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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Honorable Jim Durkin, House Minority Leader  
The Honorable Don Harmon, Senate President  
The Honorable Dan McConchie, Senate Minority Leader  
The Honorable Emanuel “Chris” Welch, Speaker of the House

**From:** Dr. Carmen I. Ayala   
State Superintendent of Education

**DATE:** February 24, 2021

**RE:** Spring 2021 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 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.

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

- (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 Amanda Elliott, executive director of Legislative Affairs, at (217) 782-6510.

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 2020. Pursuant to Section 2-3.25g of the School Code, these requests must be sent to the General Assembly before March 1, 2021.

Section I summarizes the 49 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, 29 requests, seek waivers from the requirements for non-resident tuition. The next highest set of applications received, 13 requests, are related to administrative cost cap limitations. There were five submissions regarding driver's education and two submissions regarding 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 65 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 52<sup>nd</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><u>Topic</u></b>	<b>Approved by ISBE</b>	<b>Denied by ISBE</b>	<b>Transmitted to GA</b>	<b>Withdrawn or Returned</b>
Administrative Cost Cap Limitation	0	0	13	2
Alternative Schools	1	0	0	0
Calendar	0	0	0	1
Driver's Education	1	0	5	1
Non-resident Tuition	0	0	29	6
Physical Education	1	0	0	0
School Improvement Days	3	0	0	0
Statement of Affairs	0	0	2	0
Petition Summary	6	0	49	10
Total number of Applications:	65			

**Section I**  
**Applications Transmitted to the General Assembly**

**Administrative Cost Cap Limitation**

*Eswood District 269* – Ogle (SD45/HD90) / **Expiration 2020-2021 school year / W-100-6812 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 17-1.5) requests a waiver of the fiscal year 2020 Limitation of Administrative Costs. The district's FY 2020 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2019 actual administrative costs by 28 percent.

The district superintendent salary is divided between Educational Fund and Tort Fund. In the FY 2020 budget, \$25,164 in salary that was traditionally budgeted in the Tort Fund was budgeted in the Educational Fund within Executive Administration Services. During FY 2020, none of the cost functions within the Tort Fund were reported on the Limitation of Administrative Costs Worksheet. This resulted in \$25,164 additional budgeted administrative expenditures in FY 2020.

The issue could have been fixed through an amendment of the FY 2020 budget, but the district was not aware this had happened until their auditor was completing their FY 2020 Annual Financial Report. The auditor accounted for the \$25,164 spending in the Tort Fund, with the FY 2020 final actual Executive Administration Services being less than what was spent in FY 2019. However, since the Limitation law compares budgeted to prior year actual administrative costs, the district still needed to apply for the waiver.

The budgeting error caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5 percent increase. Without these additional costs, Eswood CCSD 269 would have been in compliance with the FY 2020 Limitation of Administrative Costs, experiencing a decrease in administrative costs.

*East Prairie School District 73* – Cook (SD8/HD16) / **Expiration 2020-2021 school year / W-100-6817 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 17-1.5) requests a waiver of the fiscal year 2021 Limitation of Administrative Costs. The district's FY 2021 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2020 actual administrative costs by 46 percent.

The district employed two interim superintendents for the 2019-20 school year, each receiving a daily salary rate of \$850, with no benefits. One interim worked 42 ½ days for a total of \$36,125, and the other interim worked 105 days for a total of \$89,250. The total cost for the previous year interim superintendents was \$125,375. In order to have a superintendent on-site daily, the district hired a full-time superintendent starting with the 2020-21 school year. The full-time superintendent receives a salary of \$195,000 and benefits (health insurance and TRS) of \$50,965, for a total of \$245,965. This resulted in a total of \$120,590 additional budgeted administrative expenditures in FY 2021.

The change from two interim superintendents to a full-time superintendent caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5 percent increase. Without these additional costs, East Prairie SD 73 would have been in compliance with the FY 2021 Limitation of Administrative Costs, experiencing a decrease in administrative costs.

*Fox River Grove* – McHenry (SD26/HD52) / **Expiration 2019-2020 school year / W-100 – 6837 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 17-1.5) requests a waiver of the fiscal year 2021 Limitation of Administrative Costs. The district’s FY 2021 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2020 actual administrative costs by 6 percent.

The district Special Education Director receives tuition reimbursement for additional coursework applicable to their position. Starting with the 2020-21 school year, the Special Education Director started doctoral work, which is a higher expense than previous coursework. The higher cost coursework resulted in \$5,760 additional budgeted expenditures for tuition reimbursement in FY 2021 than was spent in the previous year.

The additional costs for reimbursement of doctoral coursework caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5 percent increase. Without these additional costs, Fox River Grove Cons SD 3 would have been in compliance with the FY 2021 Limitation of Administrative Costs, experiencing a 5 percent increase.

