

REMEMBER
WHY YOU
STARTED

Deep Breaths

By:

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Friday, December 4, 2020

Friday Recap

Sara

Opened the call with ...

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- Deep Breaths.
- As we get closer to vaccine availability there are still many issues to address before knowing what this will mean for schools.
- Know the questions to ask as districts consider implementing COVID testing.

Kevin

Discussed updates to the CDC recommendation for quarantine timelines...

6:00

- The CDC has adjusted quarantine timeline recommendations likely in an effort to balance health and safety with economic and other needs.
- These recommendations, which have not yet been adopted by the IDPH, allow individuals to quarantine for 7 or 10 days rather than 14 days when certain requirements are met.

We did not come to fear the future.
We came to shape it.
-President Barack Obama

Stephanie

9:23

Discussed Tier 3 Mitigation on schools & considerations for grading practices...

- ISBE released guidance clarifying that Illinois Tier 3 Mitigation requirements apply to non-instructional activities, but do not apply to instructional activities.
- Traditional grading practices may be difficult to implement during COVID and since grading practices are a local decision this may be a good time to be creative and collaborate with teachers to determine how grades can best reflect student learning during COVID.

Mohammed

22:27

Discussed OMA, FOIA and important dates...

- Be aware of upcoming dates related to school board elections and tax levies.
- Districts may see an increase in FOIA requests related to COVID and must be aware of FERPA/ISSRA requirements.
- Court reiterated public bodies will not be assessed fees in response to a FOIA violation unless the violation was intentional.
- A recent PAC decision found that a public body may violate the OMA by muting a sidebar conversation during a meeting conducted remotely, even when the length of the conversation is short in duration.

Laura

31:43

Discussed EPA updates on cleaning practice during COVID...

- The EPA released updated guidance that reminds districts to use cleaning and disinfecting products that are EPA-approved and to use products as directed.
- The guidance also provides reminders on effective practices to address ventilation and indoor air quality.

Darcy

37:21

Discussed addressing the needs of students who age out of special education services during the school year and guidance on Tier 3 mitigation and school board meetings...

- While there is talk that Illinois may allow students to continue services to the end of the year in which they turn 22, this has not yet become a law.
- There are a variety of factors districts must consider when responding to parent requests for students to continue to receive services after their 22 birthday during the pandemic.
- While Tier 3 Mitigation does not apply to school board meetings, we recently released a newsletter that can be found on our website and provides districts with meeting considerations during the mitigation order.

Join Us Next Friday
December 11, 2020
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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