

Funding schools the right way

During my time in the state Senate, we have continued to see an increase in education funding for area schools. Collectively, this year our schools can expect to see millions more in funding coming their way (**SB 2047**).

This budget funds K-12 for a full year at 100 percent, plus provides more dollars for schools with significant low-income populations. Funding schools equitably and adequately is a priority of mine.



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Ending the heroin epidemic

I co-sponsored a bipartisan plan to address the heroin epidemic in Illinois (**HB 1**). The law ensures that public safety professionals receive training on how to administer Narcan, which can save lives by reversing the effects of heroin overdose. Additionally, it improves addiction treatment coverage and requires the State Board of Education to create a heroin and opioid drug prevention program for schools. Locally, Will County HELPS has been educating the community about the dangers of heroin.

Suicide Prevention

SB 1793 will equip Illinois educators with thoughtful training and educational materials to help detect early warning signs of suicide. We need to ensure our children have the necessary protections in place, as well as reassurance that there is somewhere to turn.

Useful Numbers

Crisis Line of Will & Grundy Counties
(815) 722-3344

Day Care Information
(877) 746-0829

Federal Student Aid Information Center
(800) 4-FED-AID

Grundy Kendall Regional Office of Ed.
(630) 553-4168

Illinois Student Assistance Commission
(800) 899-ISAC

Illinois State Board of Education
(312) 814-2220

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
(800) 273-TALK

Will County HELPS
(815) 722-5515

Will County Regional Office of Education
(815) 740-8360

Youth Hotline
(800) 232-3798

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UPCOMING PARENTS' SEMINAR: WARNING SIGNS OF DRUG USE

Thursday, Sept. 22, 6 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Drauden Point Middle School

1911 Drauden Rd., Plainfield

Topic:

Identifying the warning signs of drug use and the next steps

Speaker:

Dr. Aaron Weiner, *Director of Addiction Services at Linden Oaks*



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