

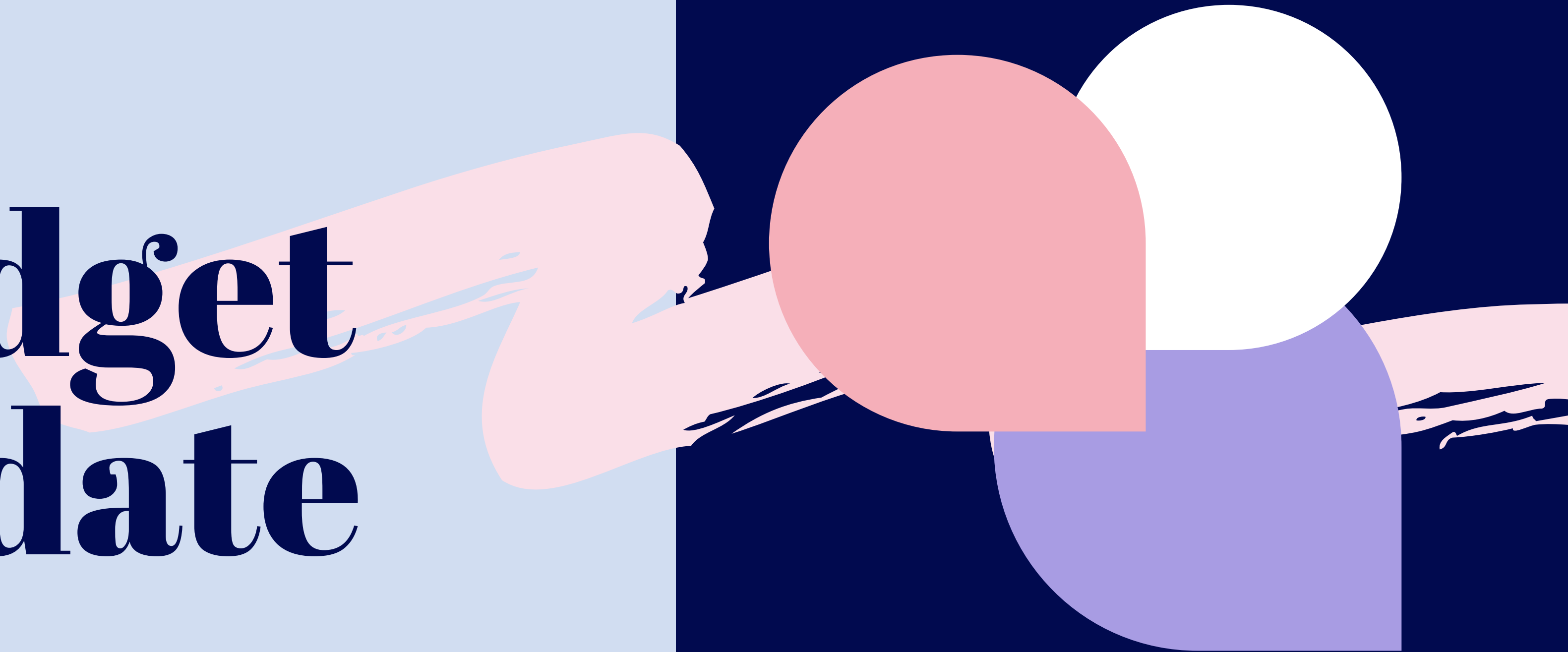
SCOPE COUNCIL MEETING

***LEARNING CENTER D135/230 OFFICE
1:00PM
JEN FIGURELLI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR***

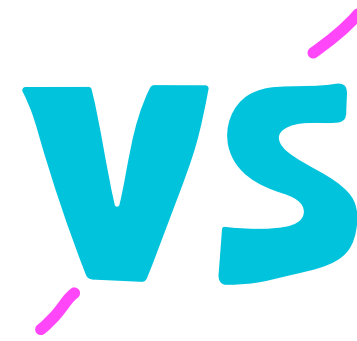
Agenda

- Call To Order – SCOPE Co-Chair
- Executive Director's Report
 - Session Update
 - Bills
 - Organizational Voice Vote:
 - FY27 Proposed Dues
 - FY27 Proposed Budget
 - FY27 Proposed Council Meeting Dates
 - Executive Board Slate
- Member Concerns
- Adjourn

