

**ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Fiscal Year 2026 - Board Recommendation**  
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<b>GENERAL FUNDS</b>							
<b><u>Major Grant Programs</u></b>							
Evidence-Based Funding	8,629,239.0	8,629,239.0	8,979,239.0	350,000.0	4.1%	350,000.0	4.1%
<b>Mandated Categorical Reimbursements:</b>							
Transportation - Special Education	549,243.6	467,366.1	525,126.4	57,760.3	12.4%	(24,117.2)	(4.4%)
Transportation - Regular/Vocational	364,000.0	342,000.0	388,000.0	46,000.0	13.5%	24,000.0	6.6%
Special Education - Private Tuition	231,548.6	202,732.4	221,348.7	18,616.3	9.2%	(10,199.9)	(4.4%)
Special Education - Orphanage Tuition	118,919.5	118,919.5	131,812.1	12,892.6	10.8%	12,892.6	10.8%
Illinois Free Lunch and Breakfast	9,000.0	9,000.0	9,000.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Orphanage Tuition	8,700.0	8,700.0	15,668.3	6,968.3	80.1%	6,968.3	80.1%
<b>Subtotal, MCATs</b>	<b>1,281,411.7</b>	<b>1,148,718.0</b>	<b>1,290,955.5</b>	<b>142,237.5</b>	<b>12.4%</b>	<b>9,543.8</b>	<b>0.7%</b>
Early Childhood Education	748,138.1	748,138.1	823,138.1	75,000.0	10.0%	75,000.0	10.0%
<b>Subtotal, Major Grant Programs</b>	<b>10,658,788.8</b>	<b>10,526,095.1</b>	<b>11,093,332.6</b>	<b>567,237.5</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>434,543.8</b>	<b>4.1%</b>
<b><u>All Other Grants</u></b>							
Advanced Placement - Course Implementation	500.0	500.0	500.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Advanced Placement - Low-Income AP Test Fee	2,500.0	2,500.0	2,500.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Adversity Index	250.0	250.0	250.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Affinity Groups	1,000.0	1,000.0	1,000.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
After School Matters	5,000.0	6,000.0	6,000.0	0.0	0.0%	1,000.0	20.0%
After-School Programs	26,000.0	25,000.0	25,000.0	0.0	0.0%	(1,000.0)	(3.8%)
Agriculture Education	7,050.0	7,850.0	7,850.0	0.0	0.0%	800.0	11.3%
Alternative Education - Regional Safe Schools	22,730.0	20,000.0	20,000.0	0.0	0.0%	(2,730.0)	(12.0%)
Assessments	40,000.0	40,000.0	40,000.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Autism	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Blind and Dyslexic	846.0	846.0	846.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Career and Technical Education Programs	58,000.0	58,000.0	59,300.0	1,300.0	2.2%	1,300.0	2.2%
Community and Residential Services Authority*	1,000.0	750.0	850.0	100.0	13.3%	(150.0)	(15.0%)
Computer Science Education	3,000.0	3,000.0	3,000.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
District Consolidation Costs	215.0	215.0	416.0	201.0	93.5%	201.0	93.5%
Dolly Parton Imagination Library	3,570.0	3,512.0	3,347.0	(165.0)	(4.7%)	(223.0)	(6.2%)
EBF CWI Development	250.0	250.0	0.0	(250.0)	(100.0%)	(250.0)	(100.0%)
Educator Quality Investigations & Hearings	615.1	615.1	615.1	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
GATA/Budgeting for Results	380.0	380.0	380.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Materials Center for the Visually Impaired	1,421.1	1,421.1	1,421.1	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
National Board Certification	4,500.0	4,500.0	4,500.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
New Educator Coaching and Mentoring**	8,000.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	(8,000.0)	(100.0%)
P-20 Council	150.0	150.0	150.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Philip J. Rock Center and School	5,000.0	5,000.0	5,000.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Principal Mentoring**	1,200.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	(1,200.0)	(100.0%)
Principal Recruitment	1,800.0	1,800.0	1,800.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
REACH**	10,000.0	2,500.0	0.0	(2,500.0)	(100.0%)	(10,000.0)	(100.0%)
SEL Hubs**	8,000.0	1,000.0	0.0	(1,000.0)	(100.0%)	(8,000.0)	(100.0%)

