



# Illinois State Board of Education

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Honorable John J. Cullerton, Senate President  
The Honorable William E. Brady, Senate Minority Leader  
The Honorable Michael J. Madigan, Speaker of the House  
The Honorable Jim Durkin, House Minority Leader

**DATE:** February 28, 2019

**RE:** Spring 2019 Waiver Report | Requests to Waive School Code Mandates

As required by Section 2-3.25g of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g], the following report provides summaries of requests for waivers of School Code mandates being transmitted to the Illinois General Assembly for its consideration. The report concludes with a database listing all of the requests received, organized by Senate and House districts, including those requests for waivers and modifications acted on by the State Superintendent of Education in accordance with Section 1A-4 of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/1A-4] and applications that have been returned to school districts or other eligible applicants.

Pursuant to Section 2-3.25g (d) of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g (d)]:

The report shall be reviewed by a panel of four members consisting of:

- (1) the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (2) the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;
- (3) the President of the Senate; and
- (4) the Minority Leader of the Senate.

The State Board of Education may provide the panel recommendations on waiver requests.

The members of the panel shall review the report submitted by the State Board of Education and submit to the State Board of Education any notice of further consideration to any waiver request within 14 days after the member receives the report. If three or more of the panel members submit a notice of further consideration to any waiver request contained within the report, the State Board of Education shall submit the waiver request to the General Assembly for consideration. If fewer than three panel members submit a notice of further consideration to a waiver request, the waiver may be approved, denied, or modified by the State Board. If the State Board does not act on a waiver request within 10 days, then the waiver request is approved. If the waiver request is denied by the State Board, it shall submit the waiver request to the General Assembly for consideration.

The General Assembly may disapprove any waiver request submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to this subsection (d) in whole or in part within 60 calendar days after each house of the General Assembly next convenes after the waiver request is submitted by adoption of a resolution by a record vote of the majority of members elected in each house. If the General Assembly fails to disapprove any waiver request or appealed request within such 60 day period, the waiver or modification shall be deemed granted. Any resolution adopted by the General Assembly disapproving a report of the State Board in whole or in part shall be binding on the State Board.

To effectuate the law, memoranda detailing the following shall be submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education by each panel member:

- (1) Notice of specific waiver requests noticed for further consideration by the General Assembly; and
- (2) A statement indicating that all waiver requests included in the report, except for those listed above in (1), are returned to the State Board of Education for final action.

If you have any questions or comments, you may contact Rachel Diamond, Rules and Waivers Coordinator, at (312) 814-9601.

cc:  
Secretary of the Senate  
Clerk of the House  
Legislative Research Unit  
State Government Report Center

## **Executive Summary**

The following report outlines waivers of School Code mandates that school districts, Regional Offices of Education, or special education or area vocational centers have requested since the last report, which was transmitted in September 2018. Pursuant to Section 2-3.25g of the School Code, these requests must be sent to the General Assembly before March 1, 2019.

Section I summarizes the 51 requests received for waivers of School Code mandates pursuant to Section 2-3.25g for consideration by the General Assembly. They are presented alphabetically by topic area. The largest number of applications received — 21 requests — seeks waivers from the requirements for non-resident tuition. The next set of applications received — 16 requests — are related to administrative cost cap limitations. Seven requests are related to physical education. Four requests are related to waiving the costs of driver's education. Three requests are related to the publication of a school district's annual statement of affairs.

This document contains an additional section beyond what is required under Section 2-3.25g of the School Code. Section II is a database with a list of the modifications or waivers of State Board of Education rules and modifications of School Code mandates upon which the State Superintendent of Education has acted in accordance with Section 1A-4 of the School Code. The database also includes a list of the requests that have been returned to or withdrawn by the petitioning entities. Finally, the database includes the 50 waiver requests for the General Assembly's consideration and is organized by Senate and House districts.

Complete copies of the waiver requests for the General Assembly's consideration have been made available to legislative staff.

This report is the 48<sup>th</sup> report submitted pursuant to Section 2-3.25g of the School Code, which requires that State Board of Education staff compile and submit requests for waivers of School Code mandates to the General Assembly before March 1 and October 1 of each year.

**Summary of Applications for Waivers and Modifications**  
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<b>Topic</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Denied by SBE</b>	<b>Transmitted to GA</b>	<b>Withdrawn or Returned</b>
Accelerated Placement Policy	.....0	.....1	.....0	.....0
Contracts	0	0	0	0
Driver's Education	1	0	4	0
Limitation of Administrative Costs	0	0	16	3
Non-resident Tuition	0	0	21	0
Physical Education	0	0	7	0
School Improvement/ In-service Training	0	0	0	1
Statement of Affairs	0	0	3	0
<b>Petition Summary</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>4</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS: 57**

## SECTION I

### Applications Transmitted to the General Assembly

#### Non-resident Tuition

*Blue Ridge CUSD 18* – DeWitt (SD 51/HD 101) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6561 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) request to enable the district to charge less than 100% (zero dollars) of the per capita tuition charge for pupils of full-time employees who live outside district boundaries.

*Brussels CUSD 42* – Calhoun (SD 50/HD 100) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6563 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) request to charge less than 100% (zero dollars) of the per capita tuition charge for pupils of full and part time employees who live outside of district boundaries.

