




MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Jim Durkin, House Minority Leader
The Honorable Don Harmon, Senate President
The Honorable Dan McConchie, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Emanuel “Chris” Welch, Speaker of the House

From: Carmen I. Ayala 
State Superintendent of Education

DATE: February 22, 2022

RE: Spring 2022 Waiver Report | Requests to Waive School Code Mandates

As required by Section 2-3.25g of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g], the following report provides summaries of requests for waivers of School Code mandates being transmitted to the Illinois General Assembly for its consideration. The report concludes with a database listing all the requests received, organized by Senate and House districts, including those requests for waivers and modifications acted on by the State Superintendent of Education in accordance with Section 1A-4 of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/1A-4] and applications that have been returned to school districts or other eligible applicants.

Pursuant to Section 2-3.25g (d) of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g (d)]:

The report shall be reviewed by a panel of four members consisting of:

- (1) the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
- (2) the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives,
- (3) the President of the Senate, and
- (4) the Minority Leader of the Senate.

The State Board of Education may provide the panel recommendations on waiver requests.

The members of the panel shall review the report submitted by the State Board of Education and submit to the State Board of Education any notice of further consideration to any waiver request within 14 days after the member receives the report. If three or more of the panel members submit a notice of further consideration to any waiver request contained within the report, the State Board of Education shall submit the waiver request to the General Assembly for consideration. If fewer than three panel members submit a notice of further consideration to a waiver request, the waiver may be approved, denied, or modified by the State Board. If the State Board does not act on a waiver request within 10 days, then the waiver request

is approved. If the waiver request is denied by the State Board, it shall submit the waiver request to the General Assembly for consideration.

The General Assembly may disapprove any waiver request submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to this subsection (d) in whole or in part within 60 calendar days after each house of the General Assembly next convenes after the waiver request is submitted by adoption of a resolution by a record vote of the majority of members elected in each house. If the General Assembly fails to disapprove any waiver request or appealed request within such 60-day period, the waiver or modification shall be deemed granted. Any resolution adopted by the General Assembly disapproving a report of the State Board in whole or in part shall be binding on the State Board.

Memoranda detailing the following shall be submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education by each panel member to effectuate the law:

- (1) Notice of specific waiver requests noticed for further consideration by the General Assembly;
and
- (2) A statement indicating that all waiver requests included in the report, except for those listed above in (1), are returned to the State Board of Education for final action.

If you have any questions or comments, you may contact Amanda Elliott, executive director of Legislative Affairs, at (217) 782-6510.

cc: Secretary of the Senate
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Executive Summary

The following report outlines waivers of School Code mandates that school districts, Regional Offices of Education, or special education or area vocational centers have requested since the last report, which was transmitted in September 2021. Pursuant to Section 2-3.25g of the School Code, these requests must be sent to the General Assembly before March 1, 2022.

Section I summarizes the 47 requests received for waivers of School Code mandates pursuant to Section 2-3.25g for consideration by the General Assembly. They are presented alphabetically by topic area. The largest number of applications received, 31 requests, seek waivers from the requirements for non-resident tuition. The next highest set of applications received, 11 requests, are related to administrative cost cap limitations and 5 applications are related to driver's education.

This document contains an additional section beyond what is required under Section 2-3.25g of the School Code. Section II is a database with a list of the modifications or waivers of State Board of Education rules and modifications of School Code mandates upon which the State Superintendent of Education has acted in accordance with Section 1A-4 of the School Code. The database also includes a list of the requests that have been returned to or withdrawn by the petitioning entities. Finally, the database includes the 47 waiver requests for the General Assembly's consideration and is organized by Senate and House districts.

Complete copies of the waiver requests for the General Assembly's consideration have been made available to legislative staff.

This report is the 54th report submitted pursuant to Section 2-3.25g of the School Code, which requires that State Board of Education staff compile and submit requests for waivers of School Code mandates to the General Assembly before March 1 and October 1 of each year.

Summary of Applications for Waivers and Modifications
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<u>Topic</u>	Approved by ISBE	Denied by ISBE	Transmitted to GA	Withdrawn or Returned
Administrative Cost Cap Limitation	0	0	11	2
Attendance	1	0	0	0
CTE Licensure Endorsement	0	0	0	1
Competency Based Education	1	0	0	0
Driver's Education	0	0	5	0
Holidays	0	0	0	1
Non-Resident Tuition	0	0	31	10
School Improvement Days	8	0	0	2
Petition Summary	10	0	47	16
Total number of Applications:	73			

Section I
Applications Transmitted to the General Assembly

Administrative Cost Cap Limitation

Calhoun Community Unit District 40 – Calhoun (SD50/HD100) – **Expiration 2021-22 school year / W-100-7031 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 17-1.5) requests a waiver of the fiscal year 2022 Limitation of Administrative Costs. The district’s FY 2022 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2021 actual administrative costs by 30%.

During the 2020-21 school year, the district hired a first-year superintendent at a lower salary and only board-paid individual insurance. The superintendent experienced a year of accomplishments, including selling a working cash bond; working with the local village on TIF; peacefully negotiating a union contract; creating an athletic co-op with a neighboring district; and leading the district during the pandemic where the district remained in-person for all but two weeks. Due to these accomplishments, the school board granted a multi-year contract to the superintendent starting with the 2021-22 school year, which included a salary raise and an upgrade to board-paid family insurance. The increased salary portion of the compensation package, including TRS, resulted in \$19,275 additional budgeted administrative expenditures. The increased benefit portion of the compensation package, including THIS, resulted in \$9,136 additional budgeted administrative expenditures. The increased compensation package resulted in a total of \$28,411 additional budgeted administrative expenditures in FY 2022.