*Illini Bluffs* – Peoria (SD46/HD91) / **Expiration 2020-2021 school year / W-100-6819 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 17-1.5) requests a waiver of the fiscal year 2021 Limitation of Administrative Costs. The district’s FY 2021 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2020 actual administrative costs by 52 percent.

The district reclassified a current employee as the Chief School Business Official in FY 2021. Due to the reclassification and on recommendation of the district’s auditor, the costs for the Business Manager were moved in order to be correctly accounted for within the Direction of Business Services cost function, which is reported on the Limitation worksheet. Prior to the reclassification, costs for this employee were accounted for within the Office of Principal Services, which is not reported on the Limitation worksheet. The accounting change resulted in a total of \$120,350 additional budgeted administrative expenditures in FY 2021.

Due to the COVID pandemic and the closing of schools, the district did not spend up to their FY 2020 adopted budget in purchased services, capital outlay, and other expenditures (dues/fees) within the superintendent area. Had it been a “normal” school year, the district anticipates they would have spent close to their FY 2020 budget. In anticipation of a typical year’s spending in FY 2021, the district budgeted the same amounts in the current year for these items as they budgeted in FY 2020. Because there was underspending in the previous year, the district’s budgeted administrative expenditures have increased by \$12,458 over the prior year spending (\$5,775 in purchased services, \$2,000 in capital outlay, and \$4,683 in other dues/fees).

The accounting change moving the Business Manager’s costs onto the Limitation worksheet and the previous year underspending caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5 percent increase. Without these additional costs, Illini Bluffs CUSD 327 would have been in compliance with the FY 2021 Limitation of Administrative Costs, experiencing a 5 percent increase.

*Illini Central CUSD 189* – Mason (SD47/HD93) / **Expiration 2020-2021 school year / W-100-6839 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 17-1.5) requests a waiver of the fiscal year 2021

Limitation of Administrative Costs. The district's FY 2021 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2020 actual administrative costs by 27 percent.

The district added an administrative assistant position to the superintendent's office starting with the 2020-21 school year. The district added this new position after discovering additional support was needed within the district main office. The budgeted costs for the new administrative assistant position include \$34,320 for salaries and \$6,954 for health/life insurance, for a total of \$41,274 additional budgeted administrative expenditures in FY 2021.

The addition of a new administrative assistant for the superintendent's office caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5 percent increase. Without these additional costs, Illini Central CUSD 189 would have been in compliance with the FY 2021 Limitation of Administrative Costs, experiencing a 2 percent increase.

*Kaneland CUSD 302 – Kane (SD35/HD70) / Expiration 2020-2021 school year / W-100-6860 – Waiver of School Code* (Section 17-1.5) requests a waiver of the fiscal year 2021 Limitation of Administrative Costs. The district's FY 2021 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2020 actual administrative costs by 6 percent.

Due to unusually high claims in the previous year, the district's self-insured health insurance plan costs are anticipated to increase 16.9% overall in FY 2021 over FY 2020. Over the previous five years, the average year-to-year increase in health insurance costs had been 4.1%. The health insurance increase resulted in \$28,307 additional budgeted administrative expenditures in FY 2021.

The additional health insurance costs caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5 percent increase. Without these additional costs, Kaneland CUSD 2 would have been in compliance with the FY 2021 Limitation of Administrative Costs, experiencing a 3 percent increase.

*LaHarpe CSD 347 – Hancock (SD47/HD94) / Expiration 2019-2020 school year / W-100-6808 – Waiver of School Code* (Section 17-1.5) requests a waiver of the fiscal year 2020 Limitation of Administrative Costs. The district's FY 2020 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2019 actual administrative costs by 16 percent.

The district employed an interim superintendent for the first half of the 2018-19 school year and a full-time superintendent for the second half of the school year. The full-time superintendent carried over into the 2019-20 school year and was employed throughout the entire year. In FY 2019, the interim superintendent received a salary of \$25,000, with no benefits, and the full-time superintendent received salary and benefits of \$30,176. In FY 2020, the full-time superintendent was budgeted to receive \$65,636 in salary and benefits, resulting in \$10,460 additional budgeted administrative expenditures in FY 2020.

In FY 2020, the district budgeted \$420 for professional memberships for the full-time superintendent and \$1,704 for mileage and costs of workshops and trainings for the superintendent. These were items not spent in the previous year when there was a full-time superintendent for only

half a year with an interim serving the other half. These additional items for the full-time superintendent resulted in \$2,124 additional budgeted administrative expenditures in FY 2020.

The superintendent's secretary also serves as transportation director, with a portion of the secretary's salary accounted for in the Transportation Fund, within cost functions not reported on the Limitation of Administrative Costs Worksheet. In FY 2020, the secretary's salary was allocated between the Transportation Fund and the Educational Fund differently than in the previous year, resulting in more salary being budgeted within the Educational Fund, Executive Administration Services. This accounting change resulted in \$6,000 additional budgeted administrative expenditures in FY 2020.

