

ED-RED'S JUNE MEMBER MEETING

June 5, 2026



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

TODAY'S **AGENDA**

Consent Agenda

Organization Matters – FY27 Budget

Executive & Associate Director Report

2026 Legislator of the Year

- Representative Daniel Didech

Upcoming Member Events

CONSENT AGENDA

APRIL MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

FY27 APPROVED BUDGET

APPROVED FY27 ED-RED BUDGET

Revenue	FY27 Approved Budget
INTEREST INCOME	\$7,000.00
ANNUAL SPONSORSHIPS	\$52,500.00
MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$288,050.00
LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST	\$550.00
CONFERENCE	\$0.00
LEGISLATIVE DINNER	\$15,000.00
KICK-OFF LUNCHEON	\$7,000.00
Total Revenue:	\$370,100.00

Expense	FY27 Proposed Budget
SALARIES	\$216,731.84
OTHER SALARIES	\$10,500.00
TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	\$4,800.00
IMRF	\$18,991.56
OASDI	\$14,202.93
MEDICARE	\$4,860.18
GROUP LIFE	\$624.00
MEDICAL	\$39,204.00
DENTAL	\$1,750.49
LTD	\$203.33
CONTRACTUAL	\$17,500.00
FINANCIAL SERVICES	\$2,200.00
LOBBY/LEGAL	\$10,000.00
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,000.00
RENT	\$4,300.00
TRAVEL	\$19,000.00
CONTRACTUAL UTILITIES	\$1,000.00
MOBILE HOTSPOT/Telephone	\$1,500.00
POSTAGE	\$200.00
DUPLICATION & TECH SUPPORT	\$0.00
Prop Casualty	\$3,200.00
SUPPLIES	\$500.00
NEW EQUIPMENT	\$1,000.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$7,000.00
OTHER	\$1,000.00
LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST	\$1,500.00
EXEC BOARD MEETINGS	\$3,500.00
KICK-OFF LUNCHEON	\$15,000.00
LEGISLATIVE DINNER	\$15,000.00
CONFERENCE	\$1,500.00
RESERVES	\$0.00
	\$418,768.32
Total Expense:	

LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP

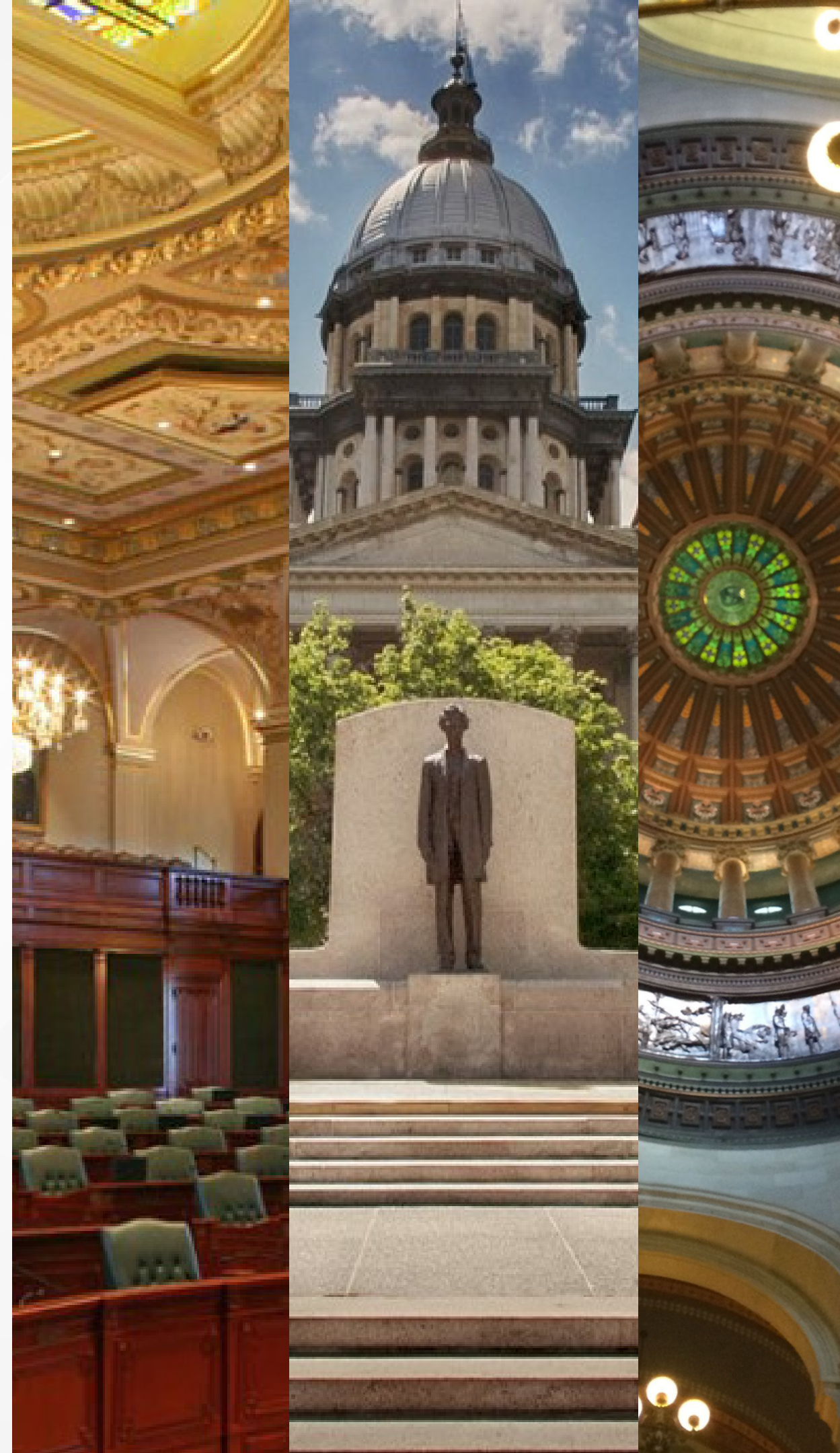
- End of Session Overview
- FY27 Budget
- ED-RED Initiatives
- Hot Bills
- Summer Projects



ED-RED

LEGISLATIVE SESSION OVERVIEW

- Adjourned 6/1
- Passed a \$56 billion FY27 Budget
- No Bears/Mega Projects Bill
- No BUILD Illinois Package



FY27 State Budget

EBF: FY27 - \$9,286,239,000 (increase of \$350 million)

\$300 million EBF

\$50 million Property Tax Relief Grant

MCATS

Special Ed Private Tuition - \$222,732,400 (increase of \$20 million)

Special Ed Orphanage - \$132,733,200 (increase of \$921,100)

Special Ed Transportation - \$487,366,100 (increase of \$20 million)

Transportation Reg/Voc - \$352,000.000 (increase of \$10 million)

IL Free Lunch and Breakfast - \$26,000,000 (increase of \$17 million)

Regular Orphanage - \$15,688,300 (held flat)

Teacher Vacancy Grant Program - \$15,000,000 (decrease of \$15,000,000)

CTE - \$59,300,000 (held flat)

After School Programs - \$35,000,000 (held flat)

Agricultural Ed - \$7,850,000 held flat

Alternative Ed/Regional Safe Schools - \$20,000,000 (held flat)

Truants' Alternative & Optional Ed Program - \$11,500,000 (held flat)

Assessments, including bilingual assessments - \$40,000,000 (held flat)

Imagination Library of Illinois - \$3,347,000 (held flat)

IL Comprehensive Literacy & Numeracy Plans - \$1,500,000 (held flat)

SEL Hubs & REACH - \$4,500,000 (increase of \$1 million)

2025-26 Annual Initiatives

Law Enforcement Procedure Off- Campus

Extend applicable
procedures to school
activities and protect school
staff

MCAT Funding

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

World Language Graduation Requirement

Create more flexibility for
students

World Language

SB3070 (Preston/Davis)

- Foreign Language Alternative
- Initiative of the Technology and Manufacturers Association (TMA) and the IL Manufacturers Association (IMA)
- Allows for CTE coursework exception to the two-year world language graduation requirement.

PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS

HB4795 (Lightford/Ammons)

- World Language Mandate Repeal
- ED-RED, LEND, and LUDA Initiative
- Full repeal that removes the two-year world language graduation requirement from statute.

**PASSED THE SENATE ONLY
NONCONCURRENCE FILED IN HOUSE**

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TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Requires ISBE to conduct an FY27 study on best practices for funding regular, vocational, and special education transportation, including evaluating whether transportation reimbursements should be incorporated into the Evidence-Based Funding (EBF) formula.

HB4535 E-Learning Elections

HB4535 (Hirschauer/Villivalam) – E-Learning Day Elections

Allows a school selected to serve as a polling location to take an e-learning day without it counting as one of the five emergency days.

Also included in the Elections Omnibus Bill!

PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS!



SB2715 FOIA (Didech)

Amendment 1 – OMA Exception for Regional Associations

Clarifies that “regional association” does not include ROEs/ISCs.

Amendment 3 – District-Parent Communications

Ensures communications between the school and students, parents, and/or guardians are protected from FOIA requests. This is an ED-RED Member’s initiative crafted by Robbins Schwartz.

Amendment 5 – Vexatious Litigant

Defines the term “vexatious litigant” and creates a process for public bodies to restrict mass-requestors from filing future suits. It also creates a provision that awards public bodies attorney fees, if the court declares a requestor vexatious. This was an initiative brought forward by our partners at Franczek and Robbins Schwartz.

PASSED THE HOUSE

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HOT BILLS

Cell Phone Ban

SB2427 HA1 & HA4 Cell Phone Ban (Castro/Mussman)

- Governor's Initiative Bell-to-Bell Cell Phone Ban
- Implementation date of the 2027-2028 SY.
- Must prohibit use of devices during school time and include device storage procedures.
- Exceptions for medical needs, IEPs/504 plans, English learners, caregiving responsibilities, educational use, and emergencies.
- Prohibits enforcement through fines, fees, suspensions, expulsions, or law enforcement involvement.
- Requires: stakeholder input, public posting of policy, annual distribution to families/staff, and review every 3 years.
- Allows districts with existing policies to maintain them through the 2030-2031 SY.

PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS

HOT Bills

SB3533 SA 2 (Johnson/Mussman) Twice Exceptional Students

- Aims to develop best practices for twice exceptional students. School boards **MAY** adopt a policy to develop IEPs focused on both advancing student strengths and supporting disability-related needs. Changes the term "children" to "students."
- Effective immediately

PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS

HB4397 (Crawford) School Psychologist Degree

- Expands the role and responsibilities of school psychologists, including mental health, behavioral health, crisis response, and student support services. The bill also updates licensure requirements and expands qualification pathways.
- Starting July 1, 2027

PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS

HOT Bills

SB2914 SA 2 (Cappel/Moeller) – Notice to Remedy

- Requires a written warning to specify the nature of the alleged misconduct that needs to be remedied.
- Requires school boards to provide teachers the opportunity to respond, either in writing or in person, before a Notice to Remedy is formally approved by the board.
- Adds binding arbitration to the Notice to Remedy process for teachers who disagree with the board's final action.
- Requires school districts and teachers/unions to split the cost of arbitration proceedings.

PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS

HOT Bills

HB4862 (Yang Rohr)

- Staff Mental Health Support
- Requires school boards to develop procedures supporting employee mental health, including staff feedback opportunities, annual mental health resource communication, and board awareness of district mental health initiatives.
- Starting January 1, 2028

PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS

HB4534 SA 1(Mussman/Collins)

- DCFS Abused Child – Grooming
- Allows school districts, Regional Offices of Education (ROEs), and Intermediate Service Centers to share substitute teacher employment and contact information upon the teacher's request.
- Adds “grooming” to the definition of abused child under Illinois Law.

PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS

HOT Bills - Personnel

HB2564 (Vella/Halpin)

- TRS Salary Increases
- Qualifying overload pay, including summer school and stipend work, will no longer count toward the TRS 6% salary increase calculation if properly certified and paid at the teacher's regular rate.
- Starting July 1, 2026

PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS

SB3645 (Porfirio/Morgan)

- Sunset Omnibus
- Extends the TRS post-retirement employment provision through June 30, 2029, allowing retirees to work up to 120 days or 600 hours per school year without impacting retirement benefits.
- Effective immediately

PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS

HOT Bills

HB5107 (Syed/Hastings)

- Mobile Panic Alert Systems
- Districts **MAY** consider the use of mobile panic alert systems when developing their emergency response plans.

- Starting 2028–2029 SY

PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS

HB4859 (Yang Rohr/Ellman)

- Unused Food Sharing
- Schools **MAY** use “share tables” for students to leave unopened food or beverages they do not want for other students to take at no cost.

- Starting August 1, 2027

PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS

HB4379 (Briel/Collins)

- Adult Changing Stations
- Not retroactive. For new projects after Jan. 1, 2029, you must install an adult changing station and the signage for the bathroom that houses the ACS.

- Starting January 1, 2029

PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS

HOT Bills

SB2909 (Belt/Canty) Teacher Evaluations AI

- Prohibits the use of AI to assign teacher evaluation scores or ratings.
- Allows AI use for administrative support tasks only.
- Requires disclosure of AI tools used by teachers during evaluations.

PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS

SB2913 (Lightford/Faver Dias) Teacher Evaluation Plans

- Removes the student growth component from teacher evaluations if both parties cannot reach agreement and no collective bargaining agreement requires its use.

PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS

Other Bills:

- HB4375 (Hoffman/Belt) - Interfund Transfers
- HB5321 SA1 (Stuart/Cappel) - Teacher Salary Continued Education
- SB2771 (Belt/Canty) - Suicide Prevention
- HB3275 (Davis/Johnson) - Cardiac Emergency Response
- HB3408 (Gill/Cappel) - Color Vision Testing
- HB4239 (Yang Rohr/) High School Course Credit
- HB4339 (Du Buclet/) High School Register Voter
- HB4577 (Faver Dias/ Edly-Allen) - K-Play Based Learning
- SB3051 (Morrison/Katz Muhl) - Undesignated Glucagon
- SB2918 (Preston/West) - Parent-Teacher Advisory Comm



Dead/Paused Bills:

- HB4416 (Evans) - Unemployment Insurance for ESPs
- HB5507 (Harper)- Food Reform - Student Health
- SB3503/HB5417 (Porfirio/Mussman) - Food Service Contracts
- SB4062 (Castro) - Impact Fees (Build IL)
- SB4040 (Castro) - Charters
- SB3669 (Johnson) - MTSS
- HB5488 (Faver Dias) - Section 504 Hearing Procedures
- HB4068 (Crawford/Cappel) - 504 timelines
- SB2438 (Ellman) - Radon
- SB415 (Villa/Collins) & SB416 (Martwick) - AI & Biometric Data



2026 LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR



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ED-RED Educator Champion of the Year

Rep. Daniel Didech
IL District 59



Upcoming Event:

- ***Last Day to Register - ED-RED & Lake ROE Mini-Summit***
 - Thursday, June 11th @ 8 am at Lake ROE Campus
- **Legislative Breakfast**
 - Friday, August 7th



Adjournment