*Dalzell GS 98* – Bureau (SD 38/HD 76) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6567 (renewal) – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) request to enable the district to charge a tuition fee less than 100% of the per capita tuition charge for non-resident children in the immediate family of staff members, children of Dalzell Grade School graduates, children who reside in subdivisions that are contiguous to Dalzell School district boundaries, and any child who was legally enrolled and moved outside of the district.

*Gallatin Co. CUSD 7* – Gallatin (SD 59/HD 118) / **Expiration: 2023-34 school year WM100-6572 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) request to charge 0% of the per capita tuition charge for pupils of full time employees who live outside district boundaries.

*Geff CCSD 14* – Wayne (SD 55/HD 109) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6604 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) request to enable the district to allow non-resident students whose parents are full-time employees of the district to attend its schools for less than 100% of the per capita tuition charge.

*Geneseo CUSD 228* – Henry (SD 37 /HD 74) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6574 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) request to charge less than 100% (zero dollars) of the per capita tuition charge for pupils of employees who live outside of the school district.

*Irvington CSD 11* – Washington (SD 54/HD 108) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6580 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) request to charge less than 100% (zero dollars) of the per capita tuition charge for pupils of employees who live outside the district's boundaries.

*LaHarpe 347* – Hancock (SD47 /HD 94) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6583 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) request to enable the district to allow non-resident children of employees of the district to attend its schools for less than 100% per capita tuition charge. The decision would be at the sole discretion of their Board.

*Macomb CUSD 185*— McDonough (SD 47/HD 93) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6550 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) request to charge less than

100% of the per capita tuition charge for children of staff members who live outside of district boundaries.

*Mercer 404* –Mercer (SD37/ HD 74) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6602 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) request to enable the district to allow non-resident students whose parents are employees of the district to attend its schools for less than 100% of the per capita tuition charge.

*New Hope CCSD 6* – Wayne (SD 55/HD 109) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6586 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) request to allow the children of full-time employees who do not reside in the district to attend without the requirement to pay tuition.

*Oakwood CUSD 76--* Vermilion (SD 52/HD 104) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6589 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) request to enable the district to allow non-resident students whose parents are full-time teachers and staff of the district to attend its schools free of charge.

*Peoria Heights CUSD 325* – Peoria (SD 46/HD 92) / **Expiration: 2024-25 school year WM100-6591 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) request to enable the district to charge less than 100% (zero dollars) of the per capita tuition charge for nonresident children of full-time employees.

*Porta 202* – Menard (SD 44/HD 87) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6592 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) request to enable the district to allow non-resident students of full time faculty and staff to pay less than 100% of the per capita tuition charge.

*Rankin SD 98–* Tazewell (SD 46 /HD 91) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6554 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) request to set the amount of tuition for non-resident pupils at a rate lower than the per capita tuition charge identified in the district’s most recent audit.

*Ridgeview CUSD 19-McClearn* (SD 53/HD 105) **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6558-Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) request to permit the district to charge less than 100% of the per capita tuition charge for non-resident children of full-time teachers, administrators, and support staff.

*Scales Mound 211* – Jo Daviess (SD 45/HD 89) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6597 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) request to enable the district to allow non-resident students whose parents are full-time employees of the district to pay less than 100% (zero dollars) of the capita tuition charge.

*Shiloh CUSD 1-Edgar* (SD 51 /HD 102) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6601–Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) request to enable the district to allow non-resident students whose parents are full-time employees of the district to attend its schools for less than 100% of the per capita tuition charge.

*Stark County 100* – Stark (SD 37 /HD 73) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6598 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) request to enable the district to allow non-resident students whose parents are full-time or part-time employees of the district to

attend its schools for free.

*Trico CUSD 176* – Jackson (SD 58/HD 115) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6557 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) request to enable the district to allow non-resident students of faculty/staff to attend its schools for less than 100% of the per capita tuition charge.

*Westville 2* – Vermilion (SD 52 /HD 104) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6599 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) request to enable the district to allow non-resident students whose parents are full-time employees of the district to attend its schools free of charge.

**Limitation of Administrative Costs**

*Bluford USD 318* – Jefferson (SD 58/HD 115) / **Expiration: 2018-19 school year WM100-6562 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 17-1.5) request to allow the district to waive the limitation of administrative costs due to circumstances beyond its control. The district's FY 2019 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2018 actual administrative costs by 33%. For the previous four school years, the district employed two interim superintendents. The interim superintendents received salaries, but did not receive retirement or benefits. Starting with FY 2019, the district is employing a full-time superintendent who receives benefits. The costs of the previous year co-interim superintendents was \$67,758, while the cost for the current year full-time superintendent is \$110,450, resulting in \$42,692 additional budgeted expenditures in FY 2019. The change from two interim superintendents to a full-time superintendent caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5% increase.

