



2026-2027 Membership Renewal

Dear ED-RED Superintendent,

Every school year brings new opportunities to strengthen public education, but few have begun with as much uncertainty as the year ahead.

School leaders across suburban Illinois are preparing for another year of unpredictable state and federal funding, rising operational costs, increasing mandates, and growing expectations from their communities. At the same time, education continues to be shaped by an increasingly divided political landscape, making thoughtful, bipartisan advocacy more important than ever. In an environment where division can overshadow solutions, ED-RED remains committed to bringing educational leaders together around a shared purpose: ensuring every student has access to a high-quality public education.

That is why your membership matters.

For decades, ED-RED has served as the unified legislative voice for nearly 90 suburban school districts **representing more than 243,000 students across Cook and Lake Counties**. Together, our members identify common priorities, influence public policy, and ensure suburban districts have a respected and credible voice in Springfield.

Meaningful advocacy requires more than monitoring legislation rather it requires trusted relationships, informed dialogue, and school leaders willing to speak with one voice. Whether advocating for fiscal stability, protecting local governance, addressing the growing number of unfunded mandates, or advancing policies that improve opportunities for students, ED-RED is committed to helping members navigate today's challenges while preparing for tomorrow's opportunities.

Your membership is an investment in the leadership, collaboration, and advocacy that strengthens suburban public education. Every district that remains engaged enhances our collective influence and reinforces the message that public policy should reflect the realities facing local schools and the communities they serve.

The enclosed renewal packet includes information about your membership benefits, our vision and belief statements, and the 2026 - 2027 meeting calendar. We hope you will continue to stand with your fellow educational leaders as we advocate for sound public policy, fiscal responsibility, and strong public schools. Thank you for your continued leadership and your commitment to ED-RED. I look forward to partnering with you throughout the coming year.

Warm regards,

Executive Director



ED-RED

EDUCATION.RESEARCH.DEVELOPMENT

Advocating for quality public education on behalf of the suburban school districts we serve

ED-RED was established in the fall of 1971 by seven north suburban high school districts and has expanded over the years to include 19 high school districts, 62 elementary school districts, two unit districts, four Special Education Cooperatives and four Intermediate Service Centers in Cook and Lake Counties. The legislative area covered by ED-RED districts includes all or part of 19 of the present 59 Senate districts and 30 of the 118 House districts. ED-RED is governed by an Executive Board of 12 district administrators and board members and led by two full-time staff members.

Our Mission

**Advocating for quality public education
on behalf of the suburban school districts we serve.**

WE BELIEVE THAT:

Locally controlled
public school
districts are pillars
of a democratic
society

State mandates
must be
limited, clear,
and financially
supported

Local districts tailor
educational and
fiscal decisions to
the unique needs
of their students

Research-based
education policy
is imperative to
the success of
our schools



INVOICE

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INVOICE DATE:

July 6, 2026

DESCRIPTION:	AMOUNT
ED-RED Membership Renewal Fee for FY 2026-2027	\$ 2600.00
TOTAL DUE Please make your check payable to ED-RED. Unable to accept credit card payments.	\$ 2600.00

We look forward to working with you throughout the 2026-2027 school year to secure additional legislative victories for our suburban public schools!



DUES STRUCTURE

For 50 plus years, ED-RED has represented *suburban public schools* in Springfield. Our mission is to advocate for the diverse needs of our member districts and to be a premier education policy resource for both Illinois legislators and suburban public schools. As a member of ED-RED, your district amplifies our voice as a strong coalition of over eighty school districts, special education cooperatives, and Intermediate Service Centers in suburban Cook and Lake Counties.

Membership with ED-RED includes:

- Advocacy with local and State legislators, State policy leaders, and agency personnel on critical school issues such as, K-12 funding, unfunded mandates, pension reform, property taxes, and other key issues of concern;
- Legislative updates via the monthly From the Floor to Your Door (FTFTYD) Newsletters and Weekly Updates;
- Action Alerts on ED-RED Hot Topics;
- Invitation to our events:
 - Summer Legislative Breakfast (August);
 - Fall Kick Off Luncheon (October);
 - Legislative Networking Event (Winter);
 - Advocacy Days in Springfield (Spring);
 - ED-RED & Lake ROE Mini-Summit (June);
- Invitation to our monthly Member Meetings;
- Access to ED-RED staff for research and presentations at member district school board meetings; and
- Access to ED-REDs Members-Only Website publications and features.

ED-REDs 2026-2027 Dues Structure

New Dues Structure	
Type of District	Dues
Elementary Under 1,000 Students	Tier 1: \$1,100 Tier 2: \$1,350 Tier 3: \$1,600 Tier 4: \$1,850
Elementary Between 1,001 - 1,999 Students	Tier 1: \$1,850 Tier 2: \$2,100 Tier 3: \$2,350 Tier 4: \$2,600
Elementary Over 2,000 Students	Tier 1: \$3,100 Tier 2: \$3,350 Tier 3: \$3,600 Tier 4: \$3,850
High School/Unit Districts	Tier 1: \$4,600 Tier 2: \$4,850 Tier 3: \$5,100 Tier 4: \$5,350
Intermediate Service Centers	\$3,000
Special Education Cooperatives	\$3,000

July 2026



2026 - 2027 Member Meeting Schedule

August 10, 2026	Legislative Breakfast Time: 8:30 – 10:30 AM @ Schaumburg D54
October 16, 2026	ED-RED Annual Kick-Off Luncheon Time: 11:00 – 2:00 PM Location TBD
November 6, 2026	Member Meeting Time: 1:30 – 2:30 PM North Cook ISC
December 4, 2026	Member Meeting Time: 1:30 – 2:30 PM Maine 207
February 12, 2027	VIRTUAL Member Meeting Time: 1:30 – 2:30 PM Zoom
March 5, 2027	Member Meeting Time: 1:30 – 2:30 PM Wheeling 21
April 2, 2027	Member Meeting Time: 1:30 – 2:30 PM Maine 21
June 4, 2027	Member Meeting Time: 1:30 - 2:30 PM Wheeling 21
June 10, 2027	Mini-Summit Time: 8:00 – 12:00 PM Location TBD