

F. CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE (NOTICE OF OBLIGATION)

The official with whom nomination papers are filed, must provide to each candidate at the time he files his nomination papers a notice of obligation to comply with the Illinois Campaign Financing Act. However, if a candidate files his nomination papers by mail, or an agent of the candidate files his nomination papers, the clerk or secretary with whom the petitions were filed will send the notice to the candidate by first class mail. The notice will state that the manual of instructions and forms for statements required to be filed under Article 9 of the Election Code are available from the State Board of Elections. Forms may also be downloaded for the State Board's website: www.elections.il.gov. [10 ILCS 5/7-12-(7), 9-16, 10-6.1; 60 ILCS 1/45-35]

G. USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO INFLUENCE VOTERS **IS PROHIBITED**

No public funds shall be used to urge any elector to vote for or against any candidate or proposition, or be appropriated for political or campaign purposes to any candidate or political organization. This provision shall not prohibit the use of public funds for dissemination of factual information relative to any proposition appearing on an election ballot, or for dissemination of information and arguments published and distributed pursuant to law in connection with a proposition to amend the Constitution of the State of Illinois. [10 ILCS 5/9-25.1]

H. FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT

Candidates and committees are urged to abide by the provisions for campaigning outlined in the Fair Campaign Practices Act. This is a voluntary statement made and filed prior to an election, vowing that the candidate making the statement will conduct a positive, rather than a negative campaign. If a candidate or committee chooses to make such a statement, it shall be filed with the State Board of Elections or county clerk if the candidate is a local candidate or committee. [10 ILCS 5/29B et.seq.]

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SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING

August 6, 2014

8:30 A.M.

AGENDA

- 8:30 – 8:45 Breakfast and KIDS Update--Linda Oshita and Margaret Jankauskis
8:45 – 9:00 Gary Hanson, Craig Coil (consultant), Christine Johnson, Paul Borek (DCEDC)—
County Enterprise Zone / Tax Abatement
9:00 – 9:15 Peggy Carey—Coordinator of Juvenile Justice Council
Early Risk Assessment Project (YASI)
9:15 – 9:30 Renee Burger—Youth Service Bureau
Alternative to Suspension
9:30 -10:15 ROE Updates / Year Setup
County-Wide Calendar
District Registration Fees Survey
School Administrators Directory
1% Sales Tax updates
Educator licensure, ELIS, renewals
H/LS inspection schedules
Compliance Visit schedules
Institute Funds
Principals' meeting September 16 (elem) and September 18 (secondary)
Safety and Security Committee
DCTIP / Attendance Committee / Truancy Advisory Committee
Transportation / Bus Drivers
Testing Center

10:15 – 10:45 Roundtable

Please call Donna at 217-0460 only if you cannot attend.

Our next meeting is Wednesday September 17 at 8:30 am with KEC Governing Board meeting prior.

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SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING

September 17, 2014

8:30 A.M.

AGENDA

- 8:30 – 8:45 Nancy LaCursia
- 8:45 – 9:00 DeKalb County Community Foundation
- 9:00 – 9:15 KIDS Update--Linda Oshita and Margaret Jankauskis
- 9:15 – 9:30 ELIS, Licensure and introduction of Dr. Barb Clark, new staff at ROE
- 9:30 – 10:00 ROE Updates
 - County Institute
 - TB testing requirements
 - Applications for Recognition—Due to ROE by Sept. 30
 - AFR--Due to ROE by Oct. 15
 - 1% Sales Tax updates
 - SB16
 - Principals' Workshops
 - Safety and Security Committee
 - DCTIP / Attendance Committee / Truancy Advisory Committee / ERAP
 - Transportation
 - McKinney-Vento
- 10:00 – 10:15 In-service on new Health Life Safety system
- 10:15 – 10:30 Roundtable

NO KEC prior to this meeting.
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Our next meeting is Wednesday October 15 at 8:30 am with KEC Governing Board meeting prior.

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SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING

October 15, 2014

8:30 A.M.