*Bunker Hill CUSD 8* – Macoupin (SD 48/HD 95) / **Expiration: 2018-19 school year WM100-6564 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 17-1.5) request to allow the district to waive the limitation of administrative costs due to circumstances beyond its control. The district's FY 2019 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2018 actual administrative costs by 50%. In previous years, including FY 2018, the district employed an interim superintendent who only worked two days a week in the district. The interim superintendent received a salary of \$76,500. Starting with FY 2019, the district is employing a full-time superintendent. The full-time superintendent will receive a salary of \$112,000, reflective of the full-time status. Moving from an interim to a full-time superintendent resulted in \$35,500 additional budgeted expenditures for salary in FY 2019. The full-time superintendent will receive insurance benefits and TRS. The district also provides for professional membership for the superintendent as well as an allotment for professional development. These are additional items that the previous superintendent did not receive, due to the interim status of the position. The additional expenditures budgeted in FY 2019 for the non-salary items are:

- Pension costs (TRS and THIS) = \$14,326
- Insurance benefits (health/life/dental) = \$6,228
- Professional memberships (IASA and IASBO) = \$850
- Professional Development = \$6,000

Moving from an interim to a full-time superintendent resulted in \$27,404 additional budgeted expenditures for non-salary items in FY 2019. The change from an interim to a full-time superintendent caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5% increase.

*Carrollton CUSD 1 – Greene (SD 50/HD 100) / Expiration: 2018-19 school year WM100-6566 – Waiver of School Code* (Section 17-1.5) request to allow the district to waive the limitation of administrative costs due to circumstances beyond its control. The district's FY 2019 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2018 actual administrative costs by 14%. For FY 2019, the district is increasing its Early Childhood programs due to increased Early Childhood Block Grants. Per the grant requirements and under direction of ISBE Early Childhood Division, certain administrative costs for the Early Childhood program are required to be paid out of Function 2330, Special Area Administration Services, a cost function that appears on the Limitation of Administrative Costs Worksheet. The district reported that the administrative costs for the FY 2019 Early Childhood program were:

- Clerical support = \$9,066
- Copy machine lease = \$2,190
- Internet access = \$1,440
- Clerical supplies = \$4,028

The total budgeted expenditures for the administrative portion of the district's Early Childhood program were \$16,724. In the prior year, the district spent \$2,463 within the administrative costs for this program, resulting in \$14,261 additional budgeted expenditures in FY 2019. The requirement to account for the Early Childhood program administration within Function 2330 caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5% increase.

*DeLand and Weldon CUSD 57 – Platt and DeWitt (SD 51/HD 101) / Expiration: 2018-2019 school year WM100-6569 – Waiver of School Code* (Section 17-1.5) request to allow the district to waive the limitation of administrative costs due to circumstances beyond its control. The district's FY 2019 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2018 actual administrative costs by 23%. In FY 2018, the district superintendent was serving as a superintendent for the first year. Due to being a new superintendent, the school board considered this first year a "probationary period" and paid the superintendent a lesser salary. After successfully completing the first year to the school board's satisfaction, the superintendent's salary in FY 2019 was raised. Benefits based on a percent of salary also slightly increased due to the salary increase. The move off of the "probationary period" resulted in \$5,762 additional budgeted expenditures in FY 2019. In previous years, costs applicable to the administration of the district's pre-kindergarten program were accounted for within cost functions not reported on the Limitation of Administrative Costs Worksheet. Based on recommendations from the district's auditor, the pre-kindergarten administration costs were moved to Function 2330, a cost function reported on the Limitation worksheet. The accounting change for the pre-kindergarten administration resulted in \$4,300 additional budgeted expenditures in FY 2019. The increased superintendent costs due to movement off of a "probationary period" and the accounting change for pre-kindergarten administration caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5% increase.

*Donovan CUSD 3 – Iroquois (SD 53/HD 106) / Expiration: 2017-18 school year WM100-6570 – Waiver of School Code* (Section 17-1.5) request to allow the district to waive the limitation of administrative costs due to circumstances beyond its control. The district's FY 2019 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2018 actual administrative costs by 93%. The district experienced expenditure increases in three cost functions that appear on the Limitation worksheet:

1. Function 2320: Additional benefit expenditures and additional equipment expenditures



2. Function 2490: Student Services Coordinator costs moved onto Limitation worksheet and new Assistant Unit Secretary position
3. Function 2570: Entry error on Budget Form

The above itemized increases of \$71,500 caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5% increase.

*General George Patton SD 133 – Cook (SD 14/HD 28) / Expiration: 2018-19 school year WM100-6573 – Waiver of School Code* (Section 17-1.5) request to allow the district to waive the limitation of administrative costs due to circumstances beyond its control. The district's FY 2019 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2018 actual administrative costs by 77%. The district experienced expenditure increases in three cost functions:

4. Function 2320: Portion of Superintendent costs moved from Tort and new Assistant Superintendent position
5. Function 2330: New Director of Student Services position and new stipend for Pre-K coordination
6. Function 2510: Portion of Business Manager costs moved from Tort

The above itemized increases of \$276,732 caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5% increase.

*Harvard CUSD 50 – McHenry (SD 32/HD 63) / Expiration: 2018-19 school year WM100-6576 – Waiver of School Code (Renewal)* (Section 17-1.5) request to allow the district to waive the limitation of administrative costs due to circumstances beyond its control. The district seeks to retained the following newly hired administrators for the 2018-2019 school year: Assistant Superintendent; High School Special Education Chair; Junior High Dean; .5 FTE Elementary School Assistant Principal, and a .5FTE District Behavioral Specialist. The retention of the positions collectively caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5% increase.