During the 2020-21 school year, most professional development workshops and other meetings were held virtually with no charge to the school district. Due to this, the district spent only a minimal amount on professional development, travel, and related supplies. Anticipating a return to in-person workshops and meetings with the need for travel, for the 2021-22 school year, the district has budgeted comparable to pre-pandemic levels. This has resulted in \$6,775 additional budgeted administrative expenditures in FY 2022

The increased compensation package due to superintendent accomplishments and budgeting for professional development and travel at pre-pandemic levels caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5% increase. Without these additional costs, Calhoun CUSD 40 would have been in compliance with the FY 2022 Limitation of Administrative Costs, experiencing a 4% increase.

DeLand Weldon CUSD 57 – Piatt (SD51/HD101) – **Expiration 2021-22 school year / W-100-6986 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 17-1.5) requests a waiver of the fiscal year 2022 Limitation of Administrative Costs. The district’s FY 2022 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2021 actual administrative costs by 8%.

The district superintendent was paid the lowest total salary in the general area. In order to make the salary more competitive and acknowledge the accomplishments of the superintendent, the school board granted a 7% raise, which resulted in an additional \$7,209 total salary. The district superintendent also serves as elementary school principal, which lessens the overall administrators for the district. The salary and benefits applicable to the superintendent duties are reported on the Limitation worksheet, while the salary and benefits applicable to the principal duties are not reported on the Limitation worksheet. The superintendent’s raise resulted in \$3,605 additional budgeted administrative expenditures in FY 2022 for the salary applicable to the superintendent duties.

The superintendent salary raise caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5% increase. Without these additional costs, Deland-Weldon CUSD 57 would have been in compliance with the FY 2022 Limitation of Administrative Costs, experiencing a 3% increase.

Franklin CUSD 1 – Morgan (SD50/HD100) – Expiration 2021-22 school year / W-100-7038 – Waiver of School Code (Section 17-1.5) requests a waiver of the fiscal year 2022 Limitation of Administrative Costs. The district's FY 2022 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2021 actual administrative costs by 18%.

During school year 2020-21, the district employed an interim superintendent for the beginning of the year and a full-time superintendent for the last portion of the year. The interim superintendent did not receive TRS or other benefits. The full-time superintendent continued into the 2021-22 school year. The full-time superintendent received TRS and other benefits during FY 2021 as well as during FY 2022. The full year of TRS and other benefits resulted in \$22,197 additional budgeted administrative expenditures in FY 2022.

The superintendent's office was in need of new filing cabinets, an expenditure that did not exist in the previous year. The new equipment resulted in \$2,000 additional budgeted administrative expenditures in FY 2022.

The full year of TRS and other benefits and new equipment needs caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5% increase. Without these additional costs, Franklin CUSD 1 would have been in compliance with the FY 2022 Limitation of Administrative Costs, experiencing a 5% increase.

General George Patton 133 – Cook (SD14/HD28) – Expiration 2021-22 school year / W-100-7008 – Wavier of School Code (Section 17-1.5) requests a waiver of the fiscal year 2022 Limitation of Administrative Costs. The district's FY 2022 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2021 actual administrative costs by 16%.

Union and Administrative staff are eligible for tuition reimbursement. There were no expenses during the 2020-21 school year for tuition reimbursement for staff paid within the administrative costs functions. For the 2021-22 school year, the Assistant Superintendent and Director of Student Services will be utilizing this benefit, resulting in \$48,000 additional budgeted administrative expenditures in FY 2022.

The district did not need to expend for costs to coordinate a Summer Camp in the prior year. It is anticipated that there will be a Summer Camp during the upcoming summer, and salary amounts were budgeted for the coordination costs. This resulted in \$10,000 additional budgeted administrative expenditures in FY 2022.

Due to the COVID pandemic and travel restrictions, the district did not have any expenditures for in-person conferences, professional development seminars, or travel expenses to attend in school year 2020-21. The district anticipates in-person conferences, seminars, and travel will occur in the current school year and has budgeted for these items in the current year. This resulted in \$15,000 additional budgeted administrative expenditures in FY 2022. This budgeted amount covers conferences, professional development, and travel for the superintendent, student services, and business offices.

The district was in need of additional equipment in the 2021-22 school year. The district budgeted \$10,000 for smart boards within the superintendent area, \$1,300 for a laptop for the student services office, and \$2,000 for a smart board and desktop computer with accessories for the business office. Overall, the equipment needs resulted in \$13,300 additional budgeted administrative expenditures in FY 2022.

The additional budgeted expenditures for tuition reimbursement, summer camp coordination, conferences and seminars, and equipment caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5% increase. Without these additional costs, General George Patton SD 133 would have been in compliance with the FY 2022 Limitation of Administrative Costs, experiencing a 5% increase.

Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD 429 – Dekalb (SD35/HD70) – Expiration 2021-22 school year / W-100-7006 – Waiver of School Code (Section 17-1.5) requests a waiver of the fiscal year 2022 Limitation of Administrative Costs. The district's FY 2022 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2021 actual administrative costs by 8%.