The costs for a full-year full-time superintendent over a combined interim and full-time superintendent and an accounting change for the superintendent secretary's salary caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5 percent increase. Without these additional costs, LaHarpe CSD 347 would have been in compliance with the FY 2020 Limitation of Administrative Costs, experiencing a 3 percent increase.

*New Holland Middletown District 88 – Logan (SD44/HD87) / **Expiration 2020-2021 school year / W-100-6825 – Waiver of School Code*** (Section 17-1.5) requests a waiver of the fiscal year 2021 Limitation of Administrative Costs. The district's FY 2021 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2020 actual administrative costs by 15 percent.

The previous superintendent did not participate in the district-paid health insurance offered to district staff. A new superintendent started with the district for the 2020-21 school year. The current-year superintendent participates in the district-paid health insurance. The health insurance resulted in \$8,300 additional budgeted administrative expenditures in FY 2021.

One of the superintendent's duties is overseeing the transportation program. The district accounts for a portion of the superintendent's salary in the Transportation Fund, within cost functions not reported on the Limitation of Administrative Costs Worksheet. The current and previous year superintendents received the same total salary, but the district changed the way they account for the superintendent's salary. Starting in FY 2021, a lesser amount of salary was accounted for in the Transportation Fund, resulting in additional salary accounted for within the Educational Fund, Executive Administrative Services. This accounting change resulted in \$3,928 additional budgeted administrative expenditures in FY 2021.

District-paid health insurance for the current superintendent and an accounting change for the superintendent's salary caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5 percent increase. Without these additional costs, New Holland Middletown SD 88 would have been in compliance with the FY 2021 Limitation of Administrative Costs, experiencing a 2 percent increase.

*Payson CUSD 1 – Adams (SD47/HD94) / **Expiration 2020-2021 school year / W-100-6850 – Waiver of School Code*** (Section 17-1.5) requests a waiver of the fiscal year 2021 Limitation of Administrative Costs. The district's FY 2021 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2020 actual administrative costs by 38 percent.



Starting with the 2020-21 school year, the district hired a Dean of Students, a position the district has not filled previously. The new administrative position was added in order to increase student behavioral supports and support classroom teachers concerning students with behavioral issues. The Dean of Students will focus on students in grades 5-8 who are in the underperforming subgroup in the district. The budgeted costs for the new position include \$43,500 for salaries, \$14,926 for benefits, and \$1,000 for supplies specific to the dean of students' office, for a total of \$59,426 additional budgeted administrative expenditures in FY 2021.

The addition of a new Dean of Students caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5 percent increase. Without these additional costs, Payson CUSD 1 would have been in compliance with the FY 2021 Limitation of Administrative Costs, experiencing a 3 percent increase.

*Pope County CUSD 1 – Pope (SD59/HD118) / **Expiration 2020-2021 school year / W-100-6859 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 17-1.5) requests a waiver of the fiscal year 2021 Limitation of Administrative Costs. The district's FY 2021 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2020 actual administrative costs by 45 percent.*

The district employed an interim superintendent for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 school years who only worked two days per week. The interim superintendent received a salary of \$61,800 but no benefits. During the 2019-20 school year, the district promoted the high school principal to a part-time assistant superintendent to train alongside the interim superintendent in preparation for promotion to full-time superintendent in the following year. The portion of the FY 2020 principal/assistant superintendent costs applicable to the assistant superintendent duties and reported on the Limitation worksheet were \$22,829. The total FY 2020 costs for the interim superintendent and part-time assistant superintendent were \$84,629. The full-time superintendent for the 2020-21 school year receives a salary of \$105,000 and benefits (TRS, THIS, and insurance) of \$37,324, for a total FY 2021 budgeted cost of \$142,324. The administrative change resulted in a total of \$57,695 additional budgeted administrative expenditures in FY 2021.

The change from an interim superintendent and part-time assistant superintendent to a full-time superintendent caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5 percent increase. Without these additional costs, Pope County CUSD 1 would have been in compliance with the FY 2021 Limitation of Administrative Costs, experiencing a 4 percent increase.

*Prophetstown-Lyndon-Tampico CUSD – Whiteside (SD36/HD71) / **Expiration 2020-2021 school year / W-100-6820 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 17-1.5) requests a waiver of the fiscal year 2021 Limitation of Administrative Costs. The district's FY 2021 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2020 actual administrative costs by 12 percent.*

The district hired a new superintendent in FY 2021, paying a higher salary than the previous year superintendent due to increased qualifications of the new superintendent. The new superintendent has a doctorate, which the previous superintendent did not have. The new superintendent also has previous experience as a Chief Technology Officer, which will be beneficial serving the technology needs of the district. At the time of hiring, the new superintendent was working towards a Chief School Business Official endorsement, which has since been completed. The higher salary

resulted in \$12,034 additional budgeted administrative expenditures within the Executive Administrative Services cost function in FY 2021.

