

# SCOPE COUNCIL MEETING

June 17, 2025

VIA ZOOM

Peg Agnos & Jennifer Figurelli

# AGENDA

- Welcome- SCOPE Co-Chair
- Director's Report - Jen Figurelli, Peg Agnos
  - Session Wrap Up
- FY26 Organization Preparation for Final Meeting in June
  - Intergovernmental Agreement - Voice Vote
  - FY26 Proposed Dues - Voice Vote
  - FY26 Proposed Budget - Voice Vote
  - Executive Committee Slate
  - FY26 Proposed Meeting Dates
- Member Concerns
- Adjourn

# Directors Report

Jen Figurelli & Peg Agnos

# Budget

# FY26 State Budget

- Evidence Based Funding
  - \$307 million - \$300 million to the formula and \$7 million to regional safe schools.
  - The property tax relief grant is paused for at least one year.
- MCATs
  - All were held flat except:
    - Special Ed Orphanage: increase of \$12,892,600
    - Regular Orphanage: increase of \$6,988,300

# FY26 State Budget

- Tier 2 Pension Fix:
  - The Budget Implementation Bill (BIMP) allows for money to be allocated to the new Tier 2 SSWB (Social Security Wage Based) Reserve Fund to allocate funds for the safe harbor fix.
  - If a tier 2 pension benefit falls below the minimum required by law - causing members to be subject to SS tax - then money from the SSWB Reserve Fund can be used by TRS.

# **Bills of Interest**

# Dual Credit

- In the final week of session, we successfully added our language to a House shell bill, passed it unanimously through the Senate, the House Higher Education Committee, and the full House. A huge thank you to Representatives Costa Howard and Blair-Sherlock for getting it across the finish line. Thank you as well to our members for your support—making calls, submitting witness slips, and advocating for students.
- HB2967 SA2 heads to the Governor for signature.

# Cell Phone Ban

- As we've reported throughout the session, one of the Governor's top priorities was the Cell Phone Ban legislation. However, in a surprising turn, the bill—despite passing the Senate—did not have enough support in the House and ultimately **failed**.

# K-2 SUSPENSION/EXPULSION

- Similarly, HB3772, ISBE's top priority regarding K-2 suspension and expulsion, also failed. Although it passed the Senate earlier, the bill was called in the House at 1:45 a.m. on June 1. Because it contained language with an immediate effective date, it required 71 votes to pass after midnight but received only 69. The bill **failed** and will likely be back in Veto Session. We remain **NEUTRAL** on the bill as filed.

