

REMEMBER  
WHY YOU  
STARTED



# Deep Breaths

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Friday, March 19th, 2021

## Friday Recap

### Steph

00:00

Discussed ISBE and DOE updates. . .

- Deep breaths.
- The Department of Education released additional guidance on allowable uses of American Rescue Plan funds, with at least 20% of funds required to address learning loss.
- At a recent board meeting, ISBE addressed a variety of topics including in-person learning and addressing teacher shortages.

### Elizabeth

16:00

Discussed sick leave and vaccination issues. . .

- Fully vaccinated staff members do not need to quarantine when they are a close contact unless they are symptomatic, however, unvaccinated staff are required to quarantine.
- Although required leave under the FFCRA expired on December 31, 2020, staff do still have leave options including sick leave and traditional FMLA leave, as applicable.

### Cassie

35:00

Discussed ESY, recovery learning, and comp. ed. . .

- It is important to understand the difference between ESY, recovery learning, and compensatory education.
- ESSER and American Rescue Plan funds can be used to support summer learning opportunities.

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### Kevin

25:00

Discussed the American Rescue Plan and COBRA. . .

- Under the American Rescue Plan, eligible individuals may receive a six month COBRA subsidy beginning April 1.
- Eligible individuals include employees who are involuntarily terminated or whose hours are reduced, including those who were previously eligible within the COBRA period and those who will become eligible during the subsidy period.
- Districts must notify eligible individuals and allow for a 60-day election period.

### Darcy

43:00

Discussed vaccines and CDC and IDPH updates. . .

- Currently, 13.27% of Illinoisans are currently vaccinated, which is greater than the national average of 12.3%.
- The CDC released updated guidance for school districts, noting changes in social distancing requirements and removing recommendations for physical barriers, among other recommendations.
- IDPH updated its exclusion chart, removing runny nose as a COVID symptom and making adjustments on requirements for fully vaccinated individuals.

"There are men and women who make the world better just by being the kind of people they are. They have the gift of kindness or courage or loyalty or integrity. It really matters very little whether they are behind the wheel of a truck or running a business or bringing up a family. They teach the truth by living it." — James Garfield

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March 26th, 2020  
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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