

July 8, 2024

Dear ED-RED Superintendent:

At ED-RED, our daily mission is to advocate for quality public education on behalf of the suburban school districts we serve. By renewing your ED-RED membership you secure representation and advocacy for your school district, as well as access to exclusive member benefits that can only be found through the ED-RED network.

This past year, ED-RED made strides toward protecting our public education system and ensuring equitable funding, including the equalization of reimbursement rates for public and private high-cost special education placements. As we embark on the 2024-2025 school year, the dynamics in Springfield will continue to heavily impact members. In January, the 104th General Assembly will be sworn in and, as a result, hundreds of bills impacting public education will be filed by freshman legislators looking to make a difference in their local school communities.

ED-RED is committed to being a solution-oriented organization, working to advance beneficial legislative changes for our suburban school communities while protecting them from overreaching legislative policies. Amplifying your voice alongside effective advocacy is more critical than ever, as we educate our local leaders and ensure policies pursued are research-based and efficient to implement. We hope you will join us as we continue to tackle big issues like deprioritizing schools as polling places and expanding dual credit opportunities for students.

Every year we work to responsibly and diligently represent our school districts by elevating your voice and highlighting each district's unique skill set and expertise. Your continued support and participation in the organization make this possible – ***thank you!***

In this renewal packet, you will find the organization's vision and belief statements, member benefits, and the finalized meeting schedule for 2024-2025.

Please contact me at bridget@ed-red.org or (847) 692-8048 if you or your school board would like to arrange a meeting or have any questions or concerns that you would like to discuss.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to secure legislative victories for our suburban public school districts during the 2024-2025 school year!

Sincerely,



Bridget Peach
Executive Director

For over 50 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 suburban public schools. As a member of ED-RED, your district amplifies our voice as a strong coalition of over eighty school districts, special education cooperatives, and Intermediate Service Centers in suburban Cook and Lake Counties.

Membership with ED-RED includes:

- Advocacy with local and State legislators, State policy leaders, and agency personnel on critical school issues such as, K-12 funding, unfunded mandates, pension reform, property taxes, and other key issues of concern;
- Legislative updates via the monthly From the Floor to Your Door (FTFTYD) Newsletters;
- Action Alerts on ED-RED Hot Topics;
- Invitation to our Legislative Breakfast (August);
- Invitation to our Fall Kick Off Luncheon (October);
- Invitation to our Annual Legislative Dinner (January);
- Invitation to our Educational Summit (June);
- Invitation to our monthly Member Meetings;
- Access to the ED-RED Podcast;
- Access to ED-RED staff for research and presentations at member district school board meetings; and
- Access to the ED-RED Members-Only Website publications and features.

ED-REDs 2023-2024 Dues Structure

New Dues Structure	
Type of District	Dues
Elementary Under 1,000 Students	Tier 1: \$1,100 Tier 2: \$1,350 Tier 3: \$1,600 Tier 4: \$1,850
Elementary Between 1,001 - 1,999 Students	Tier 1: \$1,850 Tier 2: \$2,100 Tier 3: \$2,350 Tier 4: \$2,600
Elementary Over 2,000 Students	Tier 1: \$3,100 Tier 2: \$3,350 Tier 3: \$3,600 Tier 4: \$3,850
High School/Unit Districts	Tier 1: \$4,600 Tier 2: \$4,850 Tier 3: \$5,100 Tier 4: \$5,350
Intermediate Service Centers	\$3,000
Special Education Cooperatives	\$3,000

Questions: Contact – Bridget Peach, ED-RED’s Executive Director at 847/692-8047 or bridget@ed-red.org.

Mission Statement

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

Belief Statements

We Believe:

In a comprehensive education system that supports life-long learning.

1. It is the responsibility of public education to support all aspects of student learning.
2. A local school district must have the ability to make educational and fiscal decisions appropriate for its school community.
3. 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.

Vision and Strategic Goals

1. To inform and communicate proactively with member districts on the legislative process and pending legislation;
2. To research, prioritize, develop and initiate legislation advantageous to member districts and to advocate for or against pending legislation affecting member districts;
3. To develop and nurture collaborative relationships with state agencies, advocacy groups, and other organizations to accomplish mutual objectives.



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ED-RED 2024-2025 Meeting Schedule

August 8, 2024	Legislative Breakfast Time: 9:00 – 11:00 AM. Location: Schaumburg School District 54
October 18, 2024	ED-RED Annual Kick-Off Luncheon Time: 11:00 – 2:00 PM. Location: TBD
November 8, 2024	Member Meeting Time: 1:30 – 3:00 PM. Location: Wheeling 21 – 959 W. Dundee Road in Wheeling
December 6, 2024	Member Meeting Time: 1:30 – 3:00 PM. Location: Maine 207 Admin Offices – 1177 S. Dee Road in Park Ridge
January 27, 2025	ED-RED Legislative Dinner
February 7, 2025	Virtual Member Meeting Time: 1:30 – 3:00 PM.
March 7, 2025	Member Meeting Time: 1:30 – 3:00 PM. Location: Wheeling 21 – 959 W. Dundee Road in Wheeling
April 4, 2025	Member Meeting Time: 1:30 – 3:00 PM. Location: Maine 207 Admin Offices – 1177 S. Dee Road in Park Ridge
June 6, 2025	Member Meeting Time: 6:00-7:00 PM Location: Wheeling 21 – 959 W. Dundee Road in Wheeling
TBD	ED-RED Summit