

LEND Council Meeting

MAY 23, 2025

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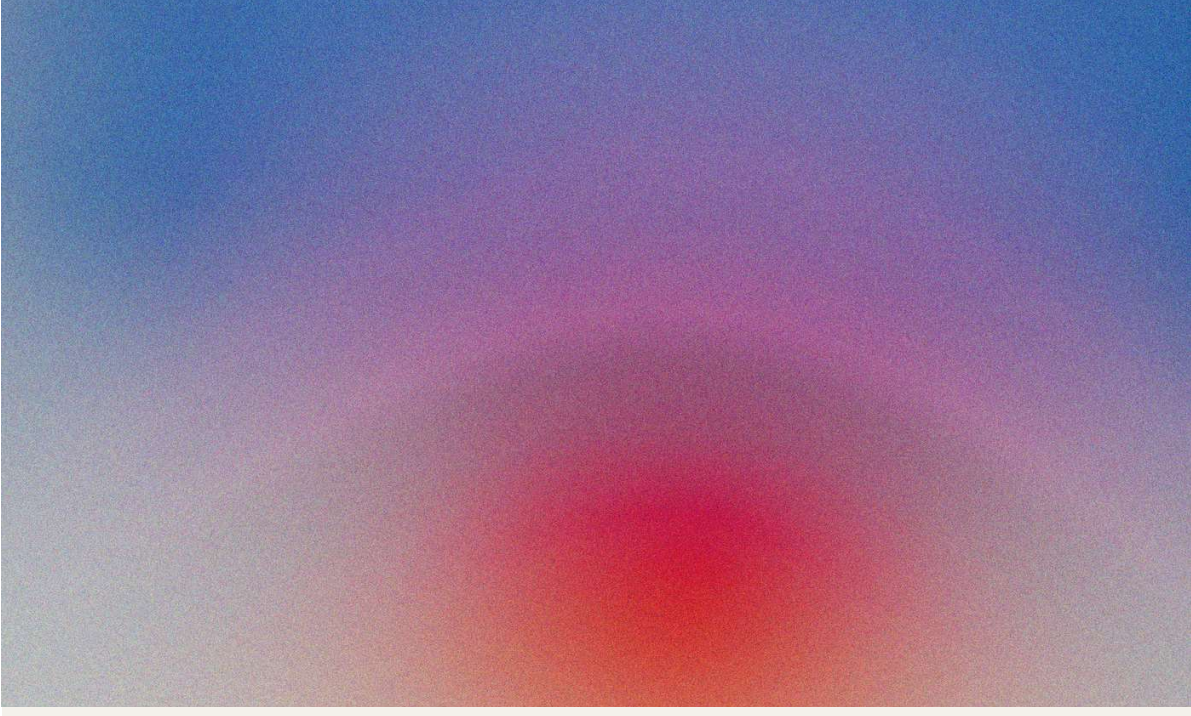
AGENDA

- WELCOME- LEND CO-CHAIR
- DIRECTORS REPORT
 - SESSION UPDATE
- FY26 ORGANIZATION ACTION- REQUIRED
 - FY26 PROPOSED DUES- VOICE VOTE
 - FY26 PROPOSED BUDGET- VOICE VOTE
 - FY26 PROPOSED MEETING DATES- VOICE VOTE
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SLATE- VOICE VOTE
- ETHEKOS SURVEY
- RECOGNITION OF RETIREES
- MEMBER CONCERNS
- ADJOURN



Directors Report

Jen Figurelli and Peg Agnos



FEDERAL UPDATE

Federal Update

- **Tax Credit Provisions:**

- The bill includes a provision allocating \$5 billion a year for four years for tax credits for individual contributions to scholarship granting organizations for students in private elementary and secondary schools.
- Here is a website with lots of info that includes ways to take actions: www.novouchers.org

Federal Update

- **Medicaid Provisions:**

- Medicaid School Based funding is a funding source for IEPs and other health services provided at school (such as mental health services).
 - The bill makes changes to the ways states can finance Medicaid (such as taxes on providers) which is expected to create Medicaid shortfalls, forcing additional cuts. The bill also lowers the federal share of payment if the state allows undocumented immigrants care through Medicaid.
- Another area to watch for Budget Reconciliation is the provision on the tax deductibility of state and local taxes which largely finance schools. I haven't been watching that as closely but I will look up the latest provision.

