

REMEMBER  
WHY YOU  
STARTED

# Deep Breaths

By:

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Friday, March, 5th, 2021

## Friday Recap

### Sara

Discussed and opened the call with.

- Deep breaths.
- As we turn a corner on the pandemic across the State, it is important to celebrate the great things school districts have accomplished.

### Steph

Discussed ISBE updates and proposed legislation. . .

- ISBE has resumed many of the typical functions it was doing pre-pandemic such as participating in the spring legislative session, developing a proposed budget, and providing other supports for school districts.
- There are over 700 bills introduced that will impact education including forced school consolidation, requirements to provide home economics, flexibility with teacher evaluations, and changes to time out and restraint.
- It is important that districts communicate how proposed laws will impact the district, including any financial implications.

### Cassie

13:00

Discussed proposed legislation for students aging out of special education services. . .

- A proposed bill would allow students to receive special education services through the end of the school year that they turn 22 years of age rather than the day before their 22nd birthday, as is currently the law.
- While the bill would extend school-based services for students, it would also have some negative implications.
- Districts are encouraged to contact their legislators to share how this change in law would impact districts.

### Elizabeth

17:00

Discussed sports and the push to go outside. . .

- Students in sports of all risk levels are engaged and practicing or playing to some extent.
- College and professional sports are moving forward with plans to include spectators.

### Kevin

34:00

Discussed updates from the DOE and RIF timeline reminders. . .

- Miguel Cordona was sworn in as the Secretary of Education and has been busy visiting schools and addressing ways to continue to safely return to in-person learning.
- The DOE will continue to develop guidance for school districts to accomplish the national goal of returning to in-person learning.
- Districts should be aware of RIF timelines for certified staff and ESP.

### Darcy

46:00

Discussed vaccine updates. . .

- As of yesterday, 8% of Illinoisans are fully vaccinated.
- We are closing the gap to the national average and this will likely continue as we expand vaccination options such as the community vaccination site opening at the United Center.
- Check our website and Twitter for information on upcoming webinars on SOPPA and board governance.

See you next week.  
On Friday, March, 12th.  
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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