The new superintendent higher salary to compensate for increased qualifications caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5 percent increase. Without these additional costs, Prophetstown-Lyndon-Tampico CUSD 3 would have been in compliance with the FY 2021 Limitation of Administrative Costs, experiencing a 4 percent increase.

*Rockdale SD 84 – Will (SD43/HD86) / Expiration 2020-2021 school year / W-100-6838 – Waiver of School Code* (Section 17-1.5) requests a waiver of the fiscal year 2021 Limitation of Administrative Costs. The district's FY 2021 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2020 actual administrative costs by 8 percent.

The Rockdale superintendent was the lowest paid superintendent within the district's area of Will County for the 2019-20 school year. In order to be more regionally competitive, the school board granted a one-year salary adjustment of \$12,880, bringing the superintendent's salary to \$146,000 for the 2020-21 school year. Even with the increase, the Rockdale superintendent salary was still lower than area superintendent salaries.

The one-time superintendent raise, to be regionally competitive, caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5 percent increase. Without these additional costs, Rockdale SD 84 would have been in compliance with the FY 2021 Limitation of Administrative Costs, experiencing a 2 percent increase.

*Teutopolis CUSD 50 – Effingham (SD54/HD107) / Expiration 2020-21 school year / W-100-6824 – Waiver of School Code* (Section 17-1.5) requests a waiver of the fiscal year 2021 Limitation of Administrative Costs. The district's FY 2021 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2020 actual administrative costs by 28 percent.

The district employed an interim superintendent for the 2019-20 school year who worked two days per week. The interim superintendent received a salary of \$72,000 but no benefits. In order to have a superintendent on-site daily, the district hired a full-time superintendent to start the last month of FY 2020 and continue into 2020-21 school year. The full-time superintendent June 2020 salary was \$5,427, and the TRS/THIS benefits were \$1,095. The total FY 2020 cost for the interim superintendent and one month of the full-time superintendent was \$78,522. The FY 2021 budgeted cost for the full-time superintendent is \$99,320 for salary and \$13,851 for TRS/THIS benefits, for a total FY 2021 budgeted cost of \$113,171. The administrative change resulted in a total of \$34,649 additional budgeted administrative expenditures in FY 2021.

The change from an interim to a full-time superintendent caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5 percent increase. Without these additional costs, Teutopolis CUSD 50 would have been in compliance with the FY 2021 Limitation of Administrative Costs, experiencing a 2 percent increase.

## **Driver's Education**

*Community High School District 94 – Randolph (SD58/HD116) / Expiration 2025-2026 school year / W-100-6845R - Waiver of School Code* (Section 27-24.2) requests to increase the driver's education fee to not exceed \$300.00.

*Indian Prairie SD 204 – DuPage (SD42/HD84) / Expiration 2021-2022 school year / W-100-6867R – Waiver of School Code* (Section 27-24.2) Requests to increase the driver's education fee to not exceed \$350.00.

*Moline Coal Valley CUSD 40 – Rock Island (SD36/HD72) / Expiration 2024-2025 school year / W-100-6828R – Waiver of School Code* (Section 27-24.3) requests to allow 8 hours of practice on a closed course in lieu of four hours of instruction in a dual controlled car.

*North Boone CUSD 200 – Boone (SD35/HD69) / Expiration 2025-2026 school year / W-100-6864R – Waiver of School Code* (Section 27-24.2) requests to increase driver's education fees to not exceed \$410.

*Valley View D 365 – Will (SD43/HD85) / Expiration 2024-2025 school year / W-100-6821 – Waiver of School Code* (Section 27-24.3) requests to utilize simulators for 12 hours in lieu of three hours of behind the wheel instruction for driver's education.

## **Non-resident Tuition**

*Arcola CUSD 306 – Douglas (SD51/HD102) / Expiration 2025-2026 school year / W-100-6855R – Waiver of School Code* (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow district full and part-time employees that live outside district boundaries to enroll pupils without charging tuition.

*Center Cass SD 66 – DuPage (SD41/HD82) / Expiration 2024-2025 school year / W-100-6818 – Waiver of School Code* (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow children of full-time employees that live outside of district boundaries to attend district schools free of charge.

*Chester Community Unit SD 139 – Randolph (SD58/HD116) / Expiration 2025-2026 school year / W-100-6846R - Waiver of School Code* (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow non-resident students of employees to attend district schools free of charge.

*Cumberland CUSD 77 – Cumberland (SD55/HD110) / Expiration 2025-2026 school year / W-100-6841R – Waiver of School Code* (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow students of full-time employees that live outside district boundaries to attend district schools tuition free.

*Deer Park CCSD 82 – LaSalle (SD38/HD76) / Expiration 2024-2025 school year / W-100-6854 – Waiver of School Code* (Section 10-20.12a) requests to charge less than 110 percent of per capita tuition for non-resident children.