Budget Talks in the Halls of the Capitol

Budget Talks - Nothing Confirmed

- On the table in the House are the four revenue enhancements in Governor Pritzker's FY26 Budget Recommendation.
- **Enhancements**
 - Delinquent Tax Payment Incentive Program:
 - This program aimed to generate \$198 million in additional revenue by encouraging taxpayers to pay their outstanding taxes.
 - Pausing the final shift of sales taxes on motor fuel:
 - This involved temporarily pausing the transfer of state sales taxes on motor fuel purchases to the Road Fund, resulting in an estimated \$171 million increase in general funds.

Budget Talks - Nothing Confirmed

Enhancements

- Realignment of tax treatment for table and electronic games at casinos:
 - This proposal aimed to raise \$100 million by adjusting the tax treatment of these games.
- Eliminating the 280E deduction for cannabis industry expenses:
 - This measure aimed to generate \$20 million by eliminating a deduction previously allowed for cannabis industry business expenses.
- The General Assembly must take action on the enhancements or the Governor's budget will not balance, and in fact, with the latest estimates from GOMB and the Department of Revenue not adopting these enhancements will increase the state deficit to \$1 billion.
- Without these enhancements or the introduction of new revenue, it could result in cuts to the FY26 budget.

Dual Credit Update

SB404 (Castro), SA#2

- **Provides Right of First Refusal**

- The school district and community college district must designate a liaison to begin negotiations.
- Agreement must be reached within 60 days.
- No school district can partner with any post secondary institution without first negotiating with their local community college.
- Language to default the model partnership agreement (MPA) after 180 days has been removed.

- **Sets Parameters for Out of State Dual Credit Partnerships**

- A school district may not enter into a contract with an out of state institution until they've demonstrated to ICCB that it has worked with all in state institutions.
- All current out of state contracts are grandfathered in.

SB404 Castro, SA#2

- **Establishes An Appeals Process**
 - A community college has 30 days from the initial course request to notify the school district of its disapproval.
 - The school district can appeal the decision to the IL Community College Board (ICCB).
 - If ICCB finds in favor of the school district, the school district can seek an alternate provider.
 - If ICCB finds in favor of the community college the school district must accept the decision.
- **Creates a Dual Credit Standing Committee**
 - 8 K-12 Members, appointed by the State Superintendent
 - 8 CC Members, appointed by ICCB
 - 4 union members, 2 IFT and 2 IEA
- **Clarifies the Academic Credentials Required to Teach Dual Credit**

SB404 Castro, SA#2

- **Creates Requirements for a 5 year Study**

- A study after 5 years of these changes shall include, if available, but not limited to, the impact of:
 - Postsecondary enrollment
 - Persistence, completion, quality and access to dual credit in Illinois.
 - Includes student demographics.
- The 5 year study shall be prepared by ICCB and be shared with the General Assembly and the Governor and published on their website by October 1, 2030.

- **Dual Credit Agreements Published at ICCB**

- The Illinois Community College Board shall publish all dual credit agreements between school districts and out-of-state or private postsecondary institutions on its website.

MF SAB Legislation

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HB2962 (Crawford/Fine) Vehicle Cd Third Division

- The Secretary of State shall issue a school bus driver permit for the operation of:
 - First or second division vehicles used as school buses
 - First division vehicles used as school buses, or
 - First division vehicles or multifunction school activity buses (carrying up to 15 passengers, including the driver) when used for curriculum-related activities.
- In my conversation with the Secretary of State's Office, the process to obtain this permit is the same except you test in the MFSAB.

SB851 (Murphy/Mussman) - School Transporations Tech

- Expands allowed vehicle use for school activities:
 - Allows multifunction school activity buses (MFSABs) for Grades 9-12.
 - K-12 IEP students with 1:5 ratio at specific schools.
 - Must meet driver and vehicle safety requirements.
 - Adds pickup truck exception for farm-related (agrarian) trips.

LEND IS STILL WORKING
WITH SENATE STAFF



Bills of Interest

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SB2427 (Castro/Mussman) Cell Phone Ban

- The bill is struggling to pass the House. I know there is language being drafted to satisfy requests from the Black Caucus.
- We were neutral on the original language, however, when the amendment drops we will determine our position should it need to change.

