

REMEMBER
WHY YOU
STARTED

Deep Breaths

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Friday, January 15th, 2021

Friday Recap

Sara

Discussed and opened the call with . . .

- Deep breaths.
- The new speaker of the house has a long history of supporting pre-K-12 education.
- As Illinois moves forward with vaccine distribution we continue to receive questions about whether vaccines can be mandated.
- Districts must be aware of and follow the requirements associated with COVID testing.

Steph

Discussed the Omnibus bill. . .

- The Education Omnibus Bill is 217 pages and addresses topics such as KIDS assessment, early intervention, and the whole child initiative.
- The bill also addresses graduation requirements, advanced placement, and learning recovery services.
- We will continue to highlight additional components of the bill next week.

Cassie

Discussed the Student Online Privacy Protection Act. . .

- Starting July 1, 2021 this amended state law will require school districts to develop policies, procedures, and notice requirements related to student data privacy.
- Districts should keep these requirements in mind when developing or renewing contracts with technology vendors.
- We will continue to discuss these requirements to help you prepare to be in compliance by July 1, 2021.

Kevin

Discussed tiered movements. . .

- Movement between tiers doesn't impact school operations directly but gives insight about the health in your region and may assist in making determinations about your educational model.
- Executive Order 2021-01 reissued the 2020 executive order allowing in-person instruction as long as the district is complying with ISBE and IDPH guidance to the greatest extent possible.
- As regions move to lower tiers, we anticipate additional community pressure for in-person instruction and return of youth sports.

Darcy

Discussed good news to end the week. . .

- Illinois appears to be ahead of many other states in vaccine distribution. As of today, approximately 101,670 individuals in Illinois have been fully vaccinated and 345,000 have received their first dose.
- IDPH recently released a comprehensive vaccination plan that will continue to distribute vaccines to additional individuals.

See you next week.
On Friday, January 22nd.
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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