*Edgar County CUSD 6* – Edgar (SD51/HD102) / **Expiration 2024-2025 school year / W-100-6811R – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow children of full-time employees who do not reside in the district to attend district schools without paying out of district tuition.

*Elverado CUSD 196* – Jackson (SD58/HD115) / **Expiration 2025-2026 school year / W-100-6848R – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow employees that live out of the district to enroll their children in district schools without paying tuition.

*Eureka CUSD 140* – Woodford (SD53/HD106) / **Expiration 2024-2025 school year / W-100-6834 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to not charge tuition for non-resident children of full-time district employees.

*Fisher CUSD 1* - Champaign (SD51/HD101) / **Expiration 2024-2025 school year / W-100-6831 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to charge zero tuition for non-resident children of full-time teachers, administrators, and support staff not residing in district boundaries.

*Germantown Hills SD 69* – Woodford (37/HD73) / **Expiration 2025-2026 school year / W-100-6871 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow employees that live outside district boundaries to enroll their children in district schools free of charge.

*Herscher CUSD 2* – Kankakee (SD40/HD79) / **Expiration 2025-2026 school year / W-100-6853R – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to charge zero tuition for children of employees of the district that live outside of district boundaries.

*Hollis CSD 328* – Peoria (SD46/HD91) / **Expiration 2026-2027 school year / W-100-6861R - Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to charge tuition in the range of \$2800-3300 for out of district students.

*Hoopeston Area CUSD 11* – Vermillion (SD53/HD106) / **Expiration 2025-2026 school year / W-100-6858 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow non-resident employees of the district to enroll their children free of tuition charge.

*Mount Vernon Township HSD 201* – Jefferson (SD58/HD115) / **Expiration 2025-2026 school year / W-100-6840R - Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow children of full-time employees that live outside the district to attend district schools without paying out of district tuition.

*Neoga CUSD 3* – Cumberland (SD55/HD110) / **Expiration 2025-2026 school year / W-100-6844 - Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow students of full-time employees that live outside the district boundaries to attend district schools free of charge.

*New Simpson Hill Consolidated District 32* – Johnson (SD59/HD118) / **Expiration 2024-2025 school year / W-100-6872 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow non-resident children of any full-time or part-time employee of Vienna High School District 13-3 to

attend New Simpson Hill District 32 school and to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition charge. Specifically, the district will not charge tuition for such students.

*Oak Grove SD 68* – Peoria (SD46/HD91) / **Expiration 2025-2026 school year / W-100-6842 - Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow students of employees that live outside district boundaries to attend district schools tuition free.

*Okaw Valley CUSD 302* – Moultrie (SD51/HD102) / **Expiration 2025-2026 school year / W-100-6833R - Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to charge zero tuition for non-resident children of full-time employees not residing in district boundaries.

*Peoria Public Schools* – Peoria (SD46/HD92) / **Expiration 2024-2025 school year / W-100-6813 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow children of full-time district employees that live outside district boundaries to attend district schools at a reduced flat fee of \$5,000 per student, which is a 45 percent reduction in per-capita tuition charge (PCTC). Approval will be granted subject to availability in open slots in the programs and class space.

*Princeville CUSD 326* – Peoria (SD37/HD73) / **Expiration 2025-2026 school year / W-100-6870R – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow employees that live outside district boundaries to enroll children in district schools free of charge.

*ROWVA District 208* – Knox (SD37/HD74) / **Expiration 2022-2023 school year / W-100-6826R – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow children of full-time employees that live outside the district boundaries to attend the district schools free of charge.

*South Fork CUSD 14* – Christian (SD48/HD96) / **Expiration 2024-2025 school year / W-100-6857 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to charge less than 110 percent of tuition for students of full-time employees that live outside district boundaries.

*Southeastern CUSD 337* – Hancock (SD47/HD94) / **Expiration 2026-2027 school year / W-100-6849R – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to charge less than 110 percent of per capital tuition for children of full-time employees that live outside the district.

*Thompsonville CUSD 174* – Franklin (SD59/HD117) / **Expiration 2025-2026 school year / W-100-6830R – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to charge zero tuition for students of full-time employees that live outside of district boundaries.

*Tonica CC School District 79* – LaSalle (SD38/HD76) / **Expiration 2025-2026 school year / W-100-6843 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow students of full-time, certified employees that live outside district boundaries to attend district schools free of charge.

*Tremont Unit Community District 702* – Tazewell (SD44/HD87) / **Expiration 2025-2026 school year / W-100-6852R – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow full-time licensed staff that reside outside district boundaries to enroll their children in district schools without paying tuition.

*Tri-Valley CUSD 3* – McLean (SD51/HD101) / **Expiration 2020-2021 school year / W-100-6847 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow non-resident licensed full-time employees of the district to enroll their children in district schools without paying tuition.

*Vienna Public School District 55* – Johnson (SD59/HD118) / **Expiration 2024-2025 school year / W-100-6864 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition charge for non-resident children of full-time employees and part time (or less than full-time) employees of Vienna Public School District #55 and Vienna High School District #13.

