ED-RED HIGH SCHOOL District Organization of Illinois LEND LUDA Large Unit District Association SCOPE

OPPOSE SB 1947, HOUSE AMENDMENT 5

The Senate is in session tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.

Please contact your Senate Members

Tell them to vote NO to SB 1947, Amendment 5

The following changes are required before a final vote is taken:

Voter Initiated Referendum

- Incorrectly utilizes the Adequacy Target.
- The Adequacy Target was developed to determine the allocation of GSA funds by using a common statewide set of assumptions to create a relative benchmark.
- The scope of the Adequacy Target was never intended to be a comprehensive financial model for each district and because mandated costs like high cost special education, transportation and early childhood are excluded it does not fully represent adequacy.
- **We oppose a voter referendum initiated by 10% of voters. They can petition to reduce property taxes up to 10%.**

Private School Tax Credit Program

- The proposal under consideration guarantees $75 million annually to private schools, while there is NO guarantee that GSA will be increased by at least $350 million annually.
- **We oppose the use of State funds to support private schools.**

The Use of Future TIF EAV in any Funding Formula is Unacceptable

- Currently, school districts do not have the ability to approve or reject a proposed TIF. That authority rests exclusively with the Board of each municipality.
- The proposed approach can only be considered if the State Legislature also provides each school district with the authority to approve/reject a proposed TIF.
- **We fully support a complete review of the TIF laws and the role of School Districts.**