Budget Update



Governor Pritzker's FY27 Proposed Budget:



ISBE Proposed FY27 Budget:

Evidence Based Funding:

- \$305 million in EBF

Mandated Categoricals (MCATs):

- \$51 million increase to MCATs (from the Property Tax Relief Grant):
 - Fully funds orphanage tuition
 - Increases Special Education Transportation \$20 million
 - Increases Special Education Tuition \$20 million
 - Increases Regular and Vocational Transportation \$10 million
 - Free lunch and breakfast is staying flat \$9 million

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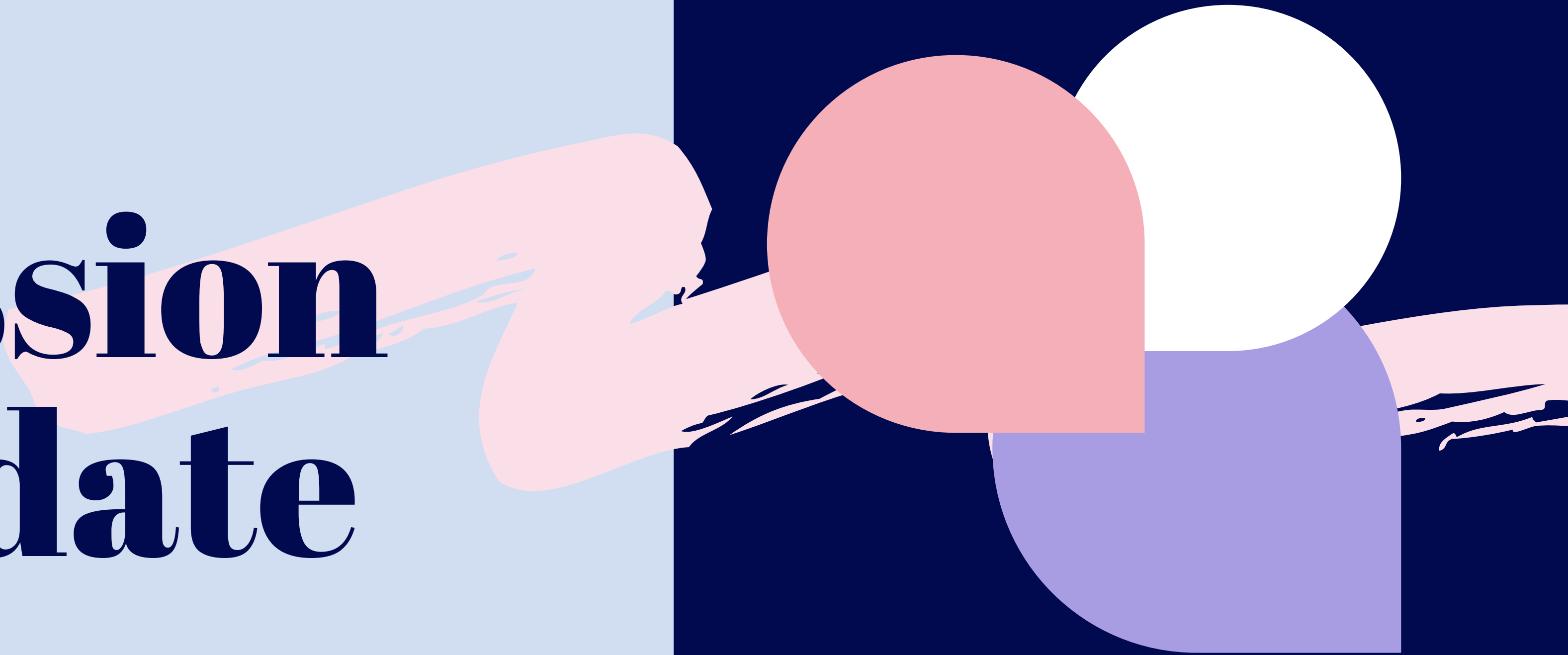
- Fully funds orphanage tuition
- Increases Special Education Transportation \$48 million
- Increases Special Education Tuition \$22 million
- Increases Regular and Vocational Transportation \$60 million
- Free lunch and breakfast is staying flat at \$9 million

MCAT FACT SHEET

FY27 Budget

Although the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability (COGFA) presented updated revenues, the question remains, are the House and the Senate working together? Revenue estimates are slightly lower than the FY26 projected estimate by \$75 million but the estimate still remains about enacted budget assumptions. COGFA's estimates remain higher than the GOMB projections.

