



2025-2026 Membership Renewal

Dear ED-RED Superintendent,

At ED-RED, we believe that strong public schools are the foundation of vibrant communities—and that your leadership is key to ensuring every student has access to the opportunities they deserve. By renewing your ED-RED membership, you're not just joining an advocacy organization—you're stepping into a coalition of bold, informed leaders committed to shaping education policy that reflects the realities of our suburban districts.

Over the past year, ED-RED members helped secure meaningful wins for public education, including advancing dual credit reform, jumpstarting mandate relief, and protecting the voice of school districts in local economic development decisions. These successes are a direct result of your voice, your expertise, and our shared commitment to strong, well-resourced public schools.

As we head into the 2025–2026 school year, the policy landscape is more complex than ever. A full year into the 104th General Assembly, we anticipate another surge of education-related legislation—some well-intentioned but misguided, others potentially transformative. At the same time, growing uncertainty at the federal level threatens to disrupt funding streams, shift policy priorities, and create new challenges for local districts. These pressures will play out in Springfield, where state leaders may be forced to make difficult decisions in response.

Now more than ever, our collective voice must be loud, clear, and unified.

ED-RED is built to meet this moment. We're not just defending public education—we're shaping it. Together, we are advancing smart, research-based policies while pushing back against mandates that don't reflect the needs of our schools. Whether advocating to expand dual credit opportunities, improve student safety, or protect instructional time, we are fighting for legislation that lifts up students, educators, and communities.

Your continued participation is what makes this work possible. With your voice and leadership, ED-RED will continue to drive meaningful change and protect what matters most for suburban schools.

Enclosed in this renewal packet, you'll find our vision and belief statements, a full list of exclusive member benefits, and the finalized meeting schedule for 2025–2026. If you or your board would like to connect further, I would be happy to meet—please don't hesitate to reach out at **bridget@ed-red.org** or **(847) 692-8048**.

Thank you for your partnership and leadership. We look forward to continuing this work—together.

With appreciation,

Bridget Peach

Executive Director, ED-RED



ED-RED

EDUCATION.RESEARCH.DEVELOPMENT

Advocating for quality public education on behalf of the suburban school districts we serve

ED-RED was established in the fall of 1971 by seven north suburban high school districts and has expanded over the years to include 19 high school districts, 62 elementary school districts, two unit districts, four Special Education Cooperatives and four Intermediate Service Centers in Cook and Lake Counties. The legislative area covered by ED-RED districts includes all or part of 19 of the present 59 Senate districts and 30 of the 118 House districts. ED-RED is governed by an Executive Board of 12 district administrators and board members and led by two full-time staff members.

Our Mission

**Advocating for quality public education
on behalf of the suburban school districts we serve.**

WE BELIEVE THAT:

Locally controlled
public school
districts are pillars
of a democratic
society

State mandates
must be
limited, clear,
and financially
supported

Local districts tailor
educational and
fiscal decisions to
the unique needs
of their students

Research-based
education policy
is imperative to
the success of
our schools



DUES STRUCTURE

For 50 plus years, ED-RED has represented *suburban public schools* in Springfield. Our mission is to advocate for the diverse needs of our member districts and to be a premier education policy resource for both Illinois legislators and suburban public schools. As a member of ED-RED, your district amplifies our voice as a strong coalition of over eighty school districts, special education cooperatives, and Intermediate Service Centers in suburban Cook and Lake Counties.

Membership with ED-RED includes:

- Advocacy with local and State legislators, State policy leaders, and agency personnel on critical school issues such as, K-12 funding, unfunded mandates, pension reform, property taxes, and other key issues of concern;
- Legislative updates via the monthly From the Floor to Your Door (FTFTYD) Newsletters and Weekly Updates;
- Action Alerts on ED-RED Hot Topics;
- Invitation to our events:
 - Summer Legislative Breakfast (August);
 - Fall Kick Off Luncheon (October);
 - Annual Legislative Dinner (January);
 - Advocacy Days in Springfield (Spring);
 - ED-RED & Lake ROE Mini-Summit (June);
- Invitation to our monthly Member Meetings;
- Access to ED-RED staff for research and presentations at member district school board meetings; and
- Access to ED-REDs Members-Only Website publications and features.

ED-REDs 2025-2026 Dues Structure

New Dues Structure	
Type of District	Dues
Elementary Under 1,000 Students	Tier 1: \$1,100 Tier 2: \$1,350 Tier 3: \$1,600 Tier 4: \$1,850
Elementary Between 1,001 - 1,999 Students	Tier 1: \$1,850 Tier 2: \$2,100 Tier 3: \$2,350 Tier 4: \$2,600
Elementary Over 2,000 Students	Tier 1: \$3,100 Tier 2: \$3,350 Tier 3: \$3,600 Tier 4: \$3,850
High School/Unit Districts	Tier 1: \$4,600 Tier 2: \$4,850 Tier 3: \$5,100 Tier 4: \$5,350
Intermediate Service Centers	\$3,000
Special Education Cooperatives	\$3,000

July 2025



INVOICE

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INVOICE DATE:

July 7, 2025

DESCRIPTION:	AMOUNT
ED-RED Membership fee for FY 2025-2026	\$ 2600.00
TOTAL DUE <i>Please make your check payable to ED-RED. Unable to accept credit card payments.</i>	\$ 2600.00

We look forward to working with you throughout the 2025-2026 school year to secure additional legislative victories for our suburban public schools!



2025 - 2026 Member Meeting Schedule

August 1, 2025	Legislative Breakfast Time: 8:30 – 10:30 AM @ Wheeling 21
October 20, 2025	ED-RED Annual Kick-Off Luncheon Time: 11:00 – 2:00 PM Location TBD
November 6, 2025	EVENING VIRTUAL Member Meeting Time: 6:00 – 7:00 PM Zoom
December 5, 2025	Member Meeting Time: 1:30 – 3:00 PM Maine 207
January 26, 2026	ED-RED Legislative Dinner 5:00 – 8:00 PM Stevenson HS
February 13, 2026	VIRTUAL Member Meeting Time: 1:30 – 3:00 PM Zoom
March 5, 2026	EVENING VIRTUAL Member Meeting Time: 6:00 – 7:00 PM Zoom
April 10, 2026	Member Meeting Time: 1:30 – 3:00 PM Wheeling 21
June 5, 2026	Member Meeting Time: 1:30 - 3:00 PM Maine 207
June 11, 2026	Mini-Summit Time: 8:00 – 12:00 PM Location TBD