*Hiawatha CUSD 426 – DeKalb (SD 16/HD 35) / Expiration: 2018-19 school year WM100-6577 – Waiver of School Code* (Section 17-1.5) request to allow the district to waive the limitation of administrative costs due to circumstances beyond its control. The district's FY 2019 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2018 actual administrative costs by 54%. During the previous year, FY 2018, the district employed a retired superintendent as a part-time superintendent. This part-time superintendent received a salary of \$70,000 but did not have medical insurance or TRS. Starting with FY 2019, the district is employing a full-time superintendent. The full-time superintendent will receive a salary reflective of the full-time status, as well as TRS and medical insurance, for a total budgeted cost of \$165,175. Moving from a part-time to a full-time superintendent resulted in \$95,175 additional budgeted expenditures in FY 2019. Starting with FY 2019, the district is also employing a half-time dean, a new position in the district. The total budgeted costs for the half-time dean, including salary, benefits, purchased services, and supplies, are \$36,866. The change from a part-time to a full-time superintendent and the addition of a half-time dean caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5% increase.

*Jacksonville SD 117 – Morgan and Greene (SD 50/HD 100) / Expiration: 2018-19 school year WM100-6582 – Waiver of School Code* (Section 17-1.5) request to allow the district to waive the limitation of administrative costs due to circumstances beyond its control. The increase in administrative costs is the result of the reclassification of an administration position in the district office.

*Medinah ESD 11 – DuPage (SD 23/HD 45) / Expiration: 2018-19 school year*  
**WM100-6560 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 17-1.5) request to allow the district to waive the limitation of administrative costs due to circumstances beyond its control. The district's FY 2019 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2018 actual administrative costs by 27%. In prior years, the district did not employ a business manager, and all district finance staff were paid through Function 2520, Fiscal Services, an account function not reported on the Limitation of Administrative Costs Worksheet. Starting with FY 2019, the district is employing a business manager as the district's fiscal administrator. To comply with the ISBE Accounting Rules, the costs for a school district business manager must be accounted for within Function 2510, Direction of Business Support Services, an account function reported on the Limitation worksheet. The change to a business manager for fiscal administration and the requirement to account for these costs within account functions reported on the Limitation worksheet caused the district to exceed the statutory 5% allowable increase.

*Norridge 80 – Kane (SD 10/HD 20) / Expiration: 2018-19 school year*  
**WM100-6587 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 17-1.5) request to allow the district to waive the limitation of administrative costs due to circumstances beyond its control. The district's FY 2019 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2018 actual administrative costs by 62%. In previous years, the district belonged to the Leyden Area Special Education Cooperative (LASEC) and paid the cooperative for special education administrative services. In order to improve services to the district's special education students, the district withdrew from LASEC effective July 1, 2018. Districts that are not a part of a special education cooperative are required to employ their own full-time special education director. Starting with FY 2019, the district is employing a Special Education Director for a total cost of \$165,577, which includes salary, benefits, and other costs for the position. The district reported that when compared to what they were paying to LASEC for administrative costs, they are experiencing an overall reduction in special education administrative costs. These savings do not appear on the Limitation of Administrative Costs worksheet because the payments to LASEC would have been made through cost functions not reported on the Limitation worksheet. The district reported that the savings are being used to fund direct services to special education students. The district also reported an increase in their printing and copier budgeted costs in FY 2019. The district reported budgeting the same amount for printing and copying in both FY 2018 and FY 2019, but spending less than budgeted in FY 2018. Due to the lower spending in the prior year, keeping the same budgetary authority for both years resulted in \$19,958 additional budgeted expenditures in FY 2019. The district reported that the lower spending in FY 2018 was to meet expectations under their Deficit Reduction Plan. The addition of an in-district Special Education Director and additional budgeted for printing and copying over what was spent in the prior year caused the district to exceed the statutory 5% allowable increase.

*Oregon CUSD 220 – Ogle (SD 45/HD 90) / Expiration: 2018-19 school year*  
**WM100-6556 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 17-1.5) request to allow the district to waive the limitation of administrative costs due to circumstances beyond its control. The district's FY 2019 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2018 actual administrative costs by 7%. The district experienced an overall increase in health insurance premiums for all district employees with board-paid insurance. The district also reported an increase in the assistant superintendent travel budgeted costs in FY 2019. The district spent a small portion of the budgeted travel amount in FY 2018 but accounted for it in a cost function not reported on the Limitation worksheet. The district needs to budget for full travel costs

again in FY 2019 due to the assistant superintendent's intended attendance at a national technology conference during the year. One of the assistant superintendent's duties is to use the district's student information system to create queries to track student performance. The additional travel resulted in \$2,000 additional budgeted expenditures in FY 2019. The additional health insurance premiums and additional travel caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5% increase.

*Rantoul CSD 137* – Champaign (SD 52/HD 104) / **Expiration: 2018-19 school year WM100-6603 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 17-1.5) request to allow the district to waive the limitation of administrative costs due to circumstances beyond its control. The district's FY 2019 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2018 actual administrative costs by 63%. The district experienced expenditure increases within Function 2330, Special Area Administration Services:

1. Special Education Director and Special Education Secretary accounting change
2. New Special Education Assistant Director and new Pre-School for All Secretary positions
3. Purchased Services, Supplies, and Other for above

The above itemized increases of \$367,158 caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5% increase.