AGENDA

- 8:30 – 8:45 Breakfast and Welcome
8:45 – 9:00 KIDS Update--Margaret Jankauskis
9:00 – 9:45 ROE Updates
 ELIS, Licensure
 Compliance—new mandates
 County Institute
 5 Essentials Survey
 AFR--Due to ROE by Oct. 15
 1% Sales Tax updates
 SB16
 Safety and Security Committee
 DCTIP / Attendance Committee / Truancy Advisory Committee / ERAP
 Transportation
 McKinney-Vento
9:45- 10:30 Discussion and Roundtable
 PARCC, KIDS (K-readiness), Vision 20/20, Triple I

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Our next meeting is Wednesday November 19 at 8:30 am with KEC Governing Board meeting prior.

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SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING

November 19, 2014

8:30 A.M.

AGENDA

8:30 – 8:45 Breakfast and Welcome

8:45 – 9:00 KIDS Update--Margaret Jankauskis and Linda Oshita

9:00 – 9:45 ROE Updates

Licensure: paraprofessionals; substitutes; PD evidence of completion

County Institute

1% Sales Tax updates

SB 16

PARCC window

KIDS Assessment Training

Spelling Bee

Excellence in Education

HLS Inspections

ROE job vacancies

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DCTIP / Attendance Committee / Truancy Advisory Committee / ERAP

McKinney-Vento

9:45- 10:30 Discussion and Roundtable

Please call Donna at 217-0460 only if you cannot attend.

Our next meeting is Wednesday December 17 at 8:30 am with KEC Governing Board meeting prior.

Amanda Christensen

From: Kathy Countryman <Kcountry@SYC427.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 4:32 PM
To: 'Amanda Christensen'
Subject: RE: County Sales Tax

Thanks

From: Amanda Christensen [mailto:achristensen@kidsroe.org]
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 3:50 PM
To: Kathy Countryman
Subject: RE: County Sales Tax

I think some of our supts were very interested. DeKalb's facilities planning committee starting exploring, but I'm not sure if they want to pursue. I am putting it on the agenda for next week's meeting.

Amanda

From: Kathy Countryman [mailto:Kcountry@SYC427.org]
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 3:38 PM
To: 'Amanda Christensen'
Subject: County Sales Tax

Amanda

Can you tell me where the discussion is regarding the County Sales tax?

Thanks

Kathy

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Amanda Christensen

From: Rick Schmitt <rkschmit@kidsroe.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2014 8:03 AM
To: Amanda Christensen
Subject: mtg.

Hi Amanda,

Sorry I could not make it today.

Couple of items:

I still think we need to speak to someone from Congressman Hultgren's office (or the US Congressman from north county if it's not Hultgren) regarding Homeless. Not to get rid of the law, but tweak it. It is being abused and used as a last ditch trump card without recourse from our end.

Since 2008, Sandwich's EAV has plummeted by over \$102 million dollars. We provided testimony to the DeKalb County Board of Review yesterday regarding EAV. While state funding does not fall within their scope, some members were unaware that state aid has been being prorated, thus removing the premise when EAV decreases, state aid increases. I'm sure the other districts are seeing the same, but we asked, "when will this stop? Just give us an answer."

After reading the IASA referenda report, and that 8/14 counties passed the one cent sales tax, my Board believes it is a mistake that not all DeKalb County schools will hop on board to present it to the voters – or at least talk about it. We all know this tax makes sense and is sustainable, so they are asking, "what's the delay?"

Yours for better schools,

Rick Schmitt

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Amanda Christensen

From: IASA <iasa@iasaedu.ccsend.com> on behalf of IASA <iasa@iasaedu.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2014 1:51 PM
To: achristensen@kidsroe.org
Subject: Results of the November 4, 2014 Election Education Referenda



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Dear IASA Member,

Results of the November 4, 2014, referenda related to public school districts in Illinois reveal that 24 of the 48 questions or 50%, were successful and 24 or 50% were defeated. In addition to questions to raise school district tax rates and to issue bonds, there were also questions on the ballot concerning Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL), District Reorganization, County Sales Tax and Board Member elections. The results of the tax referenda, based on unofficial tallies gathered by an IASA email survey and internet research, are reported in two sections: successful and unsuccessful. The school districts are listed by IASA Region and then by county within the Region; the county is determined by the location of the district's administrative office.

