

Pay Voucher Announcements – February 7, 2014

<p>School Funding As you know, the Senate Education Funding Advisory Committee (EFAC) is studying the formula for public education in Illinois. Below you will find a great quote from Dr. Brent Clark. Dr. Clark is the Executive Director of the IASA.</p> <p>"The bottom line regarding the state's funding of public schools is that General State Aid must be restored to full level. GSA was designed to be the great equalizer between school districts in a state that relies primarily on local property taxes to fund public education. Cutting GSA, as has been done the past two years and is predicted to happen again next school year, hurts all school districts. But it disproportionately harms poor school districts that get very little in local property tax revenue. Changing how you slice the pie won't do any good if the pie keeps getting smaller." At Southeastern 337, 42% of our revenue comes from local sources, 50% comes from state sources, and 8% comes from federal sources.</p>	<p>Compliance Training All required compliance trainings are due March 1, 2014. I know many of you have already completed all of them, but if you have not, please do so. You will and have been sent reminders.</p>
<p>Third Quarter Change Due to the number of emergency days used this semester, I am going to change the end date of the third quarter.</p> <p><u>3rd Quarter Deficiency Notices</u> It was February 7. It is now February 14.</p> <p><u>End of the Third Quarter</u> It was March 14. It is now March 21.</p> <p><u>Parent-Teacher Conferences</u> It was March 20-21. It is now March 27-28.</p> <p>At this time, that will give us 46 days in the third quarter and 48 days in the fourth quarter.</p>	<p>Concealed Weapon Law You will be seeing "no guns allowed" signs posted on our main entrances. Why? The law. School districts must post a sign at the entrance of each school building indicating that the carrying of a concealed firearm on or into the property is prohibited. I just wanted to give you a heads up. If you are asked about the sign, it is simple: The signs are due to the new concealed weapon law in Illinois.</p>
<p>Thank you I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and support with this semester's weather issues and our attempts to deal with its challenges.</p> <p>Teddy Roosevelt "Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure....than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in a gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat."</p>	<p>Emergency Days School districts are required to build in a minimum of five emergency days. We build in seven. Emergency days must be made up at the end of the year. After you exhaust your emergency days, you apply for Act of God days. Act of God days do not have to be made up.</p> <p>School Calendar At this time, our school calendar looks like this: Pupil Attendance = 160. Interrupted Days = 9. SIP Days = 6. Total = 175.</p> <p>Full Day P/T Conferences = 1. Teacher Institute = 3. Act of God Days = 1. Total Calendar Days = 180.</p> <p>Last Day of Student Attendance = Monday, June 2. Last Day of Teacher Attendance = Tuesday, June 3.</p> <p>Employee Notification Written notices to employees from the school board must be served 45 days before the end of the school term upon a first, second, third, fourth year probationary teacher who is not being re-employed for the following school term and 60 days before the end of the school term for any tenured teacher who is being honorably discharged because of a reduction in staff or discontinuation of a program.</p>