*River Forest Public 90* – Cook (SD 4/HD 7) / **Expiration: 2018-19 school year WM100-6593 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 17-1.5) request to allow the district to waive the limitation of administrative costs due to circumstances beyond its control. The installation of security cameras as well as the increased cost of premiums for the Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative caused the district's budgeted administrative costs for FY 2019 to exceed those for FY 2018 by more than the 5% limitation.

*St. George 258* – Kankakee (SD 17/HD 34) / **Expiration: 2018-19 school year WM100-6596 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 17-1.5) request to allow the district to waive the limitation of administrative costs due to circumstances beyond its control. The inclusion of a disability insurance coverage benefit on the Superintendent's contract and the district hiring a full-time administrative assistant for the Superintendent caused the district's budgeted administrative costs for FY 2019 to exceed those for FY 2018 by more than the 5% limitation.

*Wood River-Hartford 15* – Madison (SD 56/HD 111) / **Expiration: 2018-19 school year WM100-6600 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 17-1.5) request to allow the district to waive the limitation of administrative costs due to circumstances beyond its control. The district's FY 2019 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2018 actual administrative costs by 15%. During FY 2018, the district's Special Education Coordinator was employed for 75 days. For FY 2019, the district increased the employment to 100 days. The additional 25 days were needed due to increased special education case load and resulted in \$9,784 additional budgeted expenditures in FY 2019. Starting in FY 2019, the district first offered board paid health insurance to the Secretary to the Superintendent. This benefit was already provided to others within the district's administrative team, which includes administrators and support staff, and was extended to make benefits equitable to all those within the administrative team. The benefit resulted in \$14,642 additional budgeted expenditures in FY 2019. The additional work days for the Special Education Coordinator and the board paid insurance for the Secretary to the Superintendent caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5% increase.

**Physical Education**

*Canton Union SD 66* – Fulton (SD 46/HD 91) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6565 (renewal) – Waiver of School Code** (Section 27-6) request to allow the district to waive the 3 day physical education requirement for students 5-12 grade who are taking accelerated placement classes in reading, English, and math. Request to allow the district to waive the 3 day physical education requirement for students in 5-12 grades who are involved in music for credit classes, band, or chorus. Request to allow the district to waive the 3 day physical education requirement for students 7-12 grades who are in dance or cheerleading. Request to allow the district to waive the 3 day physical education requirement for students in 8-12 grades who are enrolled in advanced placement classes. Request to allow the district to waive the 3 day physical education requirement for students in 9-12 grades who are enrolled in agriculture, industrial technology, and family and consumer science classes. Request to allow the district to waive the 3 day physical education requirement for students in 9-12 grades who are enrolled in driver's education class. Lastly, request to allow the district to waive the 3 day physical education requirement for students in 10-12 grades who are enrolled in a dual community program with the local community college.

*Downer's Grove GSD 58* –DuPage (SD 41/HD 81) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6559 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 27-6) request to allow the district to offer physical education two days per week plus a 30 minute period designated for Teacher Directed Physical Education.

*Danville CUSD 118* – Vermilion (SD 52/HD 104) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6568 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 27-6) request to allow the district to waive physical education for students in the 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade who are participating in competitive show choir.

*Hononegah Community HS* – Winnebago (SD 35/HD 69) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6578 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 27-6) request to allow the district to waive physical education for students in grades 10-12 who are taking five academic classes.

*Joliet H.S. 204* –Will (SD 43/HD 86) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6548 (renewal) – Waiver of School Code** (Section 27-6) request to allow the district to excuse students from participation in physical education courses during the semester students are enrolled in driver education.

*Lockport THSD 205* – Will (SD 43/HD 85) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6585 (Renewal) – Waiver of School Code** (Section 27-6) request to allow the district to waive physical education for students participating in driver's education.

*Proviso THSD 209* – Cook (SD 4/HD 7) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6594 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 27-6) request to allow the district to waive physical education for students in the 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades who are participating in classes needed to complete an International Baccalaureate diploma or leading to early college credit.

**Driver's Education**

*Geneva CUSD 304* – Kane (SD 33/HD 65) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6575– Waiver of School Code** (Section 27-24.2) request to allow the district to

raise the fees for driver's education to an amount not to exceed \$500.

*Joliet HS 204*–Will (SD 43/HD 86) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6549–Waiver of School Code (Renewal)** (Section 27-24.2) request to allow the district to raise the fees for driver's education to \$350.

*Northfield Township 225* – Cook (SD 9/HD 17) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6581– Waiver of School Code** (Section 27-24.2) request to allow the district to raise the fees for driver's education to an amount not to exceed \$500.

*Olympia CUSD 16* – McLean (SD 44/HD 88) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6590– Waiver of School Code** (Section 27-24.2) request to allow the district to raise the fees for driver's education to an amount not to exceed \$300.

**Statement of Affairs**

*Calhoun CUSD 40* –Calhoun (SD 50/HD 100) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6552– Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-17) request to allow the district to publish its annual statement of affairs summary on the district's website and have copies available at the main office.

*Huntley CCSD 158* – McHenry (SD 33/HD 66) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6579– Waiver of School Code (Renewal)** (Section 10-17) request to allow the district to publish its annual statement of affairs summary on the district's website and maintain a copy at each school for public review. Thus saving the district approximately \$6,000 a year to go towards instructional purposes.