Click [here](#) to view the Results spreadsheet. Results can also be viewed on the IASA website under the Communications tab.

Yours for better schools,

IASA



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Amanda Christensen

From: Matt Donkin <MDonkin@roe21.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 26, 2014 6:12 PM
To: regsupt@iarss.org
Subject: {IARSS Regional Superintendents} FW: involvement

Dear colleagues:

I'm not sure how I ended up on the Illinois Policy Institute's email group, but for those who are in the midst of watching this year's campaign, and those who already have the School Facilities Sales Tax in place, I pass this along that I received on Friday.

MD

Matt Donkin

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From: Matt Donkin [mailto:mdonkin@midwest.net]
Sent: Saturday, October 25, 2014 1:07 AM
To: Matt Donkin
Subject: FW: involvement

From: Brian Costin [mailto:bcostin=illinoispolicy.org@mail44.wdc03.rsgsv.net] **On Behalf Of** Brian Costin
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2014 2:39 PM
To: mdonkin@midwest.net
Subject: involvement



Fourteen Illinois counties face higher sales taxes if referendums pass at the ballot box this fall. While often billed by local governments as "penny" taxes, the hikes are not as innocuous as they may seem.

Illinois Policy has revealed one company – Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. – that stands to gain from those hikes, and is involved in the push for sales-tax increases in at least 12 of those counties. The company's efforts begin with the nature of the tax itself.

The tax is called the Illinois County School Facility Occupation Tax, or County School Facility Tax (CSFT) for short. The law authorizing the tax is known as the Illinois County

School Facility Tax Act. It passed in 2007, and allows school boards representing 51 percent of a county's student population to place a sales-tax hike referendum of up to 1 percent on the ballot. School districts can only use this tax revenue for repairs, land purchases and facilities – not classroom instruction.

Since 2007, the CSFT referendums have appeared on the ballot 59 times and have passed 24 times, a 41 percent pass rate.

That high rate is not surprising, as voters are often promised property-tax relief in exchange for the increase in sales-tax revenue. Unfortunately, that relief hardly ever comes. Champaign County passed this sales-tax hike in 2009 on those promises, but most residents never saw property-tax relief; in fact, taxpayers in 12 out of 13 school districts in the county have seen property-tax bills go up by an average of 22 percent.

Citizens in these counties should be aware of how the CSFT Act permits self-interested corporations to be involved in a sophisticated effort to raise taxes on local residents. One of those corporations is Stifel, Nicolaus & Co.

Stifel, pronounced "Stee-ful," is a multibillion-dollar international investment-banking conglomerate headquartered in Missouri that pushes the CSFT tax. Stifel makes money by handling the bond sales of local governments wanting to borrow large sums of money.

Freedom of Information Act requests submitted by Illinois Policy turned up Stifel involvement with local school boards in at least 12 of the 14 counties with CSFT tax hike referendums this election cycle, and dozens more over the last seven years.

During the primary elections earlier this year, the CSFT referendum was on the ballot in 19 counties, and it passed nine times. Stifel was involved in at least four of the counties where the measure passed.

To the public, it may appear that local school districts bring in companies like Stifel to be independent experts to give neutral, fact-based presentations to the board and the public about the facts of CSFT sales-tax initiative. But that's not an honest representation of what Stifel does.

Behind the scenes, Stifel initiates sales tax hike campaigns by having its representatives