Due to the COVID pandemic and the closing of schools, the district did not spend up to their FY 2021 adopted budget in purchased services, professional development, duplicating paper, administrative dues and fees, and general supplies within the administrative costs areas. This was due to performing fewer background checks due to fewer volunteers and substitutes during the 2020-21 school year; lower costs in professional development due to no associated travel costs; more online meetings with reports shared online; and the district superintendent not joining the AASA Personalized Learning Cohort as in past years due to travel restrictions. In anticipation of a typical year's spending in FY 2022, the district budgeted the same amounts in the current year for these items as they budgeted in FY 2021. Because there was underspending in the previous year, the district's budgeted administrative expenditures have increased by \$13,200 over the prior year spending.

The previous year underspending caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5% increase. Without this issue, Hinckley Big Rock CUSD 429 would have been in compliance with the FY 2022 Limitation of Administrative Costs, experiencing a 5% increase.

Maercker School District 60 – DuPage (SD24/HD47) – Expiration 2021-22 school year / W-100-6992 – Wavier of School Code (Section 17-1.5) requests a waiver of the fiscal year 2022 Limitation of Administrative Costs. The district's FY 2022 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2021 actual administrative costs by 17%.

In previous years and up to school year 2020-21, the district's Director of Teaching and Learning also served part of their time overseeing the special education program. The costs applicable to the administrator's special education duties were accounted for within Special Area Administration, a cost function reported on the Limitation worksheet, while the remainder of their costs were accounted for within Improvement of Instruction, which is not reported on the Limitation worksheet. Upon this employee's retirement and starting with the 2021-22 school year, the district separated the positions into a Director of Special Education and a Director of Teaching and Learning. The district made this administrative structure change for proper administration of each program and to meet the needs of all learners. The costs for the Director of Special Education is now accounted for fully within the Special Area Administration and 100% on the Limitation worksheet. This results in \$80,153 additional budgeted administrative expenditures in FY 2022 for the Director of Special Education salary and benefits.

The administrative structure change caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5% increase. Without these additional costs, Maercker SD 60 would have been in compliance with the FY 2022 Limitation of Administrative Costs, experiencing a 1% increase.

River Ridge CUSD 210 – Jo Daviess (SD45/HD89) – Expiration 2021-22 school year / W-100-6987 – Wavier of School Code (Section 17-1.5) requests a waiver of the fiscal year 2022 Limitation of Administrative Costs. The district's FY 2022 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2021 actual administrative costs by 39%.

The district employed an interim superintendent for the 2020-21 school year, who was only present in the district on a part-time basis. The interim superintendent was paid a part-time salary and benefits totaling \$108,034 but received no TRS. In order to have a superintendent on-site daily, the district hired a full-time superintendent starting with the 2021-22 school year. The full-time superintendent receives a salary comparable to the full-time status, TRS, and full-time benefits. The full-time superintendent's budgeted salary, TRS, and benefits total \$176,666, resulting in \$68,632 additional budgeted administrative expenditures in FY 2022.

The change from an interim to a full-time superintendent caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5% increase. Without these additional costs, River Ridge CUSD 210 would have been in compliance with the FY 2022 Limitation of Administrative Costs, experiencing a 0% increase.

Urbana School District 116 – Champaign (SD52/HD103) – **Expiration 2021-22 school year / W-100-7041 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 17-1.5) requests a waiver of the fiscal year 2022 Limitation of Administrative Costs. The district's FY 2022 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2021 actual administrative costs by 13%.

Starting with the 2021-22 school year, the district has added a Director of Equity and Inclusion to their administrative staff. The new administrator was needed to address underserved populations. The position will supervise curriculum planning and implementation and provide professional development for staff to assist in equity in learning for all students. The costs of the new position will be paid with ESSER grant funds and will be overall cost-neutral in this first year. However, the Limitation worksheet only reports expenditures and does not take into account revenue received by a district to pay for the reported administrative costs. The costs for the new Director of Equity and Inclusion resulted in \$137,846 additional budgeted administrative expenditures in FY 2022.

The addition of a new Director of Equity and Inclusion caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5% increase. Without these additional costs, Urbana SD 116 would have been in compliance with the FY 2022 Limitation of Administrative Costs, experiencing a 5% increase.

Waltonville CUSD 1 – Jefferson (SD58/HD115) – **Expiration 2021-22 school year / W-100-7036 – Wavier of School Code** (Section 17-1.5) requests a waiver of the fiscal year 2022 Limitation of Administrative Costs. The district's FY 2022 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2021 actual administrative costs by 13%.

The district has experienced multiple turnovers in superintendents since 2005, employing eight full-time and six interim superintendents during that time period. The district often had to resort to hiring superintendents with no prior experience, and most moved on to other districts within two years. In order to attract an experienced administrator, the district board increased the salary and benefit compensation package to be more competitive. The new full-time superintendent hired for the 2021-22 school year had prior experience in the area, had experience with district finances, and had experience building a culture with high expectations for students and staff.

The district superintendent also serves as high school principal, which lessens the overall administrators for the district. The salary and benefits applicable to the superintendent duties are reported on the Limitation worksheet, while the salary and benefits applicable to the principal duties are not reported on the Limitation worksheet. The increased compensation package resulted in \$18,948 additional budgeted administrative expenditures in FY 2022 for the salary and benefits applicable to the superintendent duties.

The teacher union president testified at the hearing, expressing the union's support for the district's waiver request. Individual district teachers submitted written testimony in support of the district's waiver request.