Session Update



Notice to Remedy. Update

World Language Update

We have continued conversations with ISBE and recently received the following data pull that ISBE compiled to support discussions going forward. Upon our review of the data, we believe the following:

- Approximately two-thirds of Illinois students already complete at least two years of world language coursework prior to graduation. The remaining third are not “off-track” but instead are primarily engaged in Career and Technical Education (CTE) or fine arts pathways. This demonstrates that many students are making intentional, goal-aligned decisions based on their postsecondary plans.
- A counselor-guided substitution process opt-out ensures students will make informed decisions that preserve both college eligibility and career readiness, while maintaining flexibility for districts to meet diverse student needs.

Next Steps: We are working on securing a meeting with Leader Lightford to request the consideration of extending the implementation timeline from 2028 to 2030 to allow districts adequate time to prepare and implement the requirement effectively

HB1783 (Ha2) ST BD ED-LANGUAG ASSESSMENT (Rep Mussman/ Sen Cappel)

Provides that the Department of Human Services, in consultation with various State agencies, shall establish a language needs and monitoring program for deaf, hard of hearing, or DeafBlind children. Provides that an advisory committee on language needs and monitoring shall be established.

HB2564 PEN CD-TRS-SALARY INCREASES (Rep Vella/ Sen Halpin)

- Beginning July 1, 2025, overload pay (including summer school) will not count toward that 6% calculation — but only if the district properly certifies it and TRS approves the certification.
- To qualify:
 - The extra pay must be solely for additional classroom instruction beyond the teacher's normal full-time course load; and
 - The compensation must be paid at or below the teacher's regular per-class/per-duty rate based on their current salary and schedule (no inflated stipends).

HB3408 COLOR VISION TESTING SA-2 (Rep Gill/ Sen Cappel)

Requires the eye examination for all children enrolling in kindergarten in a public, private, or parochial school and any student enrolling for the first time in a public, private, or parochial school to include a color vision deficiency examination.

HB3743 SCH CD-RAILROAD SAFETY Ha1 (Rep Hanson/ Sen Glowiak Hilton)

Requires each school district to include in its student handbook for grades kindergarten through 12 railroad safety messaging. Allows a school district to opt-out of the messaging requirement if the school board of the school district determines that the inclusion of such messaging is unnecessary based on local context or the messaging's alignment with curriculum. Effective July 1, 2026.

HB3772 SCH CD-SUSPENSION/EXPULSION (Rep Davis /Sen Lightford)

- The necessity of providing the superintendent up to three days to approve suspensions of longer than 3 days. The rationale is to ensure that the approval process does not impede the immediate removal of a student when necessary.
- Removing the definition of a weapon but clarifying that objects other than firearms would only be considered weapons if used to cause, or intended to cause, serious injury.
- Removal of suspension duration being limited to the amount of time a district needs to create a Behavior Implementation Plan (BIP).

HB4068 SCH CD-ACCOMMODATIONS-TIMELINE HA-3 (Rep Crawford/ Sen Cappel)

Establishes a 14 day period response time for a request for accommodations under section 504 plans that districts provide. It does NOT indicate that districts actually have to execute the plan in 14 days. However, they do have to, after receipt of the request, evaluate, get a team together, determine if a plan would be necessary and respond to the parent or guardian in writing.

HB4137 EDUC-HOMELESS CHILD-PREVENTION (Rep Mussman/ Sen Villa)

Amends the Education for Homeless Children Act. Allows a school district to provide for an extended motel stay for a child who is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless

HB4247 SCH CD-ASTHMA MEDICATION HA-4 (Rep Mayfield/ Sen Johnson)

- Defines athletic trainers and coaches
- Adds trainers and coaches to the list of school personnel that can be (not must be) trained to administer undesignated medications
- Adds "practice field or gym" to school locations where a supply of asthma medication may be located (not shall)
- All changes made by the bill are subject to appropriation or available grant funding (although none of it is a mandate)
- ***Status: Passed both chambers***

HB4339 SCH CD-HIGH SCH-REGISTER VOTER (Rep Du Buclet/ Sen Peters)

Amends the School Code. Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, requires a school district maintaining any of grades 9 through 12 to provide all eligible students graduating from high school with the opportunity to register to vote. Effective immediately.