*Washington District 50 Schools* – Tazewell (SD46/HD91) / **Expiration 2024-2025 school year / W-100-6816 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow students of district employees that live outside district boundaries to attend the district free of charge.

### **Statement of Affairs**

*Highland CUSD 5* – Madison (SD54/HD108) / **Expiration 2025-2026 school year / W-100-6835R – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-17) requests to publish annual statement of affairs on website in lieu of in the local newspaper saving the district \$1,500 annually.

*O'Fallon Township HSD 203* – St. Clair (SD57/HD114) / **Expiration 2025-2026 school year / W-100-6868R – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-17) requests to not publish the annual statement of affairs in the local newspaper in lieu of posting on their website. Cost savings of approximately \$5,000 over the life of the waiver will be redirected to support students.

**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 for each request is noted; that is, request 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 “ISBE Approved” or “ISBE Denied”; and requests that were returned for one or more of the following reasons: “Returned,” “Ineligible,” “NWN” (no waiver needed), or “Withdrawn.”

<u>Legislative Districts</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>School District</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Code Citation*</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Expiration Year**</u>
8/16	6817	East Prairie School District 73	Cook	17-1.5	Requests to waive the five percent limitation for administrative costs due to hiring a full-time superintendent in lieu of a part time interim.	Transmitted to GA	Administrative Cost Limitation	2021
25/49	6845	Community High School District 94	DuPage	27-24.2	Requests to increase the driver’s education fee to not exceed \$300.00.	Transmitted to GA	Driver’s Education	2026
26/52	6837	Fox River Grove	McHenry	17-1.5	Requests to waive the 5 percent limitation of administrative costs due to special education position and retirement for administration.	Transmitted to GA	Administrative Cost Limitation	2020
29/57	6862	Northbrook SD 27	Cook	10-19.05	Requests to allow four full days for school improvement in lieu of eight half-days utilizing banked time.	ISBE Approved	School Improvement	2025
35/69	6836	Prairie Hill CCSD 133	Winnebago	10-20.12a	Requests to charge zero tuition for children of full-time employees that do not reside in the district.	Ineligible	Non-Resident Tuition	2026
35/69	6832	Prairie Hill CCSD 133	Winnebago	10-20.12a	Requests to charge zero tuition for children of full-time employees that do not reside in the district.	Ineligible	Non-Resident Tuition	2026
35/69	6863	North Boone CUSD 200	Boone	23 Ill Admin Code 252.20(e)(1)	Requests to allow instructors employed by Drive-Right contractors to provide behind-the-wheel instruction to students.	NWN	Driver’s Education	2026

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35/69	6864	North Boone CUSD 200	Boone	27-24.2	Requests to increase driver's education fees to not exceed \$410.	Transmitted to GA	Driver's Education	2026
35/70	6860	Kaneland CUSD 302	Kane	17-1.5	Requests to waive the five percent limitation of administrative costs due to increased health insurance and administrative retirement.	Transmitted to GA	Administrative Cost Limitation	2021
36/71	6820	Prophetstown- Lyndon- Tampico CUSD	Whiteside	17-1.5	Requests to waive the five percent limitation of administrative costs due to hiring a new superintendent and exceeding the limitation by 11 percent.	Transmitted to GA	Administrative Cost Limitations	2021
36/72	6828	Moline Coal Valley CUSD 40	Rock Island	27-24.3	Requests to allow 8 hours of practice on a closed course in lieu of four hours of instruction in a dual controlled car.	Transmitted to GA	Driver's Education	2025
37/73	6871	Germantown Hills SD 69	Woodford	10-20.12a	Requests to allow employees that live outside district boundaries to enroll their children in district schools free of charge.	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2026
37/73	6870	Princeville CUSD 326	Peoria	10-20.12a	Requests to allow employees that live outside district boundaries to enroll children in district schools free of charge.	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2026
37/74	6826	ROWVA District 208	Knox	10-20.12a	Requests to allow children of full-time employees that live outside the district boundaries to attend the district schools free of charge.	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2023
38/76	6854	Deer Park CCSD 82	LaSalle	10-20.12a	Requests to charge less than 110 percent of per capital tuition for non-resident children	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2025
38/76	6843	Tonica CC School District 79	LaSalle	10-20.12a	Requests to allow students of full-time, certified employees that live outside district boundaries to attend district schools free of charge.	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2026