The cost to hire a more experienced district superintendent caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5% increase. Without these additional costs, Waltonville CUSD 1 would have been in compliance with the FY 2022 Limitation of Administrative Costs, experiencing a 0% increase.

Winfield School District 34 – DuPage (SD21/HD42) – Expiration 2021-22 school year / W-100-6985 – Waiver of School Code (Section 17-1.5) requests a waiver of the fiscal year 2022 Limitation of Administrative Costs. The district's FY 2022 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2021 actual administrative costs by 36%.

During the 2020-21 school year, the district's Director of Student Services was part-time and did not receive TRS or benefits. When this employee retired and starting with the 2021-22 school year, the district changed the position to a full-time Coordinator of Student Services, who received TRS and benefits. The changes to the student services administration resulted in \$13,100 additional budgeted expenditures in FY 2022.

During the 2020-21 school year, the district's Director of Business Services was part-time and did not receive TRS or benefits. Starting with the 2021-22 school year, the district is employing a full-time Chief School Business Official (CSBO), receiving a salary matching to full-time status, TRS, and benefits. The change from a part-time to full-time CSBO resulted in \$110,800 additional budgeted expenditures. Additionally, the previous part-time Director of Business Services also served as the district's treasurer, receiving a nominal stipend for the additional duties. Starting in the current year, the district has hired an outside treasurer to perform these duties, resulting in \$4,600 additional budgeted expenditures. Overall, the changes to the business office administration resulted in \$115,400 additional budgeted expenditures in FY 2022.

For the 2021-22 school year, the school board granted a \$10,000 bonus to the district superintendent in recognition of additional work leading the district in the previous year during the COVID pandemic.

The administrative structure changes and superintendent bonus caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5% increase. Without these additional costs, Winfield SD 34 would have been in compliance with the FY 2022 Limitation of Administrative Costs, experiencing a 2% increase. Not taking into account the superintendent bonus, the district would have experienced a 4% increase.

Wood River-Hartford School District 15 – Madison (SD56/HD111) – Expiration 2021-22 school year / W-100-7050 – Waiver of School Code (Section 17-1.5) requests a waiver of the fiscal year 2022 Limitation of Administrative Costs. The district's FY 2022 budgeted administrative costs exceed the FY 2021 actual administrative costs by 7%.

The district experienced an increase in their overall health insurance costs in FY 2022. Due to a high number of catastrophic claims, the district was unable to obtain any bids for cheaper health insurance coverage. The increase in health insurance costs was district wide, with the effect on the administrative costs being an additional \$4,517 budgeted administrative costs for FY 2022.

The health insurance cost increase caused the district to exceed the statutory allowable 5% increase. Without these additional costs, Wood River-Harford SD 15 would have been in compliance with the FY 2022 Limitation of Administrative Costs, experiencing a 5% increase.

Driver's Education

Community Unit School District 200 – DuPage (SD21/HD42) – **Expiration 2025-26 school year / W-100-7018R4- Waiver of School Code** (Section 27-24.3) requests to allow 12 hours of practice driving in a simulator system in lieu of 3 hours of instruction in a dual control car.

Grayslake CHSD 127 – Lake (SD31/HD62) – **Expiration 2026-27 school year / W-100-7020R6 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 27-24.2) requests to raise the driver's education fee to not exceed \$350.00.

Indian Prairie School District 204 – DuPage (SD42/HD84) – **Expiration 2026-27 school year / W-100-7043R5 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 27-24.2) requests to raise the driver's education fee to not exceed \$425.00.

Naperville CUSD 203 – DuPage (SD21/HD41) – **Expiration 2025-26 school year / W-100-7048.5R4 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 27-24.2) requests to raise the driver's education fee to not exceed \$400.00.

Township High School District 211- Cook (SD27/HD54) – **Expiration 2026-27 school year / W-100-7012R7 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 27-24.2) requests to raise the driver's education fee to not exceed \$400. Students unable to pay shall have this fee waived.

Non-resident Tuition

A-C Central CUSD 262 – Cass (SD47/HD93) – **Expiration 2026-27 school year / W-100-7033R3 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to charge zero tuition for non-resident children of employees of A-C Central CUSD 262.

Anna-Jonesboro CHSD 81 – Union (SD59/HD118) – **Expiration 2026-27 school year / W-100-7044R3 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to charge less than 110 percent of tuition costs for children of full time staff that live outside district boundaries.

Bradford CUSD 1 – Stark (SD37/HD73) – **Expiration 2025-26 school year / W-100-7011 – Wavier of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow the school district to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition charge (zero) for non-resident children of employees.

Bradley School District 61 – Kankakee (SD40/HD79) – **Expiration 2026-27 school year / W-100-7024R2 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow children of full-time non-residential staff members to attend district schools free of charge.

Chester-East Lincoln CCSD 61 – Logan (SD44/HD87) – **Expiration 2026-27 school year / W-100-7021R2 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow the school district to charge less than 110% of the per capita tuition charge (zero charge) for nonresident children of full-time employees to attend district schools.

Cissna CUSD 6 – Iroquois (SD53/HD106) – **Expiration 2026-27 school year / W-100-6989R2 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition

charge for non-resident Cissna Park CUSD 6 pupils. The actual intent would be to allow children of certified staff members to attend Cissna Park CUSD 6 free of charge.

Clinton CUSD 15 – Dewitt (SD51/HD101) – **Expiration 2026-27 school year / W-100-7032 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow students of employees to attend district schools free of charge with the exception of paying normal registration costs.