HB4372 SCH CD-LATINE STUDIES HA-1 & HA-2 (Rep Delgado/ Sen Villanueva)

- Beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, the teaching of the history of the United States include a study of the role and contribution of latin Americans of the country and the state
- Removes penalties to school districts that were written in the original language

HB4375 SCH CD-INTERFUND TRANSFERS (Rep Hoffman/ Sen Belt)

Amends the School Code. Extends the time period during which a school district other than the Chicago school district may transfer moneys from specified funds for any purpose from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2029. Effective immediately.

HB4379 ADULT CHANGING STATIONS HA-4 (Rep Briel/ Sen Collins)

- As amended includes the following:
 - Buildings constructed on or after January 1, 2029 and will not include retro fitting of existing structures.
 - Clarifies that the adult changing stations can be installed in a handicap stall.

HB4534 DCFS-ABUSED CHILD-GROOMING HA-2 (Rep Mussman/Sen Collins)

Employment history review for substitute teachers seeking employment in more than one school district the ROE's or ISC's will collect and, at the request of the substitute teacher, share information and records

HB4535 SCH CD-E-LEARNING DAY-ELECTION HA-1 (Rep Hirschauer/ Sen Villivalam)

Allows school districts to use verified e-learning plans if they are chosen to serve as a polling place without impacting their emergency days. Provides flexibility to ensure the safety of staff and students.

HB4739 SCH CD-SCHOOL VENTILATION (Rep Lilly/ Sen Johnson)

Subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Department of Public Health, shall develop an educational document explaining, at a minimum, the values of good indoor air quality and shall supply the document to school districts.

HB4788 SCH CD-CPR-FEMALE MANIKINS HA-1 (Rep Hirschauer/ Sen Ellman)

Beginning with the 2029-2030 school year, cardiopulmonary resuscitation training shall include the use of both breasted and non-breasted manikins, which may be provided through the use of chest covers on existing manikins.

HB4859 SCH CD-UNUSED FOOD SHARING (Rep Yang Rohr/ Sen Ellman)

Allows a school district to comply with provisions concerning school unused food sharing plans by implementing a share table. Provides that the school district may develop and follow a policy on standard operating procedures for share tables. Effective August 1, 2027.

HB4862 SCH CD-STAFF MENTAL HEALTH HA-1 (Rep Yang Rohr/ Sen Villivalam)

Requires all school boards, by January 1, 2028, to establish a formal procedure to support employee mental health. At a minimum, districts must: (1) adopt a clear commitment to staff mental health in the workplace; (2) provide opportunities for employee feedback, including anonymous input (which can build on existing tools like staff meetings or climate surveys); (3) annually communicate available mental health resources and supports to all staff, either through the employee handbook or another accessible format, including state and local resources; and (4) ensure the school board is periodically informed about staff mental health initiatives and programs.

HB5107 SCH SAFETY-PANIC ALERT SYSTEM HA-1 (Rep Syed/ Sen Hastings)

Requires school districts and private schools to consider the use of a mobile panic alert system in the development of their school emergency and crisis response plans.

HB5321 SCH CD-TEACHER SALARY-CONT ED HA-1 (Rep Stuart/ Sen Cappel)

- Continuing education coursework completed on or after July 1, 2026 that provides salary advancement for classroom teachers based on the completion of graduate level coursework must meet specified requirements
- Nothing in the legislation stops the ability of the collective bargaining agreement to negotiate schedules or compensation structures as long as continuing education coursework that complies with the provisions of the CBA entered into, modified, extended, or renewed after the effective date of this act
- Nothing in the legislation requires a school district to create a salary advancement pathway where one otherwise doesn't exist

HB5552 SCH CD-VARIOUS FUNDING

(Rep Faver Dias/ Sen Koehler)

