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Please include in the board packet for Monday's meeting.

Jason

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**Advocacy in Action: HB 7 Defeated in House**

Thank you to everyone who reached out to your local legislators and filled out a witness slip on HB 7, the proposal aimed at consolidating high school and elementary districts into unit districts by forcing local referendums.

HB 7, sponsored by Rep. Rita Mayfield (D-Waukegan), was defeated in the **Illinois House** Thursday night on a vote of 42-55-3.

Here's the roll call for the vote. If your local legislator voted "no," I encourage you to reach out and thank them. It's important to let them know you appreciate they listened to your concerns.

As we have detailed previously, IASA is not opposed to districts consolidating, but we believe strongly it has to be a community-initiated plan that is supported by incentives offered by the state. Otherwise, any proposal will likely lead to a significant increase in costs at the local level.

I am glad this bill was defeated Thursday night and especially proud of our members for making their voices heard. However, it's always important to keep in mind any bill can resurface at any time in the Illinois General Assembly via shell bills and amendments. With five weeks to go this legislative session, it's possible this same proposal resurfaces.

The House adjourned late last night after passing 180 bills. The Senate adjourned earlier in the evening after passing 75 bills.

Today marks the substantive deadline for bills to pass out of their chamber of origin. We will be monitoring the action closely and unpacking where everything stands. Have a great weekend and be on the lookout for a Capitol Watch early next week.

Sincerely,

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