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39/78	6814	Oak Park ESD 97	Cook	27-6	Requests to limit PE for K-5 to 60 minutes per week while offering PE once or twice a week. A recent rise in enrollment has limited the availability of common areas for courses such as physical education. Daily physical education activities are in the schedule for 15 minutes per day as well as daily recess.	ISBE Approved	Physical Education	2022
40/79	6853	Herscher CUSD 2	Kankakee	10-20.12a	Requests to charge zero tuition for children of employees of the district that live outside of district boundaries.	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2026
41/82	6818	Center Cass SD 66	DuPage	10-20.12a	Requests to allow children of full-time employees that live outside of district boundaries to attend district schools free of charge.	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2025
42/84	6867	Indian Prairie SD 204	DuPage	27-24.2	Requests to increase the driver's education fee to not exceed \$350.00	Transmitted to GA	Driver's Education	2022
43/85	6821	Valley View D 365	Will	27-24.3	Requests to utilize simulators for 12 hours in lieu of three hours of behind the wheel instruction for driver's education.	Transmitted to GA	Driver's Education	2025
43/85	6827	Will county SD 92	Will	17-1.5	Requests to waive the five percent limitation of administrative costs due to the addition of a Director of Curriculum.	NWN	Administrative Cost Limitation	2021
43/86	6823	Rockdale SD 84	Will	17-1.5	Requests to waiver the five percent limitation of administrative costs due to board and superintendent agreement for a one-time adjustment due to salary being lowest in Will county. This will provide a more competitive salary.	Ineligible	Administrative Cost Limitation	2021
43/86	6838	Rockdale SD 84	Will	17-1.5	Requests to waive the 5 percent limitation of administrative costs.	Transmitted to GA	Administrative Cost Limitation	2021

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44/87	6825	New Holland Middletown District 88	Logan	17-1.5	District request to waive the five percent limitation of administrative costs due to the new superintendent accepting health insurance benefits where the previous superintendent did not. This caused a 10 percent rise in administrative costs.	Transmitted to GA	Administrative Cost Limitation	2021
44/87	6852	Tremont Unit Community District 702	Tazewell	10-20.12a	Requests to allow full-time licensed staff that reside outside district boundaries to enroll their children in district schools without paying tuition.	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2026
45/90	6812	Eswood District 269	Ogle	17-1.5	Requests to waive the five percent limitation for administrative costs due to the new superintendent working collaboratively with the outgoing superintendent for the month of February, causing costs to exceed five percent.	Transmitted to GA	Administrative Costs Limitation	2020
46/91	6810	District 50 Schools	Tazewell	10-20.12a	Requests to allow children of full-time employees that live outside of district boundaries to attend the district tuition free.	Ineligible	Non-Resident Tuition	2025
46/91	6861	Hollis CSD 328	Peoria	10-20.12a	Requests to charge tuition in the range of \$2800-3300 for out of district students.	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2027
46/91	6819	Illini Bluffs	Peoria	17-1.5	Requests to waive the five percent limitation of administrative costs due to reclassifying administrative positions. The district exceeded costs by 56 percent.	Transmitted to GA	Administrative Cost Limitation	2021
46/91	6842	Oak Grove SD 68	Peoria	10-20.12a	Requests to allow students of employees that live outside district boundaries to attend district schools tuition free.	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2026
46/91	6816	Washington District 50 Schools	Tazewell	10-20.12a	Requests to allow students of district employees that live outside district boundaries to attend the district free of charge.	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2025

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46/92	6813	Peoria Public Schools	Peoria	10-20.12a	Requests to allow children of full-time district employees that live outside district boundaries to attend district schools at a reduced flat fee of \$5,000 per student, which is a 45 percent reduction in per-capital tuition charge (PCTC). Approval will be granted subject to availability in open slots in the programs and class space.	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2025
47/93	6839	Illini Central CUSD 189	Mason	17-1.5	Requests to waive the 5 percent limitation of administrative costs due to adding an administrative assistant.	Transmitted to GA	Administrative Cost Limitation	2021
47/94	6808	LaHarpe CSD 347	Hancock	17-1.5	Requests to waive the 5 percent limitation of administrative costs.	Transmitted to GA	Administrative Cost Limitation	2020
47/94	6850	Payson CUSD 1	Adams	17-1.5	Requests to waive the five percent limitation of administrative costs due to hiring another administrator to the district. Costs exceeded by 38 percent.	Transmitted to GA	Administrative Cost Limitation	2021
47/94	6849	Southeastern CUSD 337	Hancock	10-20.12a	Requests to charge less than 110 percent of per capital tuition for children of full-time employees that live outside the district.	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2027
48/96	6857	South Fork CUSD 14	Christian	10-20.12a	Requests to charge less than 110 percent of tuition for students of full-time employees that live outside district boundaries.	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2025
51/101	6831	Fisher CUSD 1	Champaign	10-20.12a	Requests to charge zero tuition for non-resident children of full-time teachers, administrators, and support staff not residing in district boundaries.	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2025
51/101	6822	Tri-Valley CUSD 3	McLean	10-20.12a	Requests to allow students of non-resident employees to attend free of charge.	Ineligible	Non-Resident Tuition	2021
51/101	6847	Tri-Valley CUSD 3	McLean	10-20.12a	Requests to allow non-resident licensed full-time employees of the district to enroll their children in district schools without paying tuition.	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2021