Cowden Herrick CUSD 3A – Shelby (SD51/HD102) – **Expiration 2026-27 school year / W-100-7028 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition charge for non-resident children of district employees.

Crescent Iroquois CUSD 249 – Iroquois (SD53/HD106) – **Expiration 2025-26 school year / W-100-6982 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition charge for non-resident children of full-time employees of Crescent Iroquois CUSD 249.

CUSD 4 Mendon – Adams (SD47/HD94) – **Expiration 2026-27 school year / W-100-7010R3 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow the school district to waive the requirement to pay non-resident tuition with respect to dependents who are residing with full-time employees of the school district.

Dimmick CCSD 175 – La Salle (SD38/HD76) – **Expiration 2026-27 school year / W-100-7039R3 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to charge less than 110 percent of tuition for pupils of employees with an FTE of .80 or greater that reside outside of the district boundaries. The district would charge the following amounts: 2022-23 - \$3,100; 2023-24 - \$3,200; 2024-25 - \$3,300; 2025-26 - \$3,400; 2026-27 - \$3,500.

Earlville CUSD 9 – La Salle (SD45/HD90) – **Expiration 2025-26 school year / W-100-7030R2 – Wavier of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow children of full-time staff members to attend the district free from paying out of district tuition.

Franklin CUSD 1 – Morgan (SD50/HD100) – **Expiration 2026-27 school year / W-100-7009R2 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow children of non-resident, full-time staff to attend district schools tuition free.

Herrin CUSD 4 – Williamson (SD59/HD117) – **Expiration 2026-27 school year / W-100-6995R3 – Wavier of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition charge for non-resident children of full-time employees of the district.

Hollis Consolidated SD 328 – Peoria (SD46/HD91) – **Expiration 2025-26 school year / W-100-6983 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to charge less than 110 percent (zero charge) for non-resident pupils who are children of Hollis employees.

Illini West HSD 307 – Hancock (SD47/HD94) – **Expiration 2026-27 school year / W-100-7013 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow the school district to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition charge (zero) for non-resident children of employees.

Johnston City CUSD 1 – Williamson (SD59/HD117) – **Expiration 2026-27 school year / W-100-6984R4– Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to charge non-resident pupils of faculty and staff who attend the schools of the district, tuition in an amount not exceeding less than 110 percent of the per capita cost of maintaining the schools of the district for the preceding year.

Momence CUSD 1 – Kankakee (SD17/HD34) – **Expiration 2026-27 school year / W-100-7037 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow non-resident children of District administrators to attend the schools of the district on a tuition free basis.

North Mac CUSD 34 – Macoupin (SD48/HD95) – **Expiration 2026-27 school year / W-100-7015R2 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to offer the children of full-time staff members to attend district schools free of charge.

Northwestern CUSD 2 – Macoupin (SD50/100) – **Expiration 2025-26 school year /W-100-7052R3 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition charge for non-resident children of full-time employees of Northwestern CUSD 2.

Odin Public School District 722 – Marion (SD54/HD107) – **Expiration 2025-26 school year / W-100-7025 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to non-resident children of full-time employees to attend district schools free of charge.

Paw Paw CUSD 271 – Lee (SD45/HD90) – **Expiration 2026-27 school year / W-100-6990 – Wavier of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to charge less than 100 percent of the per capita tuition charge (no tuition) for non-resident children of full-time teachers, administrators, and support staff not residing in the boundaries of the school district.

Red Hill CUSD 10 – Lawrence (SD55/HD109) – **Expiration 2026-27 school year / W-100-7035R2 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow the district to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition charge for non-resident children of full-time employees of the district.

River Ridge CUSD 210 – Jo Daviess (SD45/HD89) – **Expiration 2025-26 school year / W-100-6988R3 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition charge for non-resident children of full-time employees. The actual intent would be to allow students of full-time employees to attend free of charge.

Shirland CCSD 134 – Winnebago (SD35/HD69) – **Expiration 2026-27 school year / W-100-7023R2 – Wavier of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow children of full or part time staff members that live outside district boundaries to attend the school district free of charge.

St. Anne CCSD 256 – Kankakee (SD40/HD79) – **Expiration 2026-27 school year / W-100-7014R2 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow students of non-resident full-time employees the opportunity to attend St. Anne CCSD 256 without paying the tuition charges.

St. Anne CHSD 302 – Kankakee (SD40/HD79) – **Expiration 2026-27 school year / W-100-7022R2 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow the district to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition charge for non-resident children of full-time employees of St. Anne CHSD 302 and shared employees with St. Anne CCSD 256.

Triopia CUSD 27 – Morgan (SD50/HD100) – **Expiration 2026-27 school year / W-100-6993R2 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow Triopia CUSD 27 non-resident faculty members' children to attend district schools tuition free.

Tri-City CUSD 1 – Sangamon (SD44/HD87) – **Expiration 2025-26 school year / W-100-7051 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 20-20.12a) requests to allow non-resident students whose parents are full-time employees of the district to attend at no tuition charge.

Tri-Valley CUSD 3 – McLean (SD51/HD101) – **Expiration 2026-27 school year / W-100-6996 – Waiver of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to allow non-resident full-time licensed employees of the district to enroll their children in school without paying tuition.

Waverly CUSD 6 – Morgan (SD50/HD100) – **Expiration 2026-27 school year / W-100-7019R3 – Wavier of School Code** (Section 10-20.12a) requests to not charge tuition to full-time teachers and staff who live in other communities and want to bring their children to Waverly CUSD 6.