HB3772 (Davis/Lightford) - K-2 Suspension/Expulsion

- DENIED
 - Removal of suspension duration being limited to the amount of time a district needs to create a Behavior Implementation Plan (BIP).
- We met with ISBE this week and have accepted language. We are working with Senator Lightford to get the bill amended prior to adjournment to remove our opposition.

Bills of Interest

SB1799 (Villivalam/Olickal) 3rd Party Contractors Emergency Situations

- House Amendment 2 to SB1799 represents a negotiated compromise between labor and school management, resulting in school management groups taking a neutral stance on the proposal.
- As amended:
 - Preserves districts' ability to use third-party contractors in emergencies.
 - Postpones the requirement for mutual agreement with the bargaining unit until the third contract renewal.
 - We believe this compromise protects a critical option for districts addressing persistent staffing issues, while also allowing more time for collaboration with local bargaining units to develop a sustainable, long-term solution. The proposal is expected to be heard in committee next week.
- Passed the House Labor Committee this week

FY26 Organizational Updates

LEND DUES ALLOCATION For Fiscal Year 2025-2026

****Proposed****

\$242,840 (2024-25 Dues)
2.90% % Increase

\$7,042 \$ Increase
\$249,882 (2025-26 Dues)

District	2023-2024 Dues (Actual)	2024-2025 Dues (Actual)	2025-2026 Dues (Proposed)
Bensenville Elementary 2	\$4,874	\$5,118	\$5,266
Addison SD 4	\$5,467	\$5,741	\$5,907
Wood Dale 7	\$4,736	\$4,972	\$5,116
Itasca 10	\$4,445	\$4,667	\$4,803
Medinah 11	\$4,550	\$4,777	\$4,916
Roselle 12	\$4,452	\$4,675	\$4,810
Bloomington SD 13	\$4,716	\$4,951	\$5,095
Marquardt SD 15	\$4,923	\$5,170	\$5,320
Queen SD 16	\$4,642	\$4,874	\$5,016
Keeneyville SD 20	\$4,608	\$4,839	\$4,979
Benjamin SD 25	\$4,411	\$4,632	\$4,766
West Chicago 33	\$5,307	\$5,572	\$5,734
Winfield SD 34	\$4,380	\$4,599	\$4,732
Glen Ellyn SD 41	\$5,488	\$5,763	\$5,930
Lombard SD 44	\$5,310	\$5,575	\$5,737
DuPage SD 45 (Villa Park)	\$5,328	\$5,594	\$5,756
Salt Creek SD 48	\$5,382	\$5,651	\$5,815
Butler SD 53	\$6,006	\$6,306	\$6,489
Downers Grove 58	\$6,465	\$6,788	\$6,985
Maercker SD 60	\$4,776	\$5,015	\$5,161

Proposed FY26 Dues - Curt Saindon, Greg Harris

Darien 61	\$4,666	\$4,900	\$5,042
Gower 62	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cass SD 63	\$4,517	\$4,743	\$4,881
Center Cass SD 66	\$4,704	\$4,939	\$5,082
Woodridge SD 68	\$5,142	\$5,399	\$5,556
Hinsdale SD 86	\$6,736	\$7,073	\$7,278
Glenbard SD 87	\$7,453	\$7,826	\$8,052
DuPage HS Dist. 88	\$6,055	\$6,358	\$6,543
CCSD 89 (Glen Ellyn)	\$4,995	\$5,245	\$5,397
CCSD 93 (Carol Stream)	\$5,387	\$5,656	\$5,820
West Chicago SD 94	\$5,141	\$5,398	\$5,554
Downers Grove 99	\$6,579	\$6,908	\$7,109
Fenton SD 100	\$5,194	\$5,454	\$5,612
Lake Park HS 108	\$5,600	\$5,880	\$6,050
CCSD 180 (Burr Ridge)	\$4,641	\$4,873	\$5,014
CCSD 181 (Hinsdale)	\$5,887	\$6,182	\$6,361
Wheaton SD 200	\$8,387	\$8,807	\$9,062
Community Unit SD 201 (Westmont)	\$4,681	\$4,915	\$5,057
Lisle Community Unit School Dist. 202	\$4,757	\$4,994	\$5,139
Naperville 203	\$9,954	\$10,452	\$10,755
Indian Prairie CSD 204	\$13,348	\$14,015	\$14,421
Elmhurst CUSD 205	\$7,187	\$7,547	\$7,765
	\$ 231,277	\$ 242,840	\$ 249,883

