

# State Representative Karina Villa



IL 49TH DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Hello friends.

How is it we find ourselves half-way through August? The coronavirus has really toppled my ability to keep track of time, as I'm sure you all have experienced. Before we know it, we'll be changing out our wardrobes for flannel and boots. Bring on apple picking season!

## In-District

This last week I had the privilege of speaking to social work grad students at the University of Chicago about my background as a social worker as well as my experience as a legislator. I also spoke with a representative of the Cook County Guardian Office to discuss healthcare coverage for children in foster care.

On Wednesday my office received notification of twenty-two district businesses who received grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000 from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. I was very excited to see the names of many of the businesses that my staff and I visited in the days before the grant deadline. Congratulations to all of those recipients.

My staff and I work diligently to keep my community informed of opportunities available to offset the damages of COVID-19. Please contact my district office if you have questions or are in need of assistance. My staff is there to assist you Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Schools

As a public official, I am happy to provide links to the public school districts for your reference. You can find specific information for your child's district website: [U-46](#), [St. Charles](#), [Geneva](#), [Batavia](#), [West Chicago High School](#), [West Chicago District 33](#), [Indian Prairie](#), and [West Aurora](#).

## IHDA Emergency Rental Assistance Applications Now Available.

Last week I informed you that the Illinois Housing Development Authority would be accepting applications for emergency rental assistance. Those applications are now available at <https://era.ihda.org/>. It is important that you talk to your landlord on a regular basis about your situation. Communication is key!

Also, remember, funds are limited so complete your application as soon as possible. Only one application per household is allowed and an application is not a guarantee of assistance. If you are approved, you will receive a grant of \$5,000 that will be sent to your landlord to be applied against your rent.

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## Resources for Parents & Caregivers

The Illinois Children's Health Caucus has created a resource guide for parents and caregivers. You can find resources about COVID-19, Behavioral Health, Back to School, and Racism and Violence. You can find this resource guide on the homepage of my website and you can find it [here!](#)

## Advisory Committees

The Senior Advisory Committee met last Friday. The committee discussed the uptick in scam calls to seniors and shared stories of how friends have been taken advantage of. It became evident that information on how to protect yourself from these calls is important to share. Watch upcoming newsletters for more detailed information.

This week the Mental Health Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. If you're interested in participating, email the committee chairs at [mentalhealth.49th@gmail.com](mailto:mentalhealth.49th@gmail.com) for the meeting link.

## What's Next?

We've received a donation that will allow us to host a second Pollo Palooza. Watch for details.