

ED-RED'S MARCH

MEMBER MEETING

March 6, 2026



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Advocating for quality public education on behalf of the suburban school districts we serve

TODAY'S **AGENDA**

Consent Agenda

Guest Speakers

- State Superintendent, Dr. Tony Sanders

Executive & Associate Director Report

Upcoming Member Events



CONSENT AGENDA

FEBRUARY MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dr. Tony Sanders

State Superintendent

Illinois State Board of Education



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Legislative Session Overview
- ED-RED Initiatives
- Hot Bills
- Other Bills to Watch



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LEGISLATIVE SESSION OVERVIEW

- **About 200 Bills Assigned to Committees**
- **Committee Deadlines: March 13 & 27**



2025-26 Annual Initiatives

World Language Graduation Requirement

Create more flexibility for
students

MCAT Funding

Educate members on the
importance of the funding,
specifically for Tiers 3 & 4

Law Enforcement Procedure Off- Campus

Extend applicable
procedures to school
activities and protect school
staff

Hot Bills:

- **HB4416 - UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FOR ESPS**
- **HB5426/SB2427 - CELLPHONE BAN**
- **HB5417 - FOOD SERVICE CONTRACTS**



HB4416 (EVANS/VILLIVALAM)

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FOR ESPS

- Union Initiative (SIUE)
- HB 4416 would make non-teaching school employees eligible for unemployment benefits during scheduled school breaks beginning June 1, 2026.
- **Main Concerns:** Unfunded financial burden, budget and operational instability, and loss of local flexibility
- Collecting Data on the fiscal impact – **Fill out IASA survey!**
- **Contact your legislators** – Fact Sheet in Weekly Update

SB2427 HA 3 (CASTRO/MUSSMAN)

CELLPHONE BAN

- Maintains Black Caucus discipline protection language and Bell-to-Bell ban, except for the high school lunch period
- Governor Initiative; OPRF HS Press Conference in February
- School Mgmt shared language and requested clarification

More to come!



HB5417 (MUSSMAN) / SB3503 (PORFIRIO)

FOOD SERVICE CONTRACTS

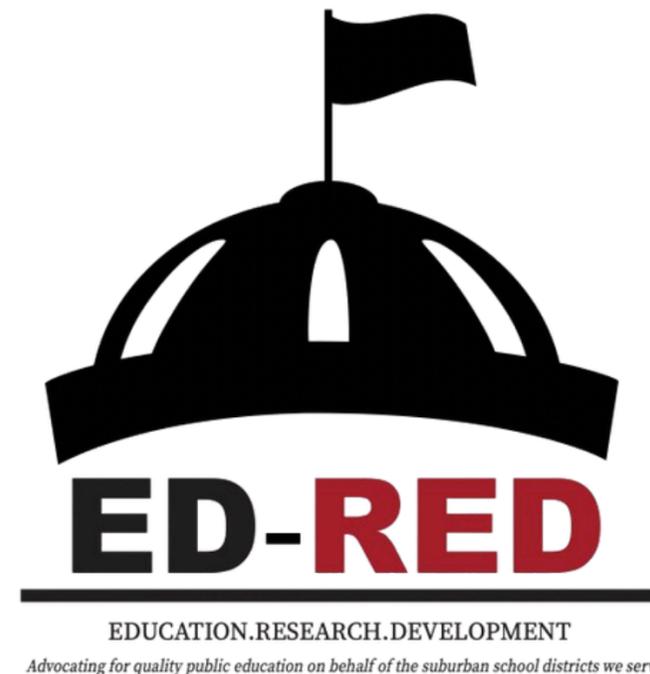
- Strips back 2022: HB 4813 “The Better School Lunches Act”
- *This Bill:*
 - Limits contract terms – 1-year contract with up to 4-year renewals
 - Review of financial terms by a CPA or similarly qualified finance/accounting professional.
 - Mandates retention of scoring records and disclosure of evaluation results to all bidders within 10 days of contract award
- Met with the advocates and the bill sponsor
- We are **OPPOSED** as currently written!

Other Bills:

- **HB5107, SB2728, SB2948: PANIC ALERT SYSTEMS**
- **SB2914: NOTICE TO REMEDY**
- **HB4399: BIO-DIESEL USE**
- **HB4674: STUDENT SUICIDE**

PASSED OUT OF COMMITTEE:

- **SB3774: ADMINISTRATIVE WITHDRAWAL- TRUANCY**
- **HB4375: INTERFUND TRANSFERS**
- **HB4535: E-LEARNING DAY - ELECTIONS**



Upcoming Event:

- **April Member Meeting:**

- Friday, April 10, 2026 @ 1:30 pm at Wheeling D21 Administrative Offices
- Guest Speakers:
 - Representative Daniel Didech
 - Representative Laura Faver Dias
 - Representative Nicolle Grasse



Adjournment