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REACH & Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Hubs	0.0	0.0	3,500.0	3,500.0	100.0%	3,500.0	100.0%
Southwest Organizing Project	14,000.0	14,000.0	14,000.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
State and District Technology Support	2,443.8	2,443.8	2,443.8	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Implementation of State Literacy and Numeracy Plans^^	3,000.0	3,000.0	3,000.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Student Care Department	4,000.0	2,000.0	2,000.0	0.0	0.0%	(2,000.0)	(50.0%)
Summer EBT	670.0	670.0	350.0	(320.0)	(47.8%)	(320.0)	(47.8%)
Supporting Newcomers	35,000.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	(35,000.0)	(100.0%)
Tax Equivalent Grants	275.0	275.0	275.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Teach for America	2,000.0	2,000.0	2,000.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Teacher Licensure Processing	500.0	500.0	500.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Teacher Vacancy Grant Pilot Program	45,000.0	45,000.0	45,000.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Truants' Alternative and Optional Education	11,500.0	11,500.0	11,500.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
<b>Subtotal, Other Grants</b>	<b>331,466.0</b>	<b>268,528.0</b>	<b>269,394.0</b>	<b>866.0</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>(62,072.0)</b>	<b>(18.7%)</b>
<b>Member Initiatives</b>							
After School Programs	0.0	25,000.0	0.0	(25,000.0)	(100.0%)	0.0	0.0%
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Breakfast After the Bell	0.0	300.0	0.0	(300.0)	(100.0%)	0.0	0.0%
Crisis Mapping	0.0	2,000.0	0.0	(2,000.0)	(100.0%)	0.0	0.0%
Digital Education Programming	0.0	3,000.0	0.0	(3,000.0)	(100.0%)	0.0	0.0%
Inclusion of Children Ages 3-5 with Developmental Delays and Disabilities	0.0	500.0	0.0	(500.0)	(100.0%)	0.0	0.0%
Valley View Itinerant Services for Children with Developmental Delays and Disabilities	0.0	7,500.0	0.0	(7,500.0)	(100.0%)	0.0	0.0%
Parent Education Pilot Program	0.0	350.0	0.0	(350.0)	(100.0%)	0.0	0.0%
Regional Office of Education #48	0.0	1,750.0	0.0	(1,750.0)	(100.0%)	0.0	0.0%
YouthBuild Illinois	0.0	5,500.0	0.0	(5,500.0)	(100.0%)	0.0	0.0%
<b>Subtotal, Member Initiatives</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>70,900.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(70,900.0)</b>	<b>(100.0%)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>TOTAL - GRANTS</b>	<b>10,990,254.8</b>	<b>10,865,523.1</b>	<b>11,362,726.6</b>	<b>497,203.5</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>372,471.8</b>	<b>3.4%</b>
Agency Capacity	27,590.0	27,590.0	27,590.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
<b>GENERAL FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>11,017,844.8</b>	<b>10,893,113.1</b>	<b>11,390,316.6</b>	<b>497,203.5</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>372,471.8</b>	<b>3.4%</b>
<b>Everything below this row is not General Funds</b>							
<b>OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>							
<b>AGENCY CAPACITY--OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>							
Ordinary & Contingent Expenses - Indirect Cost Recovery	8,150.0	8,150.0	10,000.0	1,850.0	22.7%	1,850.0	22.7%
Ordinary & Contingent Expenses - Charter Schools	1,050.0	1,050.0	1,050.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Ordinary & Contingent Expenses - Teacher Certificate Fees	6,000.0	6,000.0	6,000.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Ordinary & Contingent Expenses - ISBE Teacher Cert. Institute	2,208.9	2,208.9	2,208.9	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Ordinary & Contingent Expenses - School Infrastructure Fund	600.0	600.0	600.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%