*Northwestern CUSD 2* – Macoupin (SD 50/HD 100) / **Expiration: 2023-24 school year WM100-6588– Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-17) request to allow the district to publish its annual statement of affairs summary on the district's website, and maintain a copy at each school for public review. Thus saving the district approximately \$500 a year.

## SECTION II

### Waiver and Modification Database

Requests received during this waiver cycle are presented numerically by Senate and House district and then alphabetically by school district or eligible applicant. The “action” to be taken or already taken for each request is noted; that is, requests for waivers upon which the General Assembly must act are noted as “GA Action”; modifications already acted upon by the State Superintendent of Education in accordance with Section 1A-4 of the School Code are noted as “Approved/SBE” or “Denied/SBE”; and requests that were returned for one or more of the following reasons: “Returned”, “Ineligible,” “NWN” (no waiver needed),” or “Withdrawn.”

Legislative Districts	Number	School District	County	Code Citation <sup>1</sup>	Description	Action	Subject	Expiration <sup>2</sup>
3/5	6553	Chicago 299	Cook	14A-32	Accelerated Placement Policy	Denied/ISBE	Accelerated Placement Policy	2020
4/7	6594	Proviso THSD 209	Cook	27-6	Physical Education: Waiver for physical education for students in grades 11-12 who are participating in classes needed to complete an International Baccalaureate diploma or leading to early college credit.	GA Action	P.E.	2024
4/7	6593	River Forest Public 90	Cook	17-1.5	Admin Cap: Request to allow the district to waive the limitation of administrative costs due to circumstances beyond its control. The installation of security cameras as well as the increased cost of premiums for the Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative caused the district's budgeted administrative costs for FY 2019 to exceed those for FY 2018 by more than the 5% limitation.	GA Action	Admin Cap	2019
9/17	6581	Northfield Township 225	Cook	27-24.2	Driver's Education: Waiver for driver's education fees not to exceed \$500.	GA Action	Driver's Ed	2024
10/20	6587	Norridge 80	Kane	17-1.5	Admin Cap: The addition of an in-district Special Education Director and additional funds budgeted for printing and copying over what was spent in the prior year caused the district to exceed the statutory 5% allowable increase.	GA Action	Admin Cap	2019
14/28	6573	General George Patton SD 133	Cook	17-1.5	Admin Cap: The district experienced expenditure increases in three cost functions: Function 2320: Portion of Superintendent costs moved from Tort and new Assistant Superintendent position;	GA Action	Admin Cap	2019

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					Function 2330: New Director of Student Services position and new stipend for Pre-K coordination; Function 2510: Portion of Business Manager costs moved from Tort pushed the administrative costs over the 5% cap.			
16/35	6577	Hiawatha CUSD 426	DeKalb	17-1.5	Admin Cap: Employment of full-time superintendent will increase the district's administrative costs over 5%.	GA Action	Admin Cap	2019
17/34	6596	St. George 258	Kankakee	17-1.5	Admin Cap: Request to allow the district to waive the limitation of administrative costs due to circumstances beyond its control. The inclusion of a disability insurance coverage benefit on the Superintendent's contract and the district hiring a full-time administrative assistant for Superintendent caused the district's budgeted administrative costs for FY 2019 to exceed those for FY 2018 by more than the 5% limitation.	GA Action	Admin Cap	2019
23/45	6560	Medinah ESD 11	DuPage	17-1.5	Admin Cap: The addition of a business manager will push the administrative costs over the 5% cap.	GA Action	Admin Cap	2024
32/63	6576	Harvard CUSD 50	McHenry	17-1.5	Admin Cap: Request to allow the district to waive the limitation of administrative costs due to circumstances beyond its control. The district seeks to retain the following newly-hired administrators for the 2018-2019 school year: Assistant Superintendent; High School Special Education Chair; Junior High Dean; .5 FTE Elementary School Assistant Principal, and a .5 FTE District Behavioral Specialist. The retention of the positions collectively caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5% increase.	GA Action	Admin Cap	2024
33/65	6575	Geneva CUSD 304	Kane	27-24.2	Driver's Education: Waiver for driver's education fees not to exceed \$500.	GA Action	Driver's Ed	2024
33/66	6579	Huntley CCSD 158	McHenry	10-17	Statement of Affairs: Request to publish Statement of Affairs on its website and have copies available at the district office.	GA Action	Statement of Affairs	2024
35/69	6578	Hononegah Community HS	Winnebago	27-6	Physical Education: Waiver of physical education for students in grades 10-12 who are taking five academic classes.	GA Action	P.E.	2024

