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**Fwd: Capitol Watch: Third Call to Action on Unstructured Playtime Bill**

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**Third Call to Action on Unstructured Playtime Bill**

If you haven't already, please sign a [witness slip in opposition](#) and contact your local [Representatives](#) today on **SB 654**.

We need to put the pressure on and make sure our voices are heard loud and clear to the General Assembly on why mandating unstructured playtime in grades K-8 would be a significant unfunded mandate for our schools, as well as create immense logistical challenges, academic concerns and issues with compliance of other curricular mandates.

The legislation could be **heard tomorrow at 8:30 a.m.** by the House Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee.

Right now, the bill has the backing of the Illinois Families for Public Schools. The group is rallying support, and we need to make sure witness slips in opposition eclipse proponents.

Again, the proposal would require all public schools to provide daily time for supervised, unstructured, child-directed play for all students in kindergarten through eighth grade. The bill, which would take effect July 1, 2021, provides that playtime shall not count as a course of physical education. Playtime would count toward the five-clock hour requirement.

Meanwhile, IASA and IPA will continue to work with the sponsors on an amendment that would make this proposal more manageable for schools by limiting the requirement to grades K-5 and a half hour, instead of grades K-8 and a full hour.

Advocacy in Action!

Sincerely,

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