Section II
Waiver and Modification Database

Requests received during this waiver cycle are presented numerically by Senate and House district and then alphabetically by school district or eligible applicant. The “action” to be taken for each request is noted; that is, request for waivers upon which the General Assembly must act are noted as “GA Action”; modifications already acted upon by the State Superintendent of Education in accordance with Section 1A-4 of the School Code are noted as “ISBE Approved” or “ISBE Denied”; and requests that were returned for one or more of the following reasons: “Returned,” “Ineligible,” “NWN” (no waiver needed), or “Withdrawn.”

<u>Legislative Districts</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>School District</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Code Citation*</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Expiration Year**</u>
9/18	7034	Evanston/Skokie School District 65	Cook	10-19.05	requests two full days for school improvement while utilizing banked time.	ISBE Approved	School Improvement	2027
10/19	7026	Union Ridge School District 86	Cook	10-20.12a	requests to allow children of currently employed full time teachers that live outside district boundaries to attend district schools without paying tuition.	Ineligible	Non-Resident Tuition	2026
14/28	7008	General George Patton 133	Cook	17-1.5	requests to waive the 5 percent limitation of administrative costs.	Transmit to GA	Administrative Cost Limitation	2022
15/30	6999	Hazel Crest SD 152.5	Cook	10-19.05	requests three full days for school improvement in lieu of six half days.	ISBE Approved	School Improvement	2027
17/34	7001	Momence CUSD 1	Kankakee	10-20.12a	requests to allow non-resident children of District administrators to attend the schools of the district on a tuition free basis.	Ineligible	Non-Resident Tuition	2027
17/34	7037	Momence CUSD 1	Kankakee	10-20.12a	requests to allow non-resident children of District administrators to attend the schools of the district on a tuition free basis.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2027
17/34	7000	St. George CCSD 258	Kankakee	10-19.05	requests four full days for school improvement in lieu of eight half days.	ISBE Approved	School Improvement	2027

21/42	7018	Community Unit School District 200	DuPage	27-24.3	requests to allow 12 hours of practice driving in a simulator system in lieu of 3 hours of instruction in a dual control car.	Transmit to GA	Driver's Education	2026
21/42	7048.5	Naperville Community Unit School District 203	DuPage	27-24.2	requests to raise the driver's education fee to not exceed \$400.00.	Transmit to GA	Driver's Education	2026
21/42	6985	Winfield School District 34	DuPage	17-1.5	requests to waive the five percent limitation of administrative costs due to change in administrative structure.	Transmit to GA	Administrative Cost Limitation	2022
24/47	6992	Maercker School District 60	DuPage	17-1.5	requests to waive the 5 percent limitation for administrative costs due to hiring both a Director of Special Education and a Director of Teaching and Learning to replace one retiring administrator who handled both responsibilities.	Transmit to GA	Administrative Cost Limitation	2022
24/48	7007	Community Consolidated School District 89	DuPage	10-19.05	requests to allow two full days for school improvement in lieu of four half days.	ISBE Approved	School Improvement	2027
24/48	7040	Lombard ESD 44	DuPage	10-19.05	requests to allow two full days in lieu of four half days utilizing banked time.	Ineligible	School Improvement	2027
26/52	7016	Barrington School District 220	Lake	23 Admin Code 1.440(c)	requests to redefine a "unit" as credit accrued by demonstrating proficiency/mastery of the competencies associated with the content and skills of the course in lieu of the credit accrued for a year's study or its equivalent. This will allow the district to implement competency-based education to students that attend Compass Academy as outlined in the Illinois Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act {110 ILCS 148}.	ISBE Approved	Competency Based Education	2027
26/52	7017	Barrington School District 220	Lake	10-19.05	requests to allow pupils in grades 6-12 enrolled in a school district offered and/or approved virtual educational program, defined as an education program delivered to students through online methods with online instructors, rather than the instructor and student being at the same physical location, may be counted on the basis of 1/5th day of attendance for every clock hour of	ISBE Approved	Attendance	2027

					instruction attended in the virtual education program for up to two hours on each day that the pupils are physically present in school for three hours of in-school instruction.			
27/54	7012	Township High School District 211	Cook	27-24.2	requests to raise the driver's education fee to not exceed \$400. Students unable to pay shall have this fee waived.	Transmit to GA	Driver's Education	2027
31/62	7020	Grayslake Community High School District 127	Lake	27-24.2	requests to raise the driver's education fee to not exceed \$350.00.	Transmit to GA	Driver's Education	2027
35/69	7023	Shirland Community Consolidated School District 134	Winnebago	10-20.12a	requests to allow children of full or part time staff members that live outside district boundaries to attend the school district free of charge.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2027
35/70	7046	Hiawatha Community School District 426	DeKalb	17-1.5	requests to waive the five percent administrative cost limitation due to hiring a full-time administrator in lieu of part time.	Ineligible	Administrative Cost Limitation	2022
35/70	7006	Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD 429	DeKalb	17-1.5	requests to waive the 5 percent limitation of administrative costs.	Transmit to GA	Administrative Cost Limitation	2022
37/73	7011	Bradford CUSD 1	Stark	10-20.12a	requests to allow the school district to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition charge (zero) for non-resident children of employees.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2026
38/76	7039	Dimmick CUSD 175	LaSalle	10-20.12a	requests to charge less than 110 percent of tuition for pupils of employees with an FTE of .80 or greater that reside outside of the district boundaries. The district would charge the following amounts: 2022-23 - \$3,100; 2023-24 - \$3,200; 2024-25 - \$3,300; 2025-26 - \$3,400; 2026-27 - \$3,500.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2027
40/79	7024	Bradley School District 61	Kankakee	10-20.12a	requests to allow children of full-time nonresidential staff members to attend district schools free of charge.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2027
40/79	6997	St. Anne CCSD 256	Kankakee	10-20.12a	requests to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition charge for non-resident children of full-time employees of the district.	Ineligible	Non-Resident Tuition	2027