- **RECIPROCITY:**

- This allows qualifying educators trained in another state or country who are seeking licensure reciprocity in Illinois to be eligible for a provisional endorsement while they work to meet Illinois testing requirements to obtain their Professional Educator License (PEL).
- This allows a qualifying educator who was trained in another state or country, passed a content area test in another state, and meets other preparation requirements, to be eligible for licensure reciprocity in Illinois without needing to take an Illinois content area test. All states except for Iowa require a content area test.
- If the applicant has not passed a content test in their state they can begin working in IL on a 2 yr provisional license, giving them time to pass the IL content test
 - No renewals to a provisional license

- **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (AFR):**

- Public Act 104-0261 included changes to the submission process for AFRs. As part of that, ISBE proposed moving the due date to February 15 and removing the 60-day extension option that districts have to extend the AFR due date from October 15 to December 15.
- This ISBE Clean UP bill makes the due date October 15 and adds back in the 60-day extension.

HB5551 EDUCATION-VARIOUS (Rep Blair-Sherlock/ Sen Cappel)

- Seeks to end the process of districts filing EAV adjustments from past years for recomputation of Evidence-Based Funding. The program is no longer needed after changes to state law enacted in 2021.
- Previously, districts sought the ability to file EAV adjustments that arrived after state aid calculations had been completed. Local losses are now fully recouped and there is no longer a case to be made that the state should offset a portion of local losses.

HJ12 ED HEALTH INSURANCE TASK FORCE (Rep Stuart/ Sen Belt)

Creates the Educator Health Insurance Task Force to study the feasibility of creating regional health insurance purchasing pools of school districts accessible to all public educators in school districts that have a population of less than 500,000.

SB2393 NICOTINE SALES NEAR SCHOOLS SA-2

(Sen Morrison/ Sen Lilly)

Beginning January 1, 2027, a county or municipality may not permit the sale of nicotine-containing products near a school or day care center, unless (i) a county or municipality has adopted an ordinance or regulation that regulates the sale of nicotine-containing products near a school or day care center before January 1, 2027; (ii) the establishment selling nicotine-containing products is established before January 1, 2027; or (iii) the establishment selling nicotine-containing products was not near a school or day care center when it was established.

SB2427 SCH CD-WIRELESS COMM DEVICE HA-4

(Sen Castro/ Rep Mussman)

- "School time" means the time students spend on a school campus during the regular school day, beginning with the designated arrival time for students through the designated dismissal time for students, including instructional time, recess, lunch, and passing periods.
- "School time" does not include a before-school or after-school activity or a student's presence at an off-campus learning opportunity.
- At the discretion of the school district, you may exclude lunch and passing periods for high school students.

SB2715 OPEN MTGS-STATEWIDE ASSOC (Sen Porfirio/ Rep Didech)

- Allow a public body to hold closed meetings to consider self evaluation, practices and procedures, or professional ethics, when meeting with a representative of a statewide association (rather than a statewide or regional association) of which the public body is a member.
- The amendment seeks to change the following: “only for regional associations pertaining to municipalities”

SB2749 DHS-GAMBLING DISORDERS SA-1 (Sen Morrison/ Rep Didech)

Requires the Department of Human Services to collaborate with the State Board of Education to the extent the Board develops instructional resources for substance use or gambling disorder prevention and awareness that may be used by school districts.

SB2761 SCH CD-TRAINING-SERVICE ANIMAL SA-1 (Sen Turner/ Rep Briel)

Concerning in-service training programs, provides that the instruction on the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, as it pertains to the school environment, includes, without limitation, service animals.

SB2773 SCH CD-LICENSURE-PARAPROFESS SA-1 (Sen Cappel/Rep Manley)

- Requires the applicant to be at least 18 years of age and using the Educator License with Stipulations exclusively for grades prekindergarten through 8 until the individual reaches the age of 19 years or be 19 years of age or older and otherwise meet the criteria for a paraprofessional educator endorsement.
- Requires the applicant to also meet at least one of the following requirements:
 - (i) hold a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent and pass a paraprofessional competency test;
 - (ii) hold an associate degree or a minimum of 60 semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited institution of higher education; or
 - (iii) if applicable, have been issued a short-term approval for paraprofessionals and have been employed as a paraprofessional educator for each year the short-term approval is valid, have paid the required license renewal fee, and have been determined by the school district to have met specified competencies.