Deposits:

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Tentative FY26 Budget						
						(3/7/25)
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE:						(est.)
REVENUE:						
Membership Dues						+2.9%
LEND III Breakfast Sponsorships						
LEND III Breakfast Registration Fees						
Miscellaneous Revenues (overdue accts.)						
TOTAL REVENUES						
EXPENDITURES:						
EtheKos Fees						+2.9%
LEND Breakfast						
Internet, Legislative Tracking Website						
Bank Fees						
Miscellaneous Expenses (reimbursements)						
TOTAL EXPENDITURES						
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)						
ENDING CASH BALANCE:						

FY26 Proposed Meeting Dates - Jen Figurelli



LEND FY26 Proposed Council Meeting Dates
(Council meets on the 4th Friday of each month unless otherwise specified)

September 19, 2025 (3rd Friday)

October 17, 2025 (3rd Friday)

November 22, 2025
Swissotel
Eleve Ballroom

January 23, 2026

February 27, 2026

March 20, 2026 (3rd Friday)

April 24, 2026

May 2026 – TBD
In person

Subject to legislative calendar

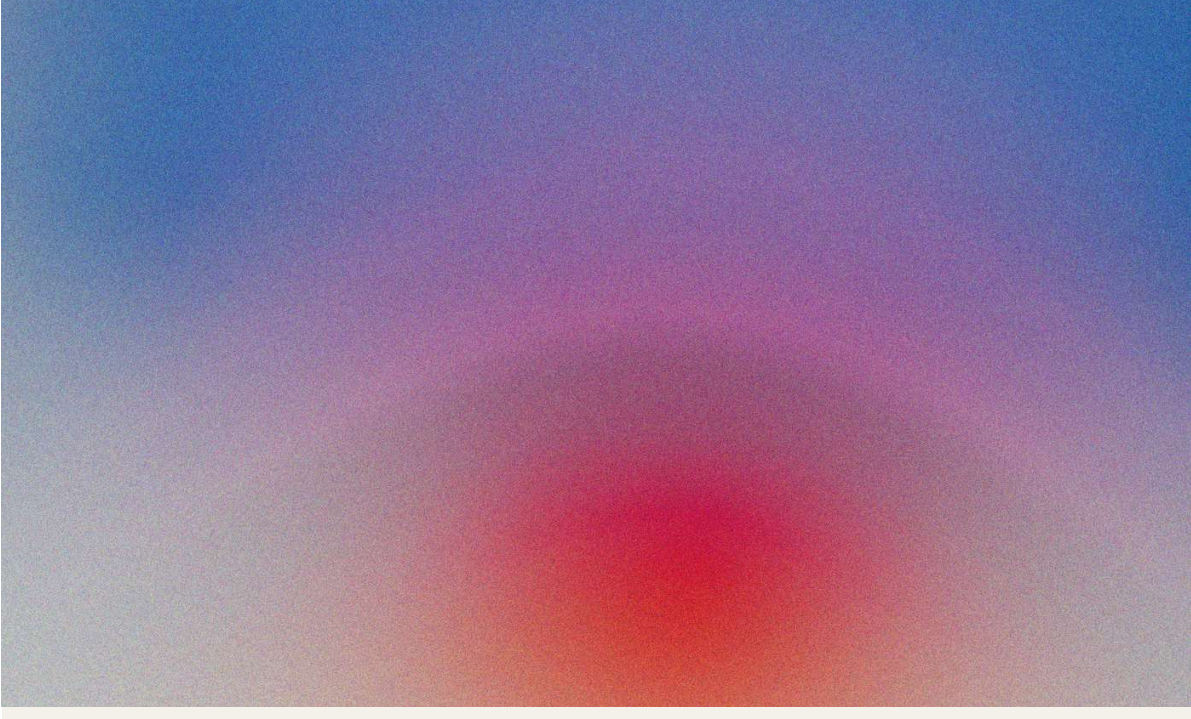
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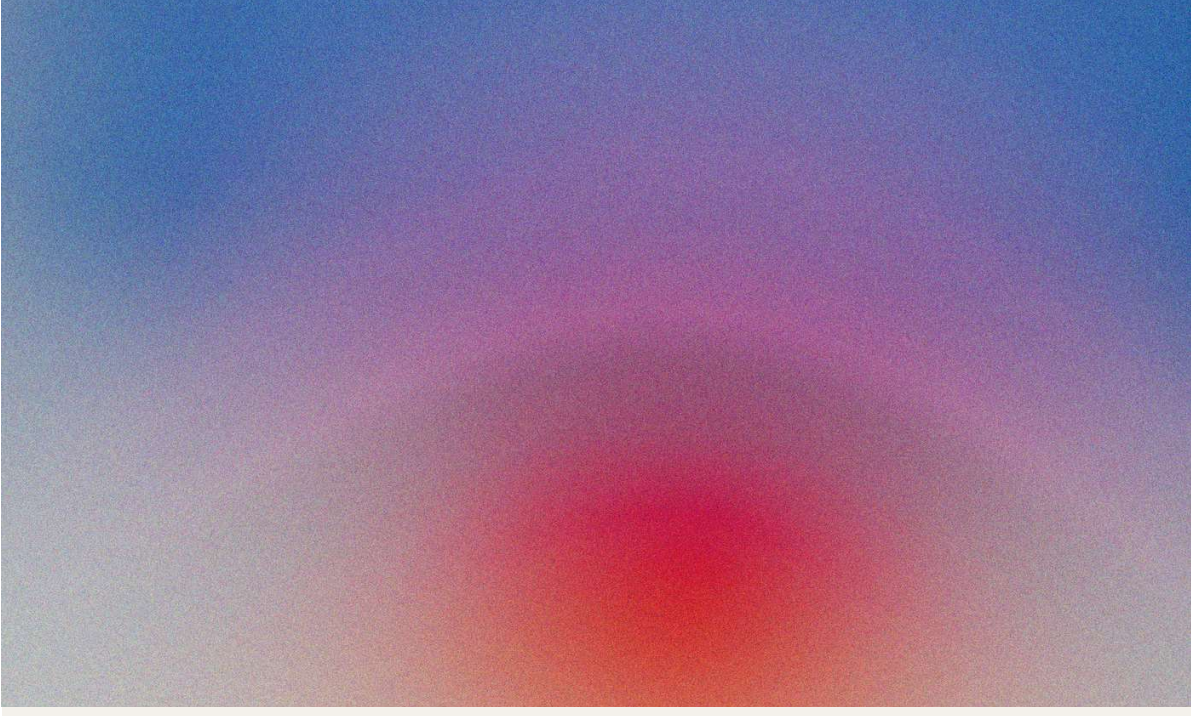
Dr. Jeff Schuler