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37/73	6598	Stark Co. 100	Stark	10-20.12a	Tuition: Waiver for non-resident students of full-time or part-time employees less than 100% of the per capita tuition	GA Action	Tuition	2024
37/74	6574	Geneseo CUSD 228	Henry	10-20.12a	Tuition: Waiver request to charge less than 100% (zero dollars) of the per capita tuition charge for pupils of employees who live outside of the school district.	GA Action	Tuition	2024
37/74	6602	Mercer 404	Mercer	10-20.12a	Tuition: Waiver request to enable the district to allow non-resident students whose parents are employees of the district to attend its schools for less than 100% of the per capita tuition charge.	GA Action	Tuition	2024
38/76	6567	Dalzell GS 98	Bureau	10-20.12a	Tuition: Waiver to enable the district to charge a tuition fee less than 100% of the per capita tuition charge for non-resident children in the immediate family of staff members, children of Dalzell Grade School graduates, children who reside in subdivisions that are contiguous to Dalzell School district boundaries, and any child who was legally enrolled and moved outside of the district.	GA Action	Tuition	2024
41/81	6559	Downer's Grove Grade School District 58	DuPage	27-6	Physical Education: Grades 1-2 receive PE instruction 2 days a week, plus 30 minute period designated for Teacher-Directed Physical Education.	GA Action	P.E.	2024
43/85	6585	Lockport THSD 205	Will	27-6	Physical Education: Waive physical education for students participating in driver's education.	GA Action	P.E.	2024
43/86	6548	Joliet HS 204	Will	27-6	Physical Education: Waive physical education for students participating in driver's education.	GA Action	P.E.	2024
43/86	6549	Joliet HS 204	Will	27-24.2	Driver's Education: Waiver for driver's education fees not to exceed \$350.	GA Action	Driver's Ed	2024
44/87	6592	Porta 202	Menard	10-20.12a	Tuition: Tuition for non-residents of students of full-time faculty and staff would be less than 100% of the per capita tuition.	GA Action	Tuition	2024
44/88	6590	Olympia CUSD 16	McLean	27-24.2	Driver's Education: Waiver for driver's education fees not to exceed \$300.	GA Action	Driver's Ed	2024
45/89	6597	Scales Mound 211	Jo Daviess	10-20.12a	Tuition: Waiver request to enable the district to allow non-resident students whose	GA Action	Tuition	2024

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					parents are full-time employees of the district to pay less than 100% (zero dollars) of the capita tuition charge.			
45/90	6556	Oregon CUSD 220	Ogle	17-1.5	Admin Cap: The district experienced an overall increase in health insurance premiums for all district employees with board-paid insurance. This resulted in additional budgeted expenditures of \$1,027 for the superintendent's health insurance and \$909 for the assistant superintendent's health insurance, for a total of \$1,936 additional budgeted expenditures in FY 2019. The district also reported an increase in the assistant superintendent travel budgeted costs in FY 2019 to go above the 5% cap.	GA Action	Admin Cap	2019
45/90	6595	Rochelle Twp 212	Ogle	17-1.5	Admin Cap: In 4 <sup>th</sup> quartile, does not need a waiver.	NWN	Admin Cap	2019
46/91	6565	Canton Union SD 66	Fulton	27-6	Physical Education: Waive the 3-day physical education requirement for students in grades 5-12 who are taking accelerated placement classes in reading, English, and math; for students in grades 5-12 who are involved in music for credit classes, band, or chorus; for students in grades 7-12 who are in dance or cheerleading; for students in grades 8-12 who are enrolled in advanced placement classes; for students in grades 9-12 who are enrolled in agriculture, industrial technology, and family and consumer science classes; for students in grades 9-12 who are enrolled in driver's education class; for students in grades 10-12 who are enrolled in a dual community program with the local community college.	GA Action	P.E.	2024
46/91	6554	Rankin SD 98	Tazewell	10-20.12a	Tuition: Waiver to set the amount of tuition for non-resident pupils at a rate lower than the per capita tuition charge identified in the district's most recent audit.	GA Action	Tuition	2024
46/92	6591	Peoria Heights CUSD 325	Peoria	10-20.12a	Tuition: Tuition for non-residents of students of full-time employees would be less than 100% of the per capita tuition.	GA Action	Tuition	2024

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47/93	6550	Macomb CUSD 185	McDonough	10-20.12a	Tuition: Charge less than 100% of the per capita tuition charge for children of staff members who live outside of district boundaries.	GA Action	Tuition	2024
47/93	6551	Macomb CUSD 185	McDonough	27-24.2	Driver's Education: Driver's education fees to cover personnel costs.	ISBE approved	Driver's Ed	2024
47/94	6583	LaHarpe 347	Hancock	10-20.12a	Tuition: Waiver request to enable the district to allow non-resident children of employees of the district to attend its schools for less than 100% per capita tuition charge. The decision would be at the sole discretion of their Board.	GA Action	Tuition	2024
47/94	6584	LaHarpe 347	Hancock	18.8.05(f)(2)(d)(2)	Renewal- School improvement days: Allow four full days without the three hours of pupil attendance of the requirement to accumulate the minutes in between school improvement days as eight days with three hour attendance and balance in-service. The total number of minutes accumulated beyond the five clock hours would exceed the number of minutes taken for school improvement activities.	NWN	School In-service	2024
48/95	6555	Bunker Hill CUSD 8	Macoupin	17-1.5	Admin Cap: Employing an interim superintendent last year and the salary will increase this year putting their administrative costs over 5%.	Returned ineligible	Admin Cap	2019
48/95	6564	Bunker-Hill CUSD 8	Macoupin	17-1.5	Admin Cap: Moving from an interim to a full-time superintendent resulted in \$35,500 additional budgeted expenditures for salary in FY 2019. The full-time superintendent will receive insurance benefits and TRS, putting the administrative cost over 5%.	GA Action	Admin Cap	2019
50/100	6563	Brussels CUSD 42	Calhoun	10-20.12a	Tuition: Waiver to charge less than 100% (zero dollars) of the per capita tuition charge for pupils of full- and part-time employees who live outside of district boundaries.	GA Action	Tuition	2024
50/100	6552	Calhoun CUSD 40	Calhoun	10-17	Statement of Affairs: Request to publish Annual Statement of Affairs on its website and have copies available in schools.	GA Action	Statement of Affairs	2024
50/100	6566	Carrollton CUSD 1	Greene	17-1.5	Admin Cap: For FY 2019, the district is increasing its Early Childhood programs due	GA Action	Admin Cap	2019

