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IL 49TH DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Welcome August. Before COVID, we would all be making our final vacation plans, trying to squeeze in just a few more trips to the pool, an extra bar-b-que or picnic, and maybe a last summer hurrah before school starts. But these are very different times. Instead of a big hurrah, we're making more of our time together focusing on quality over quantity. My staff and I remain focused and available for you.

## In-District

This week my office and I participated in conversations about the opioid epidemic/treatment options and spoke to members of police social services workers about various options to provide social services to police departments. Something Illinois has been a leader in since the late 1970's.

As a reminder, the Education Advisory Committee will host their monthly meeting this Friday at 10 a.m. The meeting will also include representatives from ISBE who will answer questions submitted by the Committee in July. If you are interested in participating in upcoming Education Advisory Committee meetings, email the advisory chairs at [education.49th@gmail.com](mailto:education.49th@gmail.com) for a meeting link.

## School District Updates

As I am sure we're all aware, the situation with COVID and the return to school is constantly changing. For the most up to date information, check your district's website for 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](#).

## IHSA Updates

Last week in collaboration with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Governor Pritzker announced announced guidance (which takes effect Saturday, August 15th) for youth and adult recreational sports, including, but not limited to, school-based sports (IHSA & IESA), travel clubs, private leagues and clubs, recreational leagues and centers, and park district sports programs.

The newly released guidance categorizes sports into three risk levels, lower, medium, or higher, based on the amount of contact between athletes and their proximity during

play. The guidance sets four levels of play allowed based on current public health conditions. For specific information, visit the [Sports Safety Guidelines](#) booklet on the Illinois Coronavirus website.

## Rental / Mortgage Assistance

The [Illinois Housing Development Authority](#) is developing programs for Emergency Rental Assistance and Emergency Mortgage Assistance for households who have lost income due to COVID-19. Both programs are currently under development. Applications for Emergency Rental Assistance will be available on August 10th and applications for Emergency Mortgage Assistance will be available on August 24th. Stay tuned for more information once the applications officially open! You can also reach

out to [Catholic Charities](#) at 630-820-3220 or the [DuPage County Housing Authority](#) at 630-690-3555 if you are in need of rental or mortgage assistance.

### What's Next?

If you haven't completed the Census online, you can expect to see enumerators in your area soon. For those who have posted "No Soliciting", this does not apply to enumerators. Please be patient and kind as we tried to ensure that *everyone, everywhere* is counted. A proper accounting of the number of people in our community makes sure that the federal funds vital to supporting us is properly distributed. Remember, You count. I Count. We Count.