Recognition of Retirees

Peg Agnos



WHEREAS The LEND Council is honored to be represented by Leaders from throughout DuPage County, and

WHEREAS the LEND Council is comprised of bright, articulate and giving individuals, and

WHEREAS members Dr. John Corbett and Dr. David Larson will be leaving this year, and

WHEREAS on this the 23rd day of May in the year 2025 we honor your service, commitment, and dedication to LEND and more importantly to the districts and their students and communities.

BE IT RESOLVED that

You are appreciated.

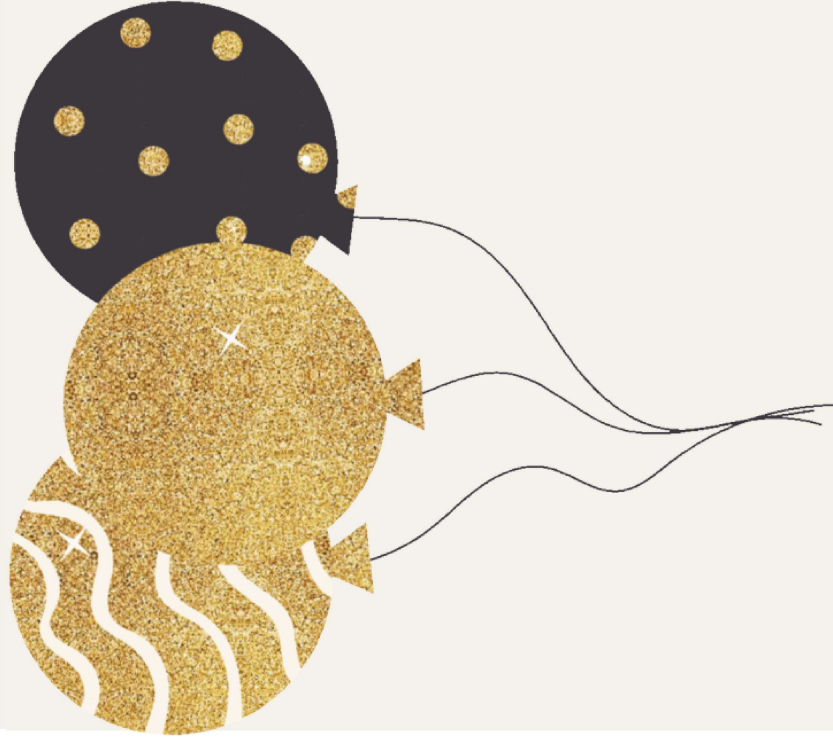
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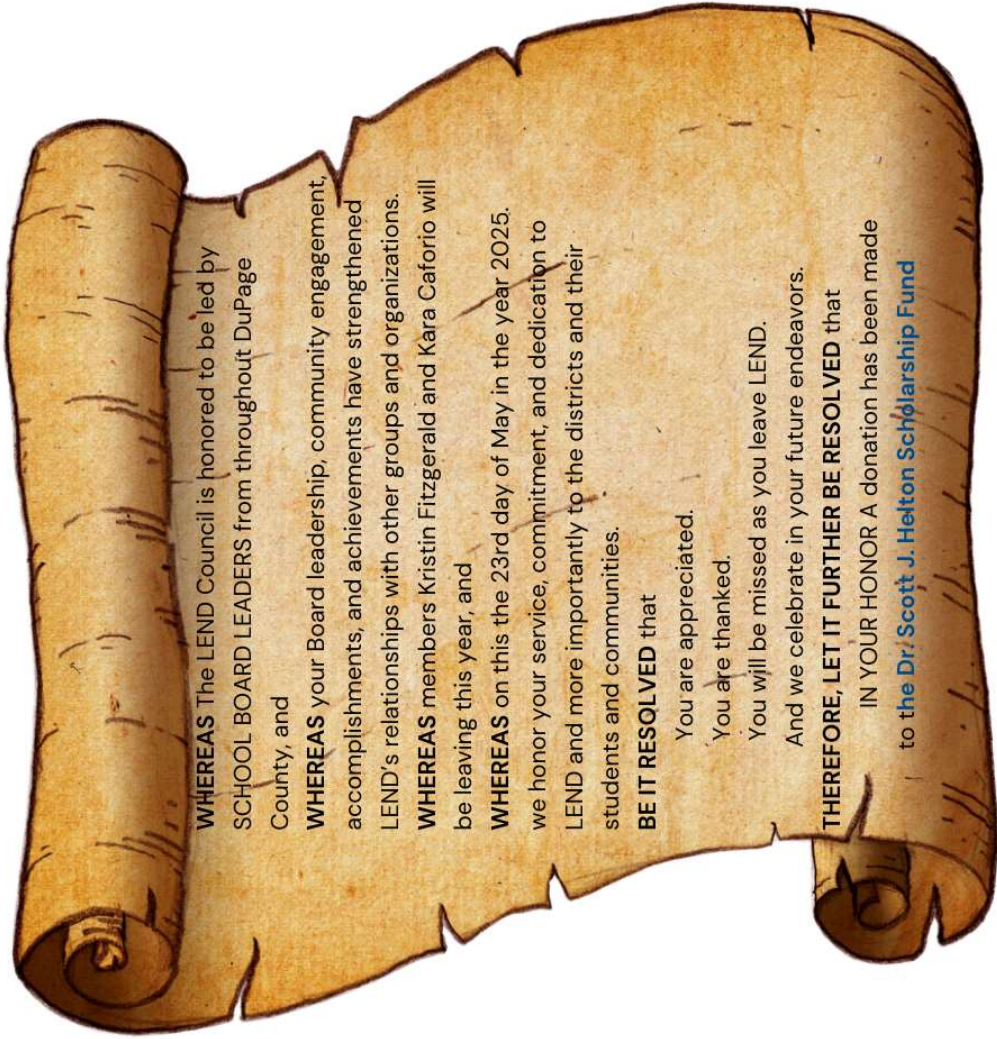
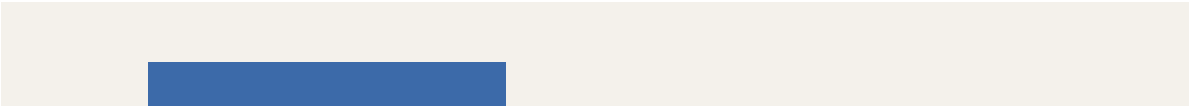
You will be missed as you leave LEND.