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<i>Subtotal, Agency Capacity</i>	<i>18,008.9</i>	<i>18,008.9</i>	<i>19,858.9</i>	<i>1,850.0</i>	<i>10.3%</i>	<i>1,850.0</i>	<i>10.3%</i>
<b>TOTAL - AGENCY CAPACITY</b>	<b>18,008.9</b>	<b>18,008.9</b>	<b>19,858.9</b>	<b>1,850.0</b>	<b>10.3%</b>	<b>1,850.0</b>	<b>10.3%</b>
GATA/Budgeting for Results - Indirect Cost Recovery	1,850.0	1,850.0	1,850.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
<b>GRANTS--OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>							
Drivers Education Fund	10,000.0	10,000.0	14,000.0	4,000.0	40.0%	4,000.0	40.0%
Personal Property Replacement Tax Fund - ROE Salaries	13,000.0	13,000.0	13,500.0	500.0	3.8%	500.0	3.8%
Personal Property Replacement Tax Fund - ROE Services	18,970.0	18,970.0	18,970.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Personal Property Replacement Tax Fund - Bus Driver Training	150.0	150.0	150.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
State Board of Education Special Purpose Trust Fund	10,000.0	10,000.0	10,000.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
School Technology Revolving Loan Fund	7,500.0	7,500.0	7,500.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Charter Schools Revolving Loan Fund	200.0	200.0	200.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
School District Emergency Financial Assistance Fund	1,000.0	1,000.0	1,000.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Temporary Relocation Expenses Revolving Grant Fund	1,000.0	1,000.0	1,000.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
School STEAM Grant Program Fund	2,500.0	2,500.0	0.0	(2,500.0)	(100.0%)	(2,500.0)	(100.0%)
Freedom Schools Fund	17,000.0	17,000.0	0.0	(17,000.0)	(100.0%)	(17,000.0)	(100.0%)
Imagination Library of Illinois Fund	3,570.0	4,310.0	3,347.0	(963.0)	(22.3%)	(223.0)	(6.2%)
After-School Rescue Fund	200.0	200.0	0.0	(200.0)	(100.0%)	(200.0)	(100.0%)
<i>Subtotal, Grants</i>	<i>85,090.0</i>	<i>85,830.0</i>	<i>69,667.0</i>	<i>(16,163.0)</i>	<i>(18.8%)</i>	<i>(15,423.0)</i>	<i>(18.1%)</i>
<b>TOTAL - GRANTS</b>	<b>85,090.0</b>	<b>85,830.0</b>	<b>69,667.0</b>	<b>(16,163.0)</b>	<b>(18.8%)</b>	<b>(15,423.0)</b>	<b>(18.1%)</b>
<b>OTHER STATE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>104,948.9</b>	<b>105,688.9</b>	<b>91,375.9</b>	<b>(14,313.0)</b>	<b>(13.5%)</b>	<b>(13,573.0)</b>	<b>(12.9%)</b>
<b>FEDERAL FUNDS</b>							
<b>AGENCY CAPACITY</b>							
Ordinary & Contingent Expenses - SBE Fed Dept of Agriculture	19,904.7	19,904.7	19,904.7	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Ordinary & Contingent Expenses - SBE Fed Agency Services	2,900.0	2,900.0	2,900.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Ordinary & Contingent Expenses - SBE Fed Dept of Education	50,869.8	50,869.8	50,869.8	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL - AGENCY CAPACITY</b>	<b>73,674.5</b>	<b>73,674.5</b>	<b>73,674.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>GRANTS--FEDERAL FUNDS</b>							
<u>Career and Technical Education</u>							
Career and Technical Education - Basic	70,000.0	70,000.0	70,000.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
<i>Subtotal, Career and Technical Education</i>	<i>70,000.0</i>	<i>70,000.0</i>	<i>70,000.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0%</i>
<u>Child Nutrition</u>							
Child Nutrition Programs	1,250,000.0	1,250,000.0	1,250,000.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
<i>Subtotal, Child Nutrition</i>	<i>1,250,000.0</i>	<i>1,250,000.0</i>	<i>1,250,000.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0%</i>
<u>Individuals with Disabilities Act</u>							