SB2802 PEN CD-IMRF-DEATH BENEFIT SA-1 (Sen Holmes/ Rep Walsh Jr.)

Increases, except for persons who first retired prior to the effective date of the amendatory Act, the amount of the death benefit from \$3,000 to \$8,000.

SB2909 SCH CD-TEACHER EVALUATION-AI SA-1 (Sen Belt/Rep Canty)

- Prohibits an evaluator from using an artificial intelligence tool to assign a numerical score or qualitative rating for any component of a teacher's evaluation or any evaluation task that requires professional judgment. However, allows an artificial intelligence tool to be used to support the evaluator in administrative tasks.
- A teacher is prohibited from using an artificial intelligence tool to generate evidence of professional practice that will be used by an evaluator to evaluate the teacher's performance; however, an artificial intelligence tool may be used by a teacher to support the teacher in administrative tasks. Makes changes concerning the joint committee requirement. Provides that if a teacher uses an artificial intelligence tool, the name and specific purpose of the artificial intelligence tool must be disclosed to the evaluator evaluating the teacher.

SB2913 SCH CD-TEACHER EVALUATION PLAN SA-1 (Sen Lightford/Rep Faver Dias)

Provides that if the parties cannot reach agreement over the decision on whether to incorporate a student growth component into the teacher evaluation plan and there is no collective bargaining agreement that includes or incorporates by reference the use of a student growth component in the teacher evaluation plan (rather than that includes or incorporates by reference the teacher evaluation plan), then the student growth component shall be removed from the teacher evaluation plan.

SB2918 PARENT-TEACHER ADVISORY COMM SA-1 (Sen Preston/ Rep West)

- “Parent-teacher advisory committee” means a committee composed of representation by a school district, its parents, and its teachers.
- Policy review includes the impact of student behavior on students and school personnel. Provides that the criminal and civil offenses committed by students that are reported under the reciprocal reporting system between a school district and local law enforcement agencies includes attacks on school personnel. Removes the provision regarding the suspension or expulsion of a student.

SB2953 PEN CD-TEACHERS-RE-EMPLOYMENT (Sen Halpin/Rep Johnson)

Through June 30, 2029 (instead of June 30, 2026), an annuitant may accept employment as a teacher without impairing his or her retirement status if that employment is not within the school year during which service was terminated and does not exceed 120 paid days or 600 paid hours in each school year, but not more than 100 paid days in the same classroom.

SB3051 SCH CD-UNDESIGNATED GLUCAGON SA-1 (Sen Morrison/Rep Katz Muhl)

Allow a school nurse or trained personnel to provide undesignated glucagon to any personnel authorized under a student's Individual Health Care Action Plan, in accordance with the student's prescriber's order or federal Section 504 plan, individualized education program, or other written accommodations plan, to administer glucagon to the student and to administer undesignated glucagon to a student in accordance with the student's prescriber's order, Individual Health Care Action Plan, or Section 504 plan, individualized education program, or other written accommodations plan that authorizes the use of glucagon.

SB3226 SCH CD-AG ED PROGRAM REPORT SA-1 (Sen Turner/Rep Gill)

Requires the State Board of Education to, on or before March 1, 2027, submit a report to the General Assembly regarding the status and availability of agricultural education programs in the State

SB3361 SCH CD-RELIGIOUS HAIRSTYLES SA-1 (Sen Simmons/Rep Olickal)

- All public and private schools in Illinois can register with ISBE on an annual basis.
- Require registration should include reassurances shall not prohibit hairstyles including but not limited to:
 - religious hairstyles, hair-related religious practices, or facial hair worn in accordance with a student's or employee's sincerely held religious beliefs, observance, or practice, including, but not limited to, uncut hair or sidelocks (known as payot or peyos), or beards, mustaches, or other facial hair

FY27 Organizational

VoiceVote

- **FY27 Proposed Dues**
- **FY27 Proposed Budget**
- **FY27 Proposed Council Meeting Dates**
- **Executive Board Slate**

FY27 Proposed Dues (Held Flat)

