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TO: Board of Education
FROM: John R. Langton, Interim Superintendent
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RE: LEND Council Meeting Report

Dr. Filas and I attended the March 21st council meeting of the Legislative Education Network of DuPage. This meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

The LEND Executive Directors Peg Agnos and Jen Figuerelli shared updates on laws at both the federal level and in Springfield. This is legislation and/or action that is of interest for public education and policy. There was a lot of information shared at this meeting, as both Springfield and Washongton are very busy. The most alarming topic reviewed was the dismantling of the federal Department of Education. The 3rd slide of the presentation slides provides insight to these concerns. Please access the [Meeting Presentation Slides](#) to learn more. Let me know if you have any questions.

Dr. Jean Barbanente, Superintendent of DuPage HSD88, presented to the LEND members regarding The Illinois Consortium for the Study of English Learner Program (slides 30-37). The Consortium is working to advocate for improved English Learner Program requirements.

Additionally, the Executive Director, Peg Agnos shared an update of legislative bills presented in Illinois, as of February 28. Please review this [Bills Appropriations List](#) and let me know if you have any questions.

The next LEND Council meeting is April 25, 2025.