40/79	7014	St. Anne CHSD 256	Kankakee	10-20.12a	requests to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition charge for non-resident children of full-time employees of the district.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2027
40/79	7004	St. Anne CHSD 302	Kankakee	10-20.12a	requests to allow the district to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition charge for non-resident children of full-time employees of St. Anne CHSD 302 and shared employees with St. Anne CCSD 256.	Ineligible	Non-Resident Tuition	2027
40/79	7022	St. Anne CHSD 302	Kankakee	10-20.12a	requests to allow the district to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition charge for non-resident children of full-time employees of St. Anne CHSD 302 and shared employees with St. Anne CCSD 256.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2027
42/84	7043	Indian Prairie School District 204	DuPage	27-24.2	requests to raise the driver's education fee to not exceed \$425.00.	Transmit to GA	Driver's Education	2027
44/87	7021	Chester-East Lincoln CCSD 61	Logan	10-20.12a	requests to allow the school district to charge less than 110% of the per capita tuition charge (zero charge) for nonresident children of full-time employees to attend district schools.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2027
44/87	6994	Lincoln CHSD 404	Logan	10-19.05	requests two full days for school improvement in lieu of four half days.	ISBE Approved	School Improvement	2026
44/87	7051	Tri-City CUSD 1	Sangamon	10-20.12a	requests to allow non-resident students whose parents are full-time employees of the district to attend at no tuition charge.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2026
45/89	6991	Jo Daviess Carroll Career Technical Education Academy (CTEA)	Jo Daviess	23 Admin Code 1.705(l)	requests to waive the requirement for the director of an area vocational career center to hold an endorsement in career and technical education or an educator license with stipulations endorsed for career and technical education. The final candidate would have the CTE endorsement as a condition of continued employment but would have a period of time for the candidate to obtain the additional licensure.	Ineligible	CTE Endorsement	2028

45/89	6987	River Ridge CUSD 210	Jo Daviess	17-1.5	request to waive the five percent limitation of administrative costs.	Transmit to GA	Administrative Cost Limitation	2022
45/89	6988	River Ridge CUSD 210	Jo Daviess	10-20.12a	requests to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition charge for non-resident children of full-time employees. The actual intent would be to allow students of full-time employees to attend free of charge.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2026
45/90	6980	Ashton-Franklin Center CUSD 275	Lee	10-19.05	requests to allow two full days for school improvement in lieu of four half days, while utilizing banked time.	Ineligible	School Improvement	2026
45/90	7030	Earlville CUSD 9	LaSalle	10-20.12a	requests to allow children of full-time staff members to attend the district free from paying out of district tuition.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2027
45/90	6990	Paw Paw CUSD 271	Lee	10-20.12a	requests to charge less than 100 percent of the per capita tuition charge or non-resident children of full-time teachers, administrators, and support staff not residing in the boundaries of the school district to attend Paw Paw CUSD 271 free from paying the regular per capita tuition charge.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2027
46/91	6983	Hollis Consolidated School District 328	Peoria	10-20.12a	requests to charge less than 110 percent (zero charge) for non-resident pupils who are children of Hollis employees.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2026
47/93	7048	Abingdon-Avon CUSD 276	Knox	10-20.12a	requests to allow children of full-time employees of the district that live outside district boundaries to attend district schools without charging tuition.	Ineligible	Non-Resident Tuition	2027
47/94	7010	CUSD 4 Mendon	Adams	10-20.12a	requests to allow the school district to waive the requirement to pay non-resident tuition with respect to dependents who are residing with full-time employees of the school district.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2027
47/94	7013	Illini West HSD 307	Hancock	10-20.12a	requests to allow the school district to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition charge (zero) for non-resident children of employees.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2027
47/94	7003	United CUSD 304	Warren	24-2	requests to permit the district to waive legal holidays and attend in person classes for	NWN	Holidays	2026

					Columbus Day, Veterans Day, MLK Day, Presidents Day, and Pulaski Day.			
47/94	7005	United CUSD 304	Warren	10-20.12a	requests to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition charge for non-resident children of full-time employees of the district. The intent would be to allow students of full-time employees to attend free of charge.	Ineligible	Non-Resident Tuition	2026
48/95	7015	North Mac 34	Macoupin	10-20.12a	requests to offer the children of full-time staff members to attend district schools free of charge.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2027
48/96	7002	Taylorville School District 3	Christian	17-1.5	requests to waive the 5 percent limitation of administrative costs.	Ineligible	Administrative Cost Limitation	2022
50/100	7031	Calhoun CUSD 40	Calhoun	17-1.5	requests a waiver from the five percent limitation of administrative costs due to increased superintendent salary and benefits as well as an increase in administrative expenditures (travel for professional development). The district's costs increased by 31 percent.	Transmit to GA	Administrative Cost Limitation	2022
50/100	7038	Franklin CUSD 1	Morgan	17-1.5	requests to waive the five percent limitation due to hiring a full-time superintendent in lieu of an interim that was not receiving TRS payments.	Transmit to GA	Administrative Cost Limitation	2022
50/100	7009	Franklin CUSD 1	Morgan	10-20.12a	requests to allow children of non-resident, full-time staff to attend district schools tuition free.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2027
50/100	7052	Northwestern CUSD 2	Macoupin	10-20.12a	requests to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition charge for non-resident children of full-time employees of Northwestern CUSD 2.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2026
50/100	6993	Triopia CUSD 27	Cass	10-20.12a	requests to allow Triopia CUSD 27 non-resident faculty members' children to attend district schools tuition free.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2027
50/100	7019	Waverly CUSD 6	Morgan	10-20.12a	requests to not charge tuition to full-time teachers and staff who live in other communities and want to bring their children to Waverly CUSD 6.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2027

