

ED-RED REPRESENTATIVE BOARD NOTES

February 2020

Good afternoon!

We hope that you and your fellow board members enjoyed our 49th Annual Legislative Dinner! We appreciate all of our members for their support for this fantastic annual event. Next year is our 50th Annual Legislative Dinner and we are already working to prepare! [Did you attend ED-RED's 49th Annual Legislative Dinner? Click here to take the survey!](#)

The General Assembly is NOT in session this week but the filing deadline for bills is this Friday. You will see an uptick in GA action when the GA returns next week and the Governor has the annual Budget Address at the end of this month.

Below is a bulleted list of items to be reported at your monthly school board meeting in addition to highlights from February's edition of *From the Floor to Your Door*.

As always, these notes are designed to assist our ED-RED representatives in reporting to their respective school boards on ED-RED's advocacy work at your monthly school board meetings. If you have any questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Best,

Sarah Hartwick

Executive Director, ED-RED

ED-RED February Action Items

- If you haven't already, [visit our new webpage and create a member profile!](#) Your profile will give you access to ED-RED bill reports, surveys, and fact sheets on proposed legislation all session long! (Please allow 48 hours for your account to be approved by ED-RED staff).
- **NEW!** ED-RED is working to enhance our weekly updates via a variety of communication tools! In addition to our weekly email messages, we will also be uploading weekly videos to our YouTube channel and tweeting about our advocacy efforts! Make sure you are following us on Twitter (@EDREDNEWS) and subscribing to our YouTube Channel for the latest updates.
- **Weekly legislative surveys.** In order to consistently work to gather data impacting our member districts, we will be adding weekly legislative surveys to our members during session. Each week we will ask a couple of questions about pending legislation. Please keep an eye out for these surveys. Your feedback is important to help formulate ED-RED positions during session.
 - Last week's survey asked districts about schools being used as polling places and ISBE's use of the edTPA/performance-based assessments. We are currently analyzing the results of the survey to determine ISBE position on pending bills.
- February's Member Meeting was this past Friday. Materials and presentations from the meeting will be uploaded to the members page of our website by the end of the week.
- **March Member Meeting features Representative Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz!** Mark your calendars for March 6th to hear from one of ED-RED's great local legislators for a legislative update on bills impacting suburban public schools. The meeting will be held at 1177 S. Dee Road in Park Ridge from 1:30-3pm.

February's From the Floor to Your Door Highlights

ED-RED EXECUTIVE BOARD OPENINGS

Last Friday was the last day to apply for the current vacancy on the ED-RED Executive Board. Please note that there will be two additional vacancies for school administrators for next school year. Those vacancies will be advertised in the coming months and appointments to be confirmed by July 1. Each ED-RED Executive Board members can serve up to four consecutive two-year terms. If you know if anyone who may be interested, please keep an eye out for our next application cycle!

BILL TRACKING Last week was the first week of education-related committee action in the General Assembly. Below is a summary of the HOT bills that have been posted for committee this week. ED-RED will compile a complete list of HOT bills in the coming weeks after the filing deadline has passed. If you have any questions or need more information on the bills, please do not hesitate to reach out.

[SB 2281 \(Cunningham\)](#) requires special education services to continue for students who turn 22-years of age until the end of the school year (instead of on the date of their 22nd birthday). ED-RED is opposed to the bill and is working with fellow education stakeholders to discuss and negotiate the bill. We do NOT expect it to be called for a vote in committee this week.

[SB 2351 \(Gillespie\)](#) makes changes to the use of seclusion and isolation rooms in Illinois public schools. ED-RED continues to be part of the discussion and supportive of the advocacy and work of our fellow education stakeholders. We continue to highlight the impact that inequitable funding has on our neediest students throughout these negotiations. At this time, we do not expect the bill to pass in its current form.

[HB 3935 \(Kifowit\)](#) makes further changes to a new law from last year that put forth requirements on law enforcement officers who detain students suspected of criminal acts (including parameters around parental notification). This bill expands the requirements for law enforcements officers to now include school resource or school security officers as well as any person in the presence of a law enforcement officer, school resource or school security officer. ED-RED has significant concerns with the bill and is working to learn more about the legislative intent.

PERKINS V

The State Board of Education announced in January that they are ***no longer seeking a waiver for Perkins V that would allow the state to align CTE funding with the Evidence-Based Funding Formula (EBF)***. While this is GOOD news, the current draft of the plan is not yet final and we will continue to monitor ISBE action should anything change.

Thank you all for your advocacy on this issue and thank you to our local legislators for listening to our concerns and supporting the work of our local CTE programs.

Friday, March 6, 2020	Member Meeting (1:30-3) Guest Program: Representative Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz <i>Maine 207 Administration Center, 1177 S. Dee Road, Park Ridge</i>
Friday, April 3, 2020	Member Meeting (1:30-3) <i>Maine 207 Administration Center, 1177 S. Dee Road, Park Ridge</i>
Monday, May 4, 2020	Member Meeting (1:30-3) <i>Maine 207 Administration Center, 1177 S. Dee Road, Park Ridge</i>
Friday, June 5, 2020	Member Meeting (1:30-3) <i>Maine 207 Administration Center, 1177 S. Dee Road, Park Ridge</i>