District	Dues		
ISC 4	\$500.00	Thornton H.S. 205	\$3,000.00
SPEED	\$500.00	Central Stickney 110	\$3,000.00
Eisenhower Cooperative	\$500.00	Palos Heights 128	\$3,000.00
AERO	\$500.00	Evergreen Park CHSD 231	\$3,000.00
SWCCASE	\$500.00	Lemont H.S. 210	\$3,000.00
ECHO	\$500.00	Steger 194	\$3,000.00
Patton 133	\$2,000.00	Alsip/Hazelgreen/Oak Lawn 126	\$3,000.00
Ford Heights 169	\$2,000.00	Elementary 159	\$3,000.00
Sandridge 172	\$2,000.00	Evergreen Park 124	\$3,000.00
Lincoln 156	\$2,000.00	Argo Community H. S. 217	\$3,000.00
West Harvey-Dixmoor 147	\$2,000.00	Oak Lawn H. S. Dist 229	\$3,000.00
Community Consolidated 168	\$2,000.00	Reavis H. S. 220	\$3,000.00
Harvey 152	\$2,000.00	Palos 118	\$3,000.00
Park Forest 163	\$2,000.00	Ridgeland 122	\$3,000.00
Dolton West 148	\$2,000.00	CCSD 146	\$3,000.00
Chicago Heights 170	\$2,000.00	Blue Island/Crestwood 130	\$2,500.00
Burnham 154.5	\$2,500.00	Hazelcrest 152.5	\$2,500.00
Willow Springs 108	\$2,500.00	Prairie Hills 144	\$2,500.00
Hoover Schrum 157	\$2,500.00	Calumet SD 132	\$2,500.00
Calumet City Dist. 155	\$2,500.00	Lemont-Bromberek 113a	\$3,000.00
Worth 127	\$2,500.00	Homewood Flossmoor	\$3,000.00
Sunnybrook 171	\$2,500.00	Bloom H. S. 206	\$3,000.00
Brookwood 167	\$2,500.00	North Palos 117	\$3,000.00
Arbor 145	\$2,500.00	Thornton Fractional 215	\$3,000.00
South Holland 151	\$2,500.00	Oak Lawn/Hometown 123	\$3,000.00
Chicago Ridge 127.5	\$2,500.00	Minooka CCSD 201	\$2,500.00
Forest Ridge 142	\$2,500.00	Bremen H. S. 228	\$3,000.00
Midlothian 143	\$2,500.00	Orland Park 135	\$3,000.00
Homewood 153	\$2,500.00	Community Consolidated H. S. 218	\$3,000.00
Matteson 162	\$2,500.00	Lincoln Way CHSD 210	\$3,000.00
Flossmoor 161	\$2,500.00	Consolidated H. S. 230	\$3,000.00
Indian Springs 109	\$2,500.00		
Lansing 158	\$2,500.00		

FY27 Proposed Budget

Line Item	Estimated	Proposed	Proposed
	4.31.26	2026	2027
INCOME			
Dues		\$153,000.00	\$153,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$153,000.00	\$153,000.00	\$153,000.00
EXPENSES			
Contract with EtheKos	\$96,712.50	\$116,055.00	\$123,003.22
Meetings/Host			
Website, Constant Contact, SOS	\$5,565.20	\$5,565.20	2200
FY26 Back Pay to EtheKos for FY26 Raise at 2.9 CPI		\$3,365.60	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$102,277.70	\$124,985.80	\$125,203.22
Ending Balance 6/30/26	\$11,611.11	\$11,611.11	\$39,624.62
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$50,722.30	\$28,014.20	\$27,796.78
Proposed Ending 6/30/2027	\$62,333.41	\$39,625.31	\$67,421.40

Increase the number to 3%

FY27 Proposed Meeting Dates



Proposed Meeting Dates 2026-2027

All meetings are held the 4th Monday at 1:00 PM, unless otherwise determined

September 28, 2026 (In person)