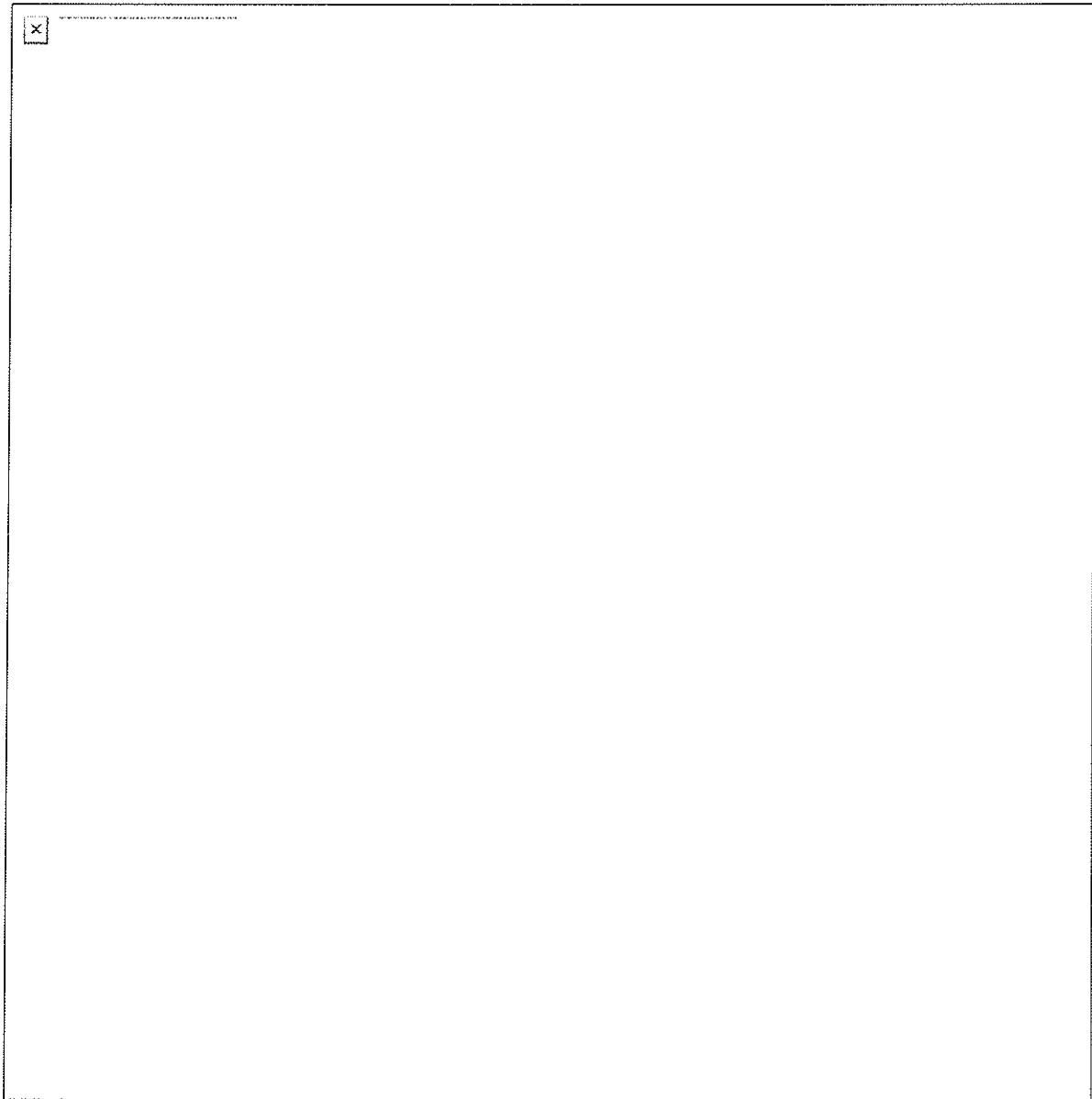
travel the state meeting with county and school board members, administrators, regional superintendents, and other corporate and community groups, all in efforts to convince local officials to launch pro-tax hike campaigns.

Once tax increases are passed in various counties in Illinois, Stifel is often first in line to gain the lucrative contracts to structure and sell school facility bonds to Wall Street, as they did in Champaign County. You can read more about Stifel's plan to replicate their strategy in Champaign County across the state [here](#).

Stifel assists school districts in passing tax hikes, and in return they make a not-so-subtle pitch for their services. As we found in a Stifel presentation to Sullivan Community Unit School District 300 in Moultrie County on April 14, 2014: "We hope that your District will allow Stifel, Nicolaus the opportunity to prove our ability to better serve your District the next time you are considering a bond financing."

Moultrie County is one of the 14 counties with referendums on the ballot this fall.

Citizens in these 14 counties should urge their school boards to not use Stifel for any bond financing due to their self-interest.