# Union Initiatives

# SB1799 - Third Party Contractors

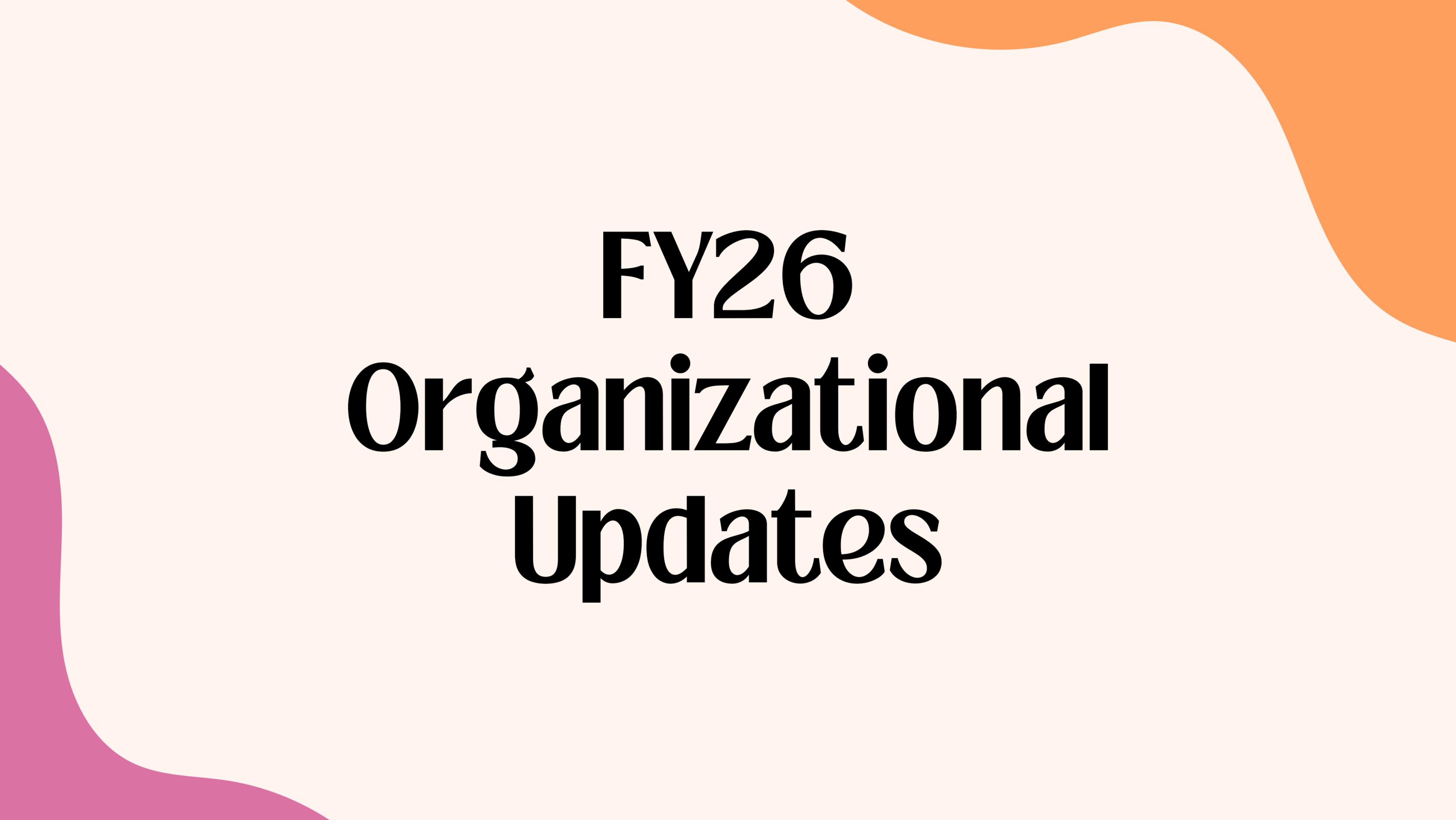
- After multiple negotiations, school management did all we could to make a bad bill better. Here is a summary of what is contained in the final language:
- A school board may enter into a short-term (up to 3 months) contract with a third party for non-instructional services during an emergency that threatens student or staff safety or health, as long as it follows labor laws and posts job vacancies publicly.

# SB1799 - Third Party Contractors

- First Use: Allowed for emergencies without union approval, but job postings must be made publicly and remain posted for the contract's duration.
- Second Use: If repeated for the same group, the board must either follow formal outsourcing steps or get mutual agreement with the union. The union cannot use this to reopen the contract, and an MOU must include a recruitment and retention plan.
- Third Use or More: Mutual agreement with the union is required, with the same conditions and a formal recruitment and retention plan in place.

# Notice to Remedy

- The good news is the bill didn't move. However, the sponsors will be having meetings this summer to continue discussions. The measure is not dead and could resurface for Veto Session.



# **FY26 Organizational Updates**

# **IGA Overview**

# FY26 Proposed Budget

Line Item	Proposed 2024	Estimated 6.30.25	Proposed 2026
<b>INCOME</b>			
Dues	\$102,860.00	\$110,814.00	\$147,000.00
Delayed dues FY 22	\$11,000.00		
Interest			
Fundraising/Sponsors			
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$113,860.00</b>	<b>\$110,814.00</b>	<b>\$147,000.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Contract with Ethekos	\$111,592.00	\$116,055.68	\$119,421.29
Meetings/Host			\$500.00
Website, Constant Contact, SOS	\$4,400.00		\$6,600.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$115,992.00</b>	<b>\$116,055.68</b>	<b>\$126,521.29</b>

Ending Balance 6/30/25	\$26,801.11	\$21,841.11	\$15,411.11
<b>REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>-\$2,132.00</b>	<b>-\$5,241.68</b>	<b>\$20,478.71</b>
<b>Proposed Ending 6/30/2026</b>	<b>\$24,669.11</b>	<b>\$16,599.43</b>	<b>\$35,889.82</b>

