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*"The voice of suburban schools"*

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### **Mission Statement**

A united voice advocating for the diverse needs of suburban schools.

### **Vision Statement**

To be a premier education policy resource for Illinois legislators and the ED-RED membership.

### **Belief Statements**

We Believe:

1. In a comprehensive education system that supports life-long learning.
2. It is the responsibility of public education to support all aspects of student learning.
3. A local school district must have the ability to make educational and fiscal decisions appropriate for its school community.
4. The State must provide adequate financial support for all public schools and that:
  - Funding for public schools must be stable, reliable, and predictable;
  - The state must fully fund the additional costs for programs that support special education and at-risk students; and
  - All state mandates should be fully funded.

### **Strategic Goals**

1. To research, develop, and initiate legislation advantageous to member districts.
2. To actively advocate for or against legislation affecting member districts.
3. To engage school board members and school administrators in the legislative process.
4. To communicate proactively with member districts.
5. To develop and nurture collaborative relationships with state agencies, advocacy groups, state legislators and legislative staff, and other organizations to accomplish mutual objectives.

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For more than 46 years, ED-RED has represented *"the voice of suburban 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 our membership. As a member of ED-RED your district amplifies our voice as a strong coalition of nearly ninety school districts, special education cooperatives, and Intermediate Service Centers in suburban Cook, DuPage and Lake Counties.

Membership with ED-RED includes:

- Advocacy with State lawmakers, legislative staff and agency personnel on critical school issues such as, K-12 funding, education funding reform, pension reform, property taxes, Charter schools, and other key issues of concern;
- Legislative updates via our From the Floor to Your Door (FTFTYD) Newsletters,
- Action Alerts on Hot Topics;
- Invitation to our Fall Kick Off Luncheon (October);
- Invitation to our Annual Legislative Dinner/Workshops (January);
- Invitation to our monthly Finance Legislative committee meetings;
- Access to ED-RED staff for research and presentations at School Board meetings; and
- Access to ED-REDs Members Only Website.

### **ED-REDs 2017-2018 Dues Structure**

| Type of District               | Dues Rate |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Elementary Districts:          |           |
| Under 1,000 students           | \$1,500   |
| 1,001-1,999 students           | \$2,250   |
| 2,000 or more students         | \$3,500   |
| High School/Unit Districts     | \$5,000   |
| Special Education Cooperatives | \$3,000   |
| Intermediate Service Centers   | \$3,000   |

**Questions:** Contact - Caryn Valadez, ED-RED's Executive Director at 847/692-8048 or [caryn@ed-red.org](mailto:caryn@ed-red.org).

## Meeting Schedule

2017-2018

### **ED-RED** Finance Legislation

**Time:** 1:30-3:00 PM

**Room:** Maine South Administrative Offices, Board Room

**Dates:** Fridays 2017-2018

- October 6, 2017 (Kick-Off Luncheon)
- November 3, 2017
- December 1, 2017 (Tentative - Veto Session)
- January 12, 2018
- January 29, 2018 (Legislative Dinner)
- February 9, 2018
- March 2, 2018
- April 6, 2018
- June 1, 2018 (Tentative - Spring Session)

*\*Greater detail of meeting content in process*