Dear CCSD 46 Community,

I am writing this letter as an ongoing effort 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 is being called for a committee hearing 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.

The prevailing thought was that SB 16 would not be considered until the spring session since there is extreme opposition to the bill across the Chicago suburban counties. However, there are still some legislators that continue to passionately push this bill forward. I am not panicked at this point, but I do want to remain vigilant. Therefore, it is important for our community to share your opinions on this bill.

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 10 teachers. In terms of technology, this would be the equivalent of providing a new Chromebook computer to all of the students in 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, and would cost CCSD 46 $1.9 million over the next 10 years.
- 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. SB16 will further stress the burden of providing adequate education for local taxpayers.

State Senator – Melinda Bush
State Representative – Sheri Jesiel
State Representative – Sam Yingling

Sincerely,

Ellen Correll