Wednesday and conversations will continue longterm**

HOUSE PENSIONS

Pensions:

- A number of bills are posted for committee today at 10 AM. We will be attending committee to keep our ears open for any movement on changes to Tier 2 or any other possible pension changes
- If necessary we will provide an update.

COMPLETE BILL LIST FOR
NEXT WEEK WILL BE POSTED
MONDAY 3/23 ON MEMBERS
ONLY PAGE

BILLS OF INTEREST

HB4811 (Jiménez) SCH CD-HIGH SCHOOL START TIME

- Prohibits a public high school from having a start time earlier than 8:30 a.m.

HB5533 (Keicher) SCH CD-FINANCIAL LITERACY

- Requires, beginning with the 2029–2030 school year, for a pupil entering grade 9 to complete one semester of a stand-alone financial literacy course as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma, to be taken in grade 11 or 12.

BILLS OF INTEREST

SB2726 (Morrison) ELEC CD-POLLING PLACES

- Provides that an election authority shall not permit a law enforcement agent to enter and remain in a polling place, unless the law enforcement agent is called upon by the election authority or judges of election or required by court order. Provides that an election authority shall ensure that any law enforcement agent who is permitted to enter and remain in a polling place has provided the election authority with a valid pollwatcher credential.

LEND FINANCIAL UPDATE



LEND PROPOSED DUES ALLOCATION For Fiscal Year 2026-2027

\$249,941 (2025-26 Dues)
2.70% % Increase
\$6,748 \$ Increase
\$256,689 (2024-25 Dues)

District	2025-2026 Dues (Approved)	2026-2027 Dues (Proposed)
Bensenville ESD 2	\$5,266	\$5,408
Addison ESD 4	\$5,907	\$6,067
Wood Dale ESD 7	\$5,116	\$5,255
Itasca ESD 10	\$4,803	\$4,932
Medinah ESD 11	\$4,916	\$5,048
Roselle ESD 12	\$4,810	\$4,940
Bloomingtondale ESD 13	\$5,095	\$5,232
Marquardt ESD 15	\$5,320	\$5,463
Queen Bee ESD 16	\$5,016	\$5,151
Keeneyville ESD 20	\$4,979	\$5,114
Benjamin ESD 25	\$4,766	\$4,895
West Chicago ESD 33	\$5,734	\$5,888

FY27 PROPOSED DUES INFORMATION

- 2.7% CPI Increase

FY27 DUES INFORMATION

Winfield ESD 34	\$4,732	\$4,860
Glen Ellyn ESD 41	\$5,930	\$6,090
Lombard ESD 44	\$5,737	\$5,892
DuPage/Villa Park ESD 45	\$5,756	\$5,912
Salt Creek ESD 48	\$5,815	\$5,972
Butler ESD 53	\$6,548	\$6,724
Downers Grove ESD 58	\$6,985	\$7,174
Maercker ESD 60	\$5,161	\$5,300
Darien ESD 61	\$5,042	\$5,178
Gower ESD 62	\$0	\$0
Cass ESD 63	\$4,881	\$5,012
Center Cass ESD 66	\$5,082	\$5,220
Woodridge ESD 68	\$5,556	\$5,706
Hinsdale HSD 86	\$7,278	\$7,474
Glenbard HSD 87	\$8,052	\$8,270
DuPage/Addison HSD 88	\$6,543	\$6,719
CCSD 89 (Glen Ellyn)	\$5,397	\$5,542
CCSD 93 (Carol Stream)	\$5,820	\$5,977
West Chicago HSD 94	\$5,554	\$5,704
Downers Grove HSD 99	\$7,109	\$7,301
Fenton HSD 100	\$5,612	\$5,764
Lake Park HSD 108	\$6,050	\$6,213
CCSD 180 (Burr Ridge)	\$5,014	\$5,150
CCSD 181 (Hinsdale)	\$6,361	\$6,533
Wheaton CUSD 200	\$9,062	\$9,307
Westmont CUSD 201	\$5,057	\$5,194

Lisle CUSD 202	\$5,139	\$5,278
Naperville CUSD 203	\$10,755	\$11,045
Indian Prairie CUSD 204	\$14,421	\$14,811
Elmhurst CUSD 205	\$7,765	\$7,975
	\$ 249,941	\$ 256,689

FEDERAL UPDATE



SNAP ELIGIBILITY & NSLP

SNAP now requires SNAP participants to file every 90 days to verify:

- employment and qualifying income
 - exemption from employment
 - 90 days of unsuccessfully looking for employment
 - in lieu of the above, proof of 20 hrs/week of volunteering or 80hrs/month
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- Next filing is due May 1
 - SNAP eligibility and enrollment by July 1 is a main determinant of NSLP participation
 - One approved for NSLP at the beginning of the school year, families are enrolled for the rest of it

DUAL CREDIT SURVEY

QUESTIONS



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