October 26, 2026

January 25, 2027

February 22, 2027

March 22, 2027

April 26, 2027

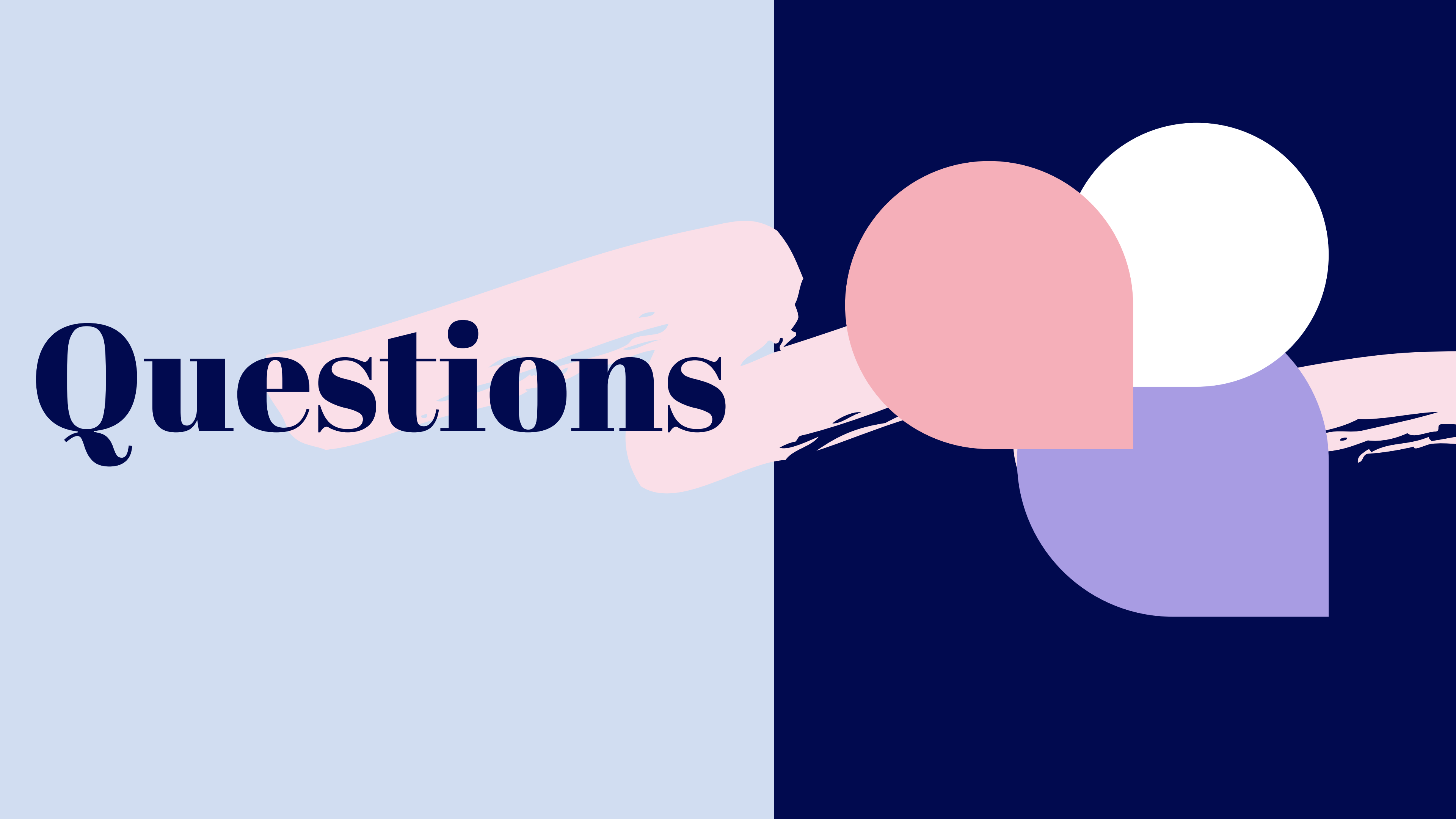
May TBD (In person)

FY27 Executive Board Slate

	PROPOSED SCOPE EXECUTIVE BOARD SLATE	
TERM ENDING IN 2028		
Joe Zotto	Superintendent	Executive Board Member
Pamela Paris	Board Member	Executive Board Member
Brad Sikora	Superintendent	Executive Board Member
TERM ENDING IN 2027		
Linda Peckham Dodge	Board Member	Executive Board Member
Dr. Donna Leak	Superintendent	Executive Board Member
Angela Zajac	Exeutive Director	SPED/ Ex-Officio
Erica Millhouse	Superintendent	Executive Board Member

THANK YOU
for all you
have done!





Questions



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