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					to increased Early Childhood Block Grants. Per the grant requirements and under direction of ISBE Early Childhood Division, certain administrative costs for the Early Childhood program are required to be paid out such as clerical support, copy machine lease, internet access, and clerical supplies putting their administrative costs over 5%.			
50/100	6582	Jacksonville SD 117	Morgan and Greene	17-1.5	Admin Cap: Request to allow the district to waive the limitation of administrative costs due to circumstances beyond its control. The increase in administrative costs is the result of the reclassification of an administration position in the district office.	GA Action	Admin Cap	2019
50/100	6588	Northwestern CUSD 2	Macoupin	10-17	Statement of Affairs: Request to publish Annual Statement of Affairs on its website and have copies available in schools.	GA Action	Statement of Affairs	2024
51/101	6561	Blue Ridge CUSD 18	DeWitt	10-20.12a	Tuition: Waiver to enable the district to charge less than 100% (zero dollars) of the per capita tuition charge for pupils of full-time employees who live outside district boundaries.	GA Action	Tuition	2024
51/101	6569	DeLand and Weldon CUSD 57	Piatt and Dewitt	17-1.5	Admin Cap: Increase in the superintendent's salary in FY 2019 caused administrative costs to exceed 5%.	GA Action	Admin Cap	2019
51/102	6601	Shiloh CUSD 1	Edgar	10-20.12a	Tuition: Waiver request to enable the district to allow non-resident students whose parents are full-time employees of the district to attend its schools for less than 100% of the per capita tuition charge.	GA Action	Tuition	2024
52/104	6568	Danville CUSD 118	Vermilion	27-6	Physical Education: Waiver request to allow the district to waive physical education for students in the 9-12 <sup>th</sup> grade who are participating in competitive show choir.	GA Action	P.E.	2023
52/104	6589	Oakwood CUSD 76	Vermilion	10-20.12a	Tuition: Waiver request to enable the district to allow non-resident students whose parents are full-time teachers and staff of the district to attend its schools free of charge.	GA Action	Tuition	2024

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52/104	6603	Rantoul CSD 137	Champaign	17-1.5	Admin Cap: Hiring of new Special Education staff and the resulting additional costs caused the administrative costs to exceed 5%.	GA Action	Admin Cap	2019
52/104	6599	Westville 2	Vermilion	10-20.12a	Tuition: Waiver request to enable the district to allow non-resident students whose parents are full-time employees of the district to attend its schools free of charge.	GA Action	Tuition	2024
53/105	6558	Ridgeview CUSD19	McClellan	10-20.12a	Tuition: Permit the district to charge less than 100% of the per capita tuition charge for non-resident children of full-time teachers, administrators, and support staff.	GA Action	Tuition	2024
53/106	6570	Donovan CUSD 3	Iroquois	17-1.5	Admin Cap: Increase due to defraying costs for Superintendent.	GA Action	Admin Cap	2018
54/108	6580	Irvington CSD 11	Washington	10-20.12a	Tuition: Waiver request to charge less than 100% (zero dollars) of the per capita tuition charge for pupils of employees who live outside the district's boundaries.	GA Action	Tuition	2024
55/109	6604	Geff CCSD 14	Wayne	10-20.12a	Tuition: Waiver request to enable the district to allow non-resident students whose parents are full-time employees of the district to attend its schools for less than 100% of the per capita tuition charge.	GA Action	Tuition	2024
55/109	6586	New Hope CCSD 6	Wayne	10-20.12a	Tuition: Waiver request to allow the children of full-time employees who do not reside in the district to attend without the requirement to pay tuition.	GA Action	Tuition	2024
56/111	6600	Wood River – Hartford 15	Madison	17-1.5	Admin Cap: The additional work days for the Special Education Coordinator and the board paid insurance for the Secretary to the Superintendent caused the district's administrative costs to exceed 5%.	GA Action	Admin Cap	2019
57/114	6571	Freeburg CUSD 70	Niche	17-1.5	Admin Cap: In the 4 <sup>th</sup> quartile, does not need a waiver.	NWN	Admin Cap	2019
58/115	6562	Bluford USD 318	Jefferson	17-1.5	Admin Cap: The change from two interim superintendents to a full-time superintendent caused the district's administrative costs to exceed 5%.	GA Action	Admin Cap	2019

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58/115	6557	Trico CUSD 176	Jackson	10-20.12a	Tuition: Waiver request to enable the district to allow non-resident students of faculty/staff to attend its schools for less than 100% of the per capita tuition charge.	GA Action	Tuition	2024
59/118	6572	Gallatin Co. CUSD 7	Gallatin	10-20.12a	Tuition: Waiver to charge 0% of the per capita tuition charge for pupils of full-time employees who live outside district boundaries.	GA Action	Tuition	2024

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