50/93	7033	A-C Central CUSD 262	Cass	10-20.12a	requests to charge zero tuition for non-resident children of employees of A-C Central CUSD 262,	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2027
51/101	6981	Clinton CUSD 15	DeWitt	10-20.12a	requests to charge less than 110 percent (or zero) for pupils of full-time employees who live outside district boundaries.	Ineligible	Non-Resident Tuition	2027
51/101	7032	Clinton CUSD 15	DeWitt	10-20.12a	requests to allow students of employees to attend district schools free of charge with eh exception of paying normal registration costs.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2027
51/102	6998	Cowden-Herrick CUSD 3A	Shelby	10-20.12a	requests to allow the district to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition charge for non-resident children of district employees.	Ineligible	Non-Resident Tuition	2026
51/102	7028	Cowden Herrick CUSD 3A	Shelby	10-20.12a	requests to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition charge for non-resident children of district employees.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2027
51/101	6986	DeLand Weldon CUSD 57	Piatt	17-1.5	requests to waive the five percent limitation of administrative costs.	Transmit to GA	Administrative Cost Limitation	2022
51/101	7045	LeRoy CUSD 2	McLean	10-19.05	requests to allow two full days for school improvement in lieu of four half days while utilizing banked time.	ISBE Approved	School Improvement	2027
51/101	6996	Tri-Valley CUSD 3	McLean	10-20.12a	requests to allow non-resident full-time licensed employees of the district to enroll their children in school without paying tuition.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2027
51/102	7042	Paris Union School District 95	Edgar	10-19.05	requests to allow five days at the start of the school year that are half day student attendance days to allow teachers the opportunity to work on school improvement activities for the purposes of instruction.	ISBE Approved	School Improvement	2027
52/103	7041	Urbana School District 116	Champaign	17-1.5	requests to waive the five percent limitation of administrative costs due to adding a Director of Equity and Inclusion position.	Transmit to GA	Administrative Cost Limitations	2022
52/104	7047	Rantoul Township HSD 193	Champaign	10-20.12a	requests to allow children of full-time employees that live outside the district boundaries to attend district schools without paying tuition.	Ineligible	Non-Resident Tuition	2027

53/105	7027	Ridgeview CUSD 19	McLean	10-19.05	requests to have 5 full days for school improvement in lieu of 10 half days while utilizing banked time.	ISBE Approved	School Improvement	2027
53/106	6989	Cissna CUSD 6	Iroquois	10-20.12a	requests to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition charge for non-resident Cissna Park CUSD 6 pupils. The actual intent would be to allow children of certified staff members to attend Cissna Park CUSD 6 free of charge.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2027
53/106	6982	Crescent Iroquois CUSD 249	Iroquois	10-20.12a	requests to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition charge for non-resident children of full-time employees of Crescent Iroquois CUSD 249.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2026
54/107	7025	Odin Public School District 722	Marion	10-20.12a	requests to non-resident children of full-time employees to attend district schools free of charge.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2026
55/109	7029	Jasper CCSD 17	Wayne	10-20.12a	requests to allow non-resident students who are children o staff members to attend district schools tuition free.	Ineligible	Non-Resident Tuition	2026
55/109	7035	Red Hill CUSD 10	Lawrence	10-20.12a	requests to allow the district to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition charge for non-resident children of full-time employees of the district.	Transmit to GA	No-Resident Tuition	2027
56/111	7050	Wood River-Hartford School District 15	Madison	17-.5	requests to waive the five percent administrative cost limitation due to rising health insurance costs.	Transmit to GA	Administrative Cost Limitation	2022
58/115	7044	Anna-Jonesboro CHSD 81	Union	10-20.12a	requests to charge less than 110 percent of tuition costs for children of full-time staff that live outside district boundaries.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2027
58/115	7036	Waltonville CUSD 1	Jefferson	17-1.5	requests to waive the five percent limitation of administrative costs due to having to increase superintendent salary to glean qualified and seasoned candidates.	Transmit to GA	Administrative Cost Limitation	2022
59/117	6995	Herrin CUSD 4	Williamson	10-20.12a	requests to charge less than 110 percent of the per capita tuition charge for non-resident children of full-time employees of the district.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2027

59/117	6984	Johnston City CUSD 1	Williamson	10-20.12a	requests to charge non-resident pupils of faculty and staff who attend the schools of the district, tuition in an amount not exceeding less than 110 percent of the per capita cost of maintaining the schools of the district for the preceding year.	Transmit to GA	Non-Resident Tuition	2027
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