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51/102	6855	Arcola CUSD 306	Douglas	10-20.12a	Requests to allow district full and part-time employees that live outside district boundaries to enroll pupils without charging tuition.	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2026
51/102	6811	Edgar County CUSD 6	Edgar	10-20.12a	Requests to allow children of full-time employees who do not reside in the district to attend district schools without paying out of district tuition.	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2025
51/102	6833	Okaw Valley CUSD 302	Moultrie	10-20.12a	Requests to charge zero tuition for non-resident children of full-time employees not residing in district boundaries.	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2026
51/102	6851	Tuscola CUSD 301	Douglas	10-19.05	Requests to hold two full days for school improvement in lieu of four half days.	ISBE Approved	School Improvement	2026
53/105	6856	McLean County Unit District 5	McLean	10-19.05	Requests to allow two full days for school improvement in lieu of four half-days.	ISBE Approved	School Improvement	2025
53/106	6834	Eureka CUSD 140	Woodford	10-20.12a	Requests to not charge tuition for non-resident children of full-time district employees.	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2025
53/106	6858	Hoopston Area CUSD 11	Vermillion	10-20.12a	Requests to allow non-resident employees of the district to enroll their children free of tuition charge.	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2026
54/107	6824	Teutopolis CUSD 50	Effingham	17-1.5	District request to waive the five percent limitation of administrative costs due to hiring a full-time superintendent in lieu of a two-day per week interim. The costs increased by 28 percent.	Transmitted to GA	Administrative Cost Limitation	2021
54/108	6835	Highland CUSD 5	Madison	10-17	Requests to publish annual statement of affairs on website in lieu of in the local newspaper saving the district \$1,500 annually.	Transmitted to GA	Statement of Affairs	2026
54/117	6866	Central City School 133	Marion	10-20.12a	Requests to allow employees that live outside district boundaries to enroll children in district schools tuition free.	Ineligible	Non-Resident Tuition	2024

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55/110	6841	Cumberland CUSD 77	Cumberland	10-20.12a	Requests to allow students of full-time employees that live outside district boundaries to attend district schools tuition free.	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2026
55/110	6844	Neoga CUSD 3	Cumberland	10-20.12a	Requests to allow students of full-time employees that live outside the district boundaries to attend district schools free of charge.	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2026
56/111	6815	Bethalto CUSD 8	Madison	24-2	Requests to hold school on Columbus Day.	NWN	Calendar	2021
57/113	6873	Regional Office of Education 50	St. Clair	13A-2.5	Requests to modify the grade range to continue to serve expulsion eligible students to begin with 5th grade in lieu of 6th grade at the Alternative Education Center Safe School in efforts to reduce drop-out rate.	ISBE Approved	Alternative Schools	2026
57/114	6868	O'Fallon Township HSD 203	St. Clair	10-17	Requests to not publish the annual statement of affairs in the local newspaper in lieu of posting on their website. Cost savings of approximately \$5,000 over the life of the waiver will be redirected to support students.	Transmitted to GA	Statement of Affairs	2026
57/114	6869	O'Fallon Township HSD 203	St. Clair	23 Admin Code 252.30(a)(3)	Requests to utilize personnel costs when setting the driver's education fee.	ISBE Approved	Driver's Education	2026
58/115	6848	Elverado CUSD 196	Jackson	10-20.12a	Requests to allow employees that live out of the district to enroll their children in district schools without paying tuition.	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2026
58/115	6829	Mt. Vernon Township HSD 201	Jefferson	10-20.12a	Requests to allow children of full-time employees that live outside the district to attend district schools without paying out of district tuition.	Ineligible	Non-Resident tuition	2026
58/115	6840	Mount Vernon Township HSD 201	Jefferson	10-20.12a	Requests to allow children of full-time employees that live outside the district to attend district schools without paying out of district tuition.	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2026

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58/115	6872	New Simpson Hill Consolidated District 32	Johnson	10-20.12a	Requests to allow non-resident children of any full-time or part-time employee of Vienna High School District 13-3 to attend New Simpson Hill District 32 school and to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition charge. Specifically, the district will not charge tuition for such students.	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2025
58/116	6846	Chester Community Unit SD 139	Randolph	10-20.12a	Requests to allow non-resident students of employees to attend district schools free of charge.	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2026
59/117	6830	Thompsonville CUSD 174	Franklin	10-20.12a	Requests to charge zero tuition for students of full-time employees that live outside the district boundaries.	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2026
59/118	6859	Pope County CUSD 1	Pope	17-1.5	Requests to waive the five percent limitation of administrative costs due to hiring a superintendent. District exceeded costs by 45 percent.	Transmitted to GA	Administrative Cost Limitation	2021
59/118	6865	Vienna Public School District 55	Johnson	10-20.12a	Requests to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition charge for non-resident children of full-time employees and part time (or less than full-time) employees of Vienna Public School District #55 and Vienna High School District #13.	Transmitted to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2025

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