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Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	949,576.4	949,576.4	980,000.0	30,423.6	3.2%	30,423.6	3.2%
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - Preschool	41,000.0	41,000.0	41,000.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - State Improvement	5,000.0	5,000.0	5,000.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - Deaf and Blind	800.0	800.0	800.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
<b>Subtotal, Individuals with Disabilities Act</b>	<b>996,376.4</b>	<b>996,376.4</b>	<b>1,026,800.0</b>	<b>30,423.6</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>30,423.6</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
<b><u>Title Programs (excluding Assessments)</u></b>							
Title I	1,200,000.0	1,200,000.0	1,350,000.0	150,000.0	12.5%	150,000.0	12.5%
Title IV	250,000.0	250,000.0	300,000.0	50,000.0	20.0%	50,000.0	20.0%
Title II	160,000.0	160,000.0	160,000.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Title III	56,000.0	56,000.0	56,000.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Title X	9,000.0	9,000.0	10,000.0	1,000.0	11.1%	1,000.0	11.1%
Title V - Rural and Low-Income School Program	2,200.0	2,200.0	3,000.0	800.0	36.4%	800.0	36.4%
<b>Subtotal, Title Programs (excluding Assessments)</b>	<b>1,677,200.0</b>	<b>1,677,200.0</b>	<b>1,879,000.0</b>	<b>201,800.0</b>	<b>12.0%</b>	<b>201,800.0</b>	<b>12.0%</b>
<b><u>Assessments</u></b>							
Assessments	35,000.0	35,000.0	35,000.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
<b>Subtotal, Assessments</b>	<b>35,000.0</b>	<b>35,000.0</b>	<b>35,000.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b><u>Other Grants</u></b>							
Preschool Development Birth Through Five	35,000.0	35,000.0	35,000.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Fund per the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act	81,470.4	81,470.4	0.0	(81,470.4)	(100.0%)	(81,470.4)	(100.0%)
Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund per the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act	6,657.5	6,657.5	0.0	(6,657.5)	(100.0%)	(6,657.5)	(100.0%)
Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools per the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act	5,783.5	5,783.5	0.0	(5,783.5)	(100.0%)	(5,783.5)	(100.0%)
Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Fund per the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021^	2,146,263.0	2,146,263.0	164,860.5	(1,981,402.5)	(92.3%)	(1,981,402.5)	(92.3%)
Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools per the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021	45,996.6	45,996.6	0.0	(45,996.6)	(100.0%)	(45,996.6)	(100.0%)
Homeless Children and Youth per the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021^	16,312.8	16,312.8	4,417.0	(11,895.8)	(72.9%)	(11,895.8)	(72.9%)
After-School Programs - CURE Fund	5,122.1	5,128.9	0.0	(5,128.9)	(100.0%)	(5,122.1)	(100.0%)
Parent Mentoring Programs - CURE Fund	7,558.1	7,558.1	0.0	(7,558.1)	(100.0%)	(7,558.1)	(100.0%)
Black and Gold Initiative - CURE Fund	51.8	51.8	0.0	(51.8)	(100.0%)	(51.8)	(100.0%)
Virtual Learning Systems - CURE Fund	1,500.0	1,500.0	0.0	(1,500.0)	(100.0%)	(1,500.0)	(100.0%)
Institute of Education Sciences Grant	1,000.0	1,000.0	3,500.0	2,500.0	250.0%	2,500.0	250.0%
Clean School Bus Program Grant	0.0	0.0	20,000.0	20,000.0	100.0%	20,000.0	100.0%
STOP School Violence and Mental Health Training	1,000.0	1,000.0	1,000.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services	5,300.0	5,300.0	6,500.0	1,200.0	22.6%	1,200.0	22.6%
Mental Health Service Professional Demonstration Grant	3,600.0	3,600.0	3,600.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
School-Based Mental Health Services	7,500.0	7,500.0	7,500.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%

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Adolescent Health	500.0	500.0	500.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
<b>Subtotal, Other Grants</b>	<b>2,370,615.8</b>	<b>2,370,622.6</b>	<b>246,877.5</b>	<b>(2,123,745.1)</b>	<b>(89.6%)</b>	<b>(2,123,738.3)</b>	<b>(89.6%)</b>
<b>TOTAL - GRANTS</b>	<b>6,399,192.2</b>	<b>6,399,199.0</b>	<b>4,507,677.5</b>	<b>(1,891,521.5)</b>	<b>(29.6%)</b>	<b>(1,891,514.7)</b>	<b>(29.6%)</b>
<b>TOTAL - FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>6,472,866.7</b>	<b>6,472,873.5</b>	<b>4,581,352.0</b>	<b>(1,891,521.5)</b>	<b>(29.2%)</b>	<b>(1,891,514.7)</b>	<b>(29.2%)</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 17,595,660.4</b>	<b>\$ 17,471,675.5</b>	<b>\$ 16,063,044.5</b>	<b>(1,408,631.0)</b>	<b>(8.1%)</b>	<b>(1,532,615.9)</b>	<b>(8.7%)</b>

\* CRSA is a separate agency; ISBE is the fiscal agent for CRSA.

\*\* These programs were partially funded with ESSER funds in FY 2025.

^ The Superintendent's FY 2025 recommendation reflects the cash balance of the federal award as of Nov. 30, 2024.

^^ The FY 2025 appropriation was for the State Literacy Plan implementation.