ILLINOIS ISSUES
NOVEMBER 2010

Legislative, budgetary, regulatory issues
• VETO SESSION 2010
• REVENUE INCREASES

• Income tax hike: proposed 1% increase called “education surcharge,” but 3 B generated could go to property tax relief

• HB 174 passed Senate; needs to pass House; Republicans excluded from current discussions; Senate President Cullerton wants Republican votes on any tax increase

• 60 votes required in House to pass
Veto session 2010

Revenue increases

• Gambling expansion (see sheet on SB3970). $536-$727M annually to education.

• Pension Obligation Borrowing (see detail sheet)- $4.5B generated.
  • BUDGET ISSUES FOR FY 2011
• $9.47 BILLION DEFICIT FOR GENERAL FUND OF $26.32
Veto session 2010

• Civil Unions between same-sex couples
• Press effort to allow FOIA of government employee evaluations (exemptions for teachers, superintendents and principals)
• HB 5154 bars disclosure; Quinn vetoed, seek veto override
EDUCATION BUDGET

• BUDGET HEARINGS: PRIORITY SPENDING FOR MANDATED CATEGORICALS AND GENERAL STATE AID FOR FY 2012
• $11.3 B ALLOCATION IN FY 2011
• PRIVATE TUITION APPROPRIATION: $181,100,000; 13% BELOW ESTIMATED NEED; 87% PRORATION FOR FY 2011
• $415 M FROM EDUCATION LABOR ACT: DIRECTLY TO DISTRICTS FOR TEACHING PERSONNEL: AMOUNT EACH DISTRICT RECEIVES ON WEBSITE (SEE HANDOUT)
2011 EDUCATION BUDGET

• Due to declining local tax revenues, additional $43.4 M required just to maintain 2010 foundation level at $6,119 (rather than $7,992)
• Phase out General State Aid hold harmless ($7.8 M)
• Maintain mandated categoricals at FY 2010 levels
• Entire education budget only 1.7% higher in FY 2011 than FY 2010
“MERGE” LEGISLATION

• IAPSEC OPPOSES LEGISLATION THAT WOULD MERGE SECTION 14-7.02 AND SECTION 14-7.02B OF THE ILLINOIS SCHOOL CODE.

• DEFEATED IN PROPOSED LEGISLATION LAST SESSION AND IN SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING TASK FORCE (SEE SHEETS ON CURRENT REIMBURSEMENT METHODOLOGY)
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING TASK FORCE (HJR 24)

• RECOMMENDATIONS MADE TO INCREASE SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING (SEE DETAIL IN HANDOUTS)

• REJECTED A MERGE
ADVANCE ILLINOIS

• A BLUEPRINT FOR ALL EDUCATORS:
• RECRUIT, DEVELOP AND EMPOWER EFFECTIVE EDUCATORS
• SET EXPECTATIONS AND PROVIDE SUPPORTS
• EMPOWER LOCAL LEADERS TO INNOVATE