Dear Consolidated School District 46 Community,

I am writing this letter to help keep you informed of Illinois school funding reform that will have a negative impact on state revenues received by CCSD 46. There is a bill called SB 16 that was already approved in the Senate, and may now be gaining momentum in the House. According to the Illinois School Board of Education (ISBE) website, the impact for CCSD 46 could be a loss of $419,666 per year. Detailed information is available at [www.isbe.net/efac](http://www.isbe.net/efac). I have also included an additional fact sheet from ISBE with this email.

SB 16 was the result of a report generated from the Senate Education Funding Advisory Committee, or EFAC. According to the report, the Senate EFAC was “created to propose a state education funding system that provides adequate, equitable, transparent, and accountable distribution of funds to school districts that will prepare students for success after high school.” This is an honorable goal, and one that I wholeheartedly support. However, I am concerned about the negative consequences for CCSD 46 and many others across the state.

Here are some points to consider if you choose to contact our legislators:

- The financial impact on CCSD 46 is $419,666 per year. In terms of teachers, this would be the equivalent of eleven new hired teachers. In terms of technology, this would be the equivalent of providing a Chromebook computer to all of the students in our K-4 buildings.
- Legislative leaders continue to talk about shifting the normal costs of pensions to local school districts. This cost shift would place additional burdens on local taxpayers.
- There are new mandates in the bill requiring districts to provide school-based rather than district-based accounting. This is an unfunded mandate and will require additional resources for compliance.
- This legislation does not increase funding to educate children in Illinois, even though Illinois is ranked 50th in the country in state funding for schools. SB 16 will further stress the load for local taxpayers.

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Sincerely,

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Community Consolidated School District 46 will provide an educational environment that maximizes the potential of ALL students to be prepared for life’s opportunities while developing a lasting appreciation for learning.