# Executive Committee Slate

<b>Executive Committee</b>			
<b>TERM ENDS 2026</b>			<b>TERM ENDING</b>
Erica Millhouse	Superintendent	Executive Board Member	FY26
Joe Zotto	Superintendent	Executive Board Member	FY26 Co-Chair
Pamela Paris	Board Member	Executive Board Member	FY26 Co-Chair
Brad Sikora	Superintendent	Executive Board Member	FY26
<b>TERM ENDS 2027</b>			<b>TERM ENDING</b>
Linda Peckham Dodge	Board Member	Executive Board Member	FY27
Dr. Donna Leak	Superintendent	Executive Board Member	FY27
Ms. Angela Zajac	Executive Director	SPED/Ex-Officio	
Mary Ticknor	Superintendent	Ex-Officio	FY25

# FY26 Proposed Meeting Dates

**SCOPE**

SOUTH COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATION FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

## Proposed Meeting Dates 2025-2026

September 22, 2025

October 27, 2025

January 26, 2026

February 23, 2026

March 16, 2026

3rd Monday

April 27, 2026

May TBD

# FY26 Proposed Dues

SPEED	\$500
Eisenhower Cooperative	\$500
AERO	\$500
SWCCASE	\$500
ECHO	\$500
Patton 133	\$2,000
Ford Heights 169	\$2,000
Sandridge 172	\$2,000
Lincoln 156	\$2,000
West Harvey-Dixmoor 147	\$2,000
Community Consolidated 168	\$2,000
Harvey 152	\$2,000
Park Forest 163	\$2,000
Dolton West 148	\$2,000
Chicago Heights 170	\$2,000
Burnham 154.5	\$2,000
Willow Springs 108	\$2,000
Hoover Schrum 157	\$2,000
Calumet City Dist. 155	\$2,000
Worth 127	\$2,000
Sunnybrook 171	\$2,000
Brookwood 167	\$2,000
Arbor Park 145	\$2,000
South Holland 151	\$2,000
Chicago Ridge 127.5	\$2,000
Forest Ridge 142	\$2,000
Midlothian 143	\$2,000
Homewood 153	\$2,000
Matteson 162	\$2,000

# FY26 Proposed Dues

Flossmoor 161	<b>\$2,000</b>
Indian Springs 109	<b>\$2,000</b>
Lansing 158	<b>\$2,000</b>
Minooka CCSD 201	<b>\$3,000</b>
Blue Island/Crestwood 130	<b>\$2,500</b>
Thornton H.S. 205	<b>\$2,000</b>
Central Stickney 110	<b>\$2,000</b>
Palos Heights 128	<b>\$2,000</b>
Evergreen Park CHSD 231	<b>\$2,000</b>
Lemont H.S, 210	<b>\$2,000</b>
Steger 194	<b>\$2,000</b>
Alsip/Hazelgreen/Oak Lawn 126	<b>\$2,000</b>
Elementary 159	<b>\$2,000</b>

Evergreen Park 124	<b>\$2,000</b>
Argo Community H. S. 217	<b>\$2,000</b>
Oak Lawn H. S. Dist 229	<b>\$2,000</b>
Reavis H. S. 220	<b>\$2,000</b>
Palos 118	<b>\$2,000</b>
Ridgeland 122	<b>\$2,000</b>
CCSD 146	<b>\$2,000</b>
Lemont-Bromberek 113a	<b>\$2,500</b>
Homewood Flossmoor	<b>\$2,500</b>
Bloom H. S. 206	<b>\$2,500</b>
North Palos 117	<b>\$2,500</b>
Thornton Fractional	<b>\$2,500</b>
Oak Lawn/Hometown 123	<b>\$2,500</b>
Bremen H. S. 228	<b>\$3,000</b>
Orland Park 135	<b>\$3,000</b>
Community Consolidated H. S. 218	<b>\$3,000</b>
Lincoln Way CHSD 210	<b>\$3,000</b>
Consolidated H. S. 230	<b>\$3,000</b>
ISC	<b>\$1,500</b>

# SCOPE Contact Information

**PEG AGNOS**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

CELL: 630-632-2954

EMAIL: PEGAGNOS@ETHEKOS.COM

**JEN FIGURELLI**

**ASSOC. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

CELL: 312-451-7278

EMAIL: JENFIGURELLI@ETHEKOS.COM

**KARLI RYAN**

**DIRECTOR**

CELL: 312-799-9286

EMAIL: KARLIRYAN@ETHEKOS.COM