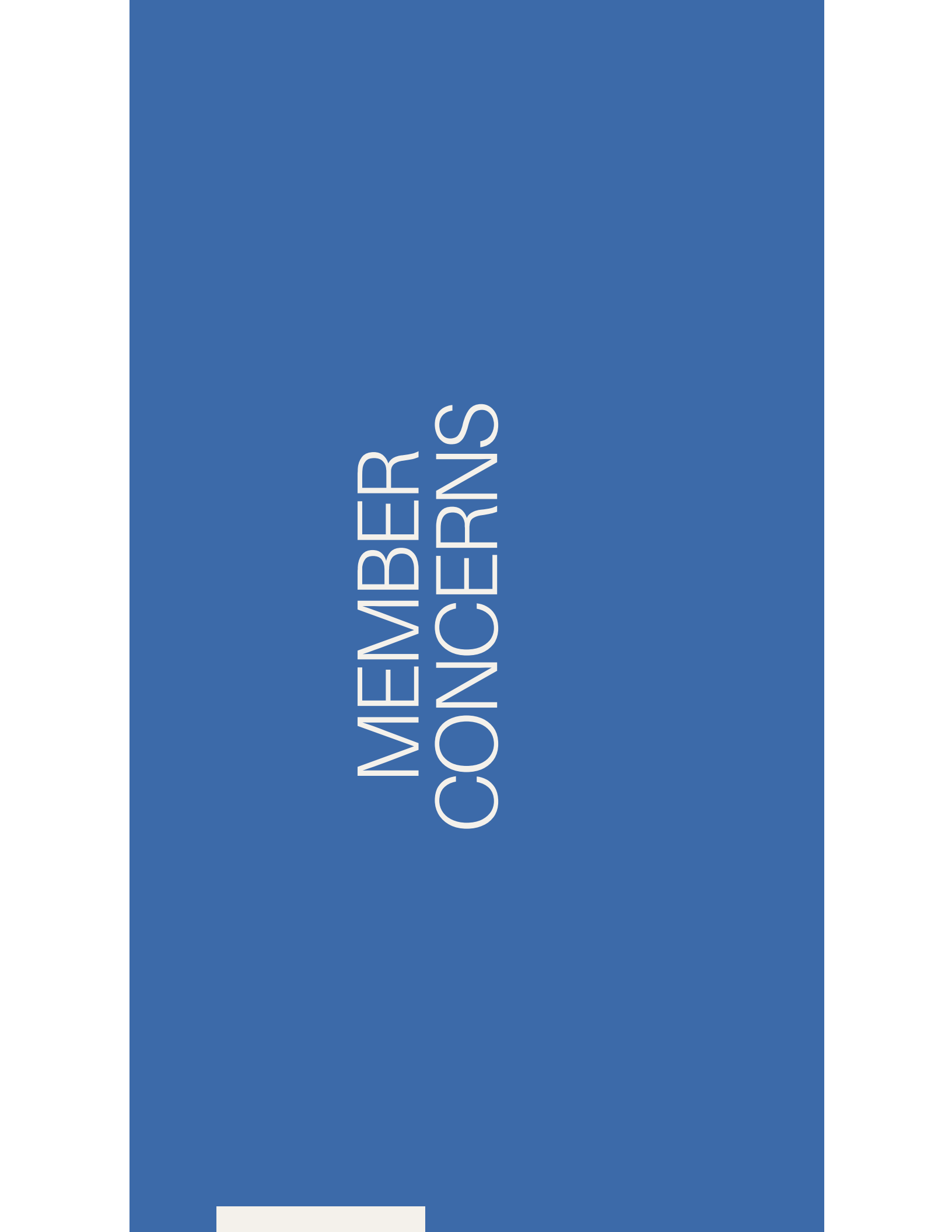
And we celebrate in your future endeavors.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that

