ED-RED Finance-Legislation Meeting

Spring Session Review
State Pension Reform
Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Advocacy

March 1, 2013
2013 Spring Session Legislation

• 3,416 House Bills filed
• 2,406 Senate Bills filed
• With amendments – over 6,000 pieces of legislation under review
• In committee phase
• March 22nd - deadline for committee action
Mandates

• Curricular mandates on the rise

• **SB 1362 (Collins)** states districts complying with the Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Education Act have the authority to opt out of another instructional mandate within the Act.

• Our message to legislators – work with us to make your ideas manageable and cost-neutral
Mandatory Kindergarten

• SB 1307 (Lightford) requires districts to provide at least half-day kindergarten and changes the compulsory age from 7 to 5

• HB 2405 (Welch) requires districts to provide full day kindergarten by 2016-2017 school year

• ISBE estimates between 4,000-8,000 kids are not enrolled in kindergarten

• GSA impact could be as high as $30 million

• Our primary concerns: space for additional kids, cost of additional teachers, truancy funding
Fiscal Year 2014 funding

• Why does ED-RED spend so much time on state funding concerns?
• Local advocacy
  – What state funding lines generate the most money for your district?
  – What budget cuts have you made (administration, teachers, support staff, student programs)?
  – How has your district worked to be more efficient?
  – What are the most expensive mandates on your district?
  – How would the proposed cost shift at 0.5% of creditable earnings each year impact your district?
Pensions

- HB 3411 (Cross/Nekritz)
- House floor action – “weekly order of business”
  - Eliminate COLA (Y-2, N-66, NV-50)
  - COLA after pension systems are 80% funded (Y-5, N-62, NV-50)
  - Increase Tier 1 retirement age to 67 (Y-1, N-66, NV-51)
  - Increase employer contribution from 9.4% to 14.4% (Y-3, N-61, NV-64)
  - What does it mean???

- Prudent Investor bills (HB 1401/SB 1218)