

Press Plus Issue #112 June 2023 - Policy Committee Meeting 7/21/23

1. Action to be taken:

CONSENT

1st READING

STAY IN COMMITTEE

2. Policy Committee to Determine:

Adopt as Presented

Adopt with Additional District Edits

Not Adopt (change "reviewed" date)

Document Status: Draft Update

Operational Services

4:45 Insufficient Fund Checks and Debt Recovery

Insufficient Fund Checks

The Superintendent or designee is responsible for collecting up to the maximum fee authorized by State law for returned checks written to the District which are not honored upon presentation to the respective bank or other depository institution for any reason. The Superintendent or a designee shall begin this process if the amount is \$300.00 or more. The Superintendent or designee is authorized to contact the District's Attorney whenever necessary to collect the returned check amount, fee, collection costs and expenses, and interest.

Delinquent Debt Recovery [PRESSPlus1](#)

The Superintendent is authorized to seek collection of delinquent debt owed the District. The Superintendent or designee shall execute the requirements in any intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the District and the Illinois Office of the Comptroller that has the purpose of debt recovery. [PRESSPlus2](#) The intergovernmental agreement established the terms under which the District may request, and the Comptroller will execute, a deduction (offset) of the amount of a debt owed the District from a future payment that the State makes to an individual or entity responsible for paying the debt. The Comptroller will pay the amount deducted to the District and the District will credit that amount against the balance owed to the District until the debt is paid. The Superintendent or designee is responsible, without limitation, for each of the following:

1. Providing notice and due process to the individual or entity against whom a claim is made. Written notice must be given the individual or entity responsible for paying a debt before the debt is certified to the Comptroller for offset. The notice must state the claim's amount, the reason for the amount due, the claim's date or time period, and a description of the process to challenge the claim. An individual or entity challenging a claim shall be provided an informal proceeding to refute the claim's existence, amount, or current collectability; the decision following this proceeding shall be reviewable. An appeal of the denial of a fee waiver request shall be handled according to 4:140, *Waiver of Student Fees*. If application for meal benefits pursuant to policy 4:130, *Free and Reduced-Price Food Services*, is requested as a challenge to paying the claim, and the request is denied, an appeal of the denial of the request shall be handled according to 4:130, *Free and Reduced-Price Food Services*. If no request for meal benefits is received, review of the claim's payment shall be handled according to this policy before certification to the IOC for offset.
2. Certifying to the Comptroller that the debt is past due and legally enforceable, and notifying the Comptroller of any change in the status of an offset claim.
3. Responding to requests for information from the Comptroller to facilitate the prompt resolution of any protest received by the Comptroller.

LEGAL REF.: [PRESSPlus3](#)

15 ILCS 405/10.05 and 10.05d, State Comptroller Act.

105 ILCS 123/, Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act.

810 ILCS 5/3-806, Uniform Commercial Code.

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PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. This policy's content is unique to the district. Please consult the author and the **PRESS** sample, available by logging in at www.iasb.com, to determine whether further changes are necessary. **Issue 112, June 2023**

PRESSPlus 2. The Ill. Office of the Comptroller (IOC) operates an Offset System for collecting debt owed to the State, political subdivisions of the State, and school districts by persons receiving payments from the State. Seeking debt recovery through an offset of a future payment the State makes to a debtor is optional. The requirements in this policy for obtaining an offset are either in statute or the IOC's intergovernmental agreement (IGA). 15 ILCS 405/10.05 and 10.05d. The first step to participate is to contact a LDRP manager with the IOC to request an IGA with the IOC's office. Program managers work one-on-one with districts and matters are handled on a case-by-case basis. The LDRP's number for local governments is 312-814-3090. Contact the board attorney for advice and assistance. Note that historically, the IOC has been reluctant to pursue school lunch debts under the LDRP. **Issue 112, June 2023**

PRESSPlus 3. The Legal References are updated. **Issue 112, June 2023**