IN YOUR HONOR A donation has been made to [the Dr. Scott J. Helton Scholarship Fund](#)







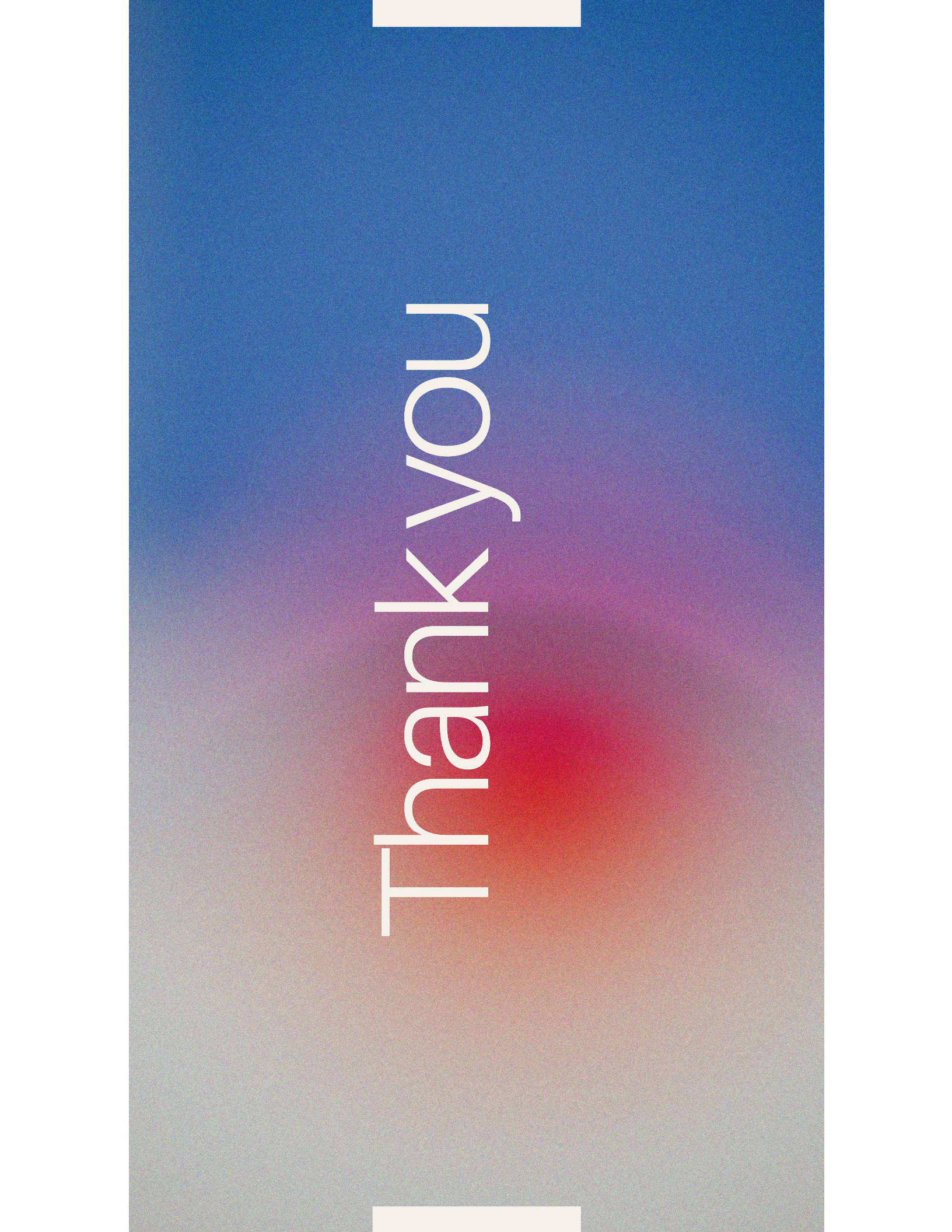
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Thank you