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Hello and welcome to this week's newsletter. Although summer is thoroughly underway, my staff and I continue to be busy in our office and remotely.

In-District

My bi-lingual Legislative Aid, Giselle Gonzelez, has been out in the district introducing herself to small business owners in the community. Giselle has begun in West Chicago, but you should be on the look-out for her in your area in the coming weeks. Giselle joined my team to provide services, answer questions and serve as a resource for small business owners. Most recently, Giselle worked closely with me as I addressed issues and concerns for essential workers.

The Environment Advisory Committee hosted its first virtual meeting and discussed some of the regulation rollbacks we've seen recently at the federal level and how the state can remain progressive in its efforts as well as exploring energy supply options and the anticipated effects of climate change. The Committee determined presentations on alternative options (i.e. solar, nuclear) would be beneficial. If you are interested in participating in upcoming Environment Advisory Committee meetings, email the advisory chair at environment.49th@gmail.com for meeting links.

School District Updates

Due to the fluidity of COVID and the changes we're experiencing, I will continue to suggest that you check your district's website for the most up-to-date details. You can find that information here: [U-46](#), [St. Charles](#), [Geneva](#), [Batavia](#), [West Chicago High School](#), [West Chicago District 33](#), [Indian Prairie](#), and [West Aurora](#).

Next week the Education Advisory Committee will host a representative from the Illinois State Board of Education who will respond to questions posed from the committee regarding the return to school in the Fall under COVID circumstances. For upcoming meeting information, contact education.49th@gmail.com.

IDES Fraud Alert

IDES has uncovered and is investigating a widespread fraud scheme that is being conducted nationwide, impacting each state's federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) programs, implemented as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you're a victim of UI Fraud:

- ❖ Immediately call IDES at 800.814.0513 and when prompted:

- ❖
 - ❑ Select the English or Spanish language option
 - ❑ Selection option 1 for claimants
 - ❑ Selection option 5 to report identity theft
- ❖ Do not activate the debit card that was mailed to you.
- ❖ Have your credit report checked for possible suspicious activity and post a fraud alert.
- ❖ Visit the Federal Trade Commission's website to learn helpful tips on recognizing and

reporting identity theft.

What's Next?

The Senior Advisory Committee is working on our second annual Medicare webinar for early October. Watch for more information, or contact the committee chairs to receive the most up-to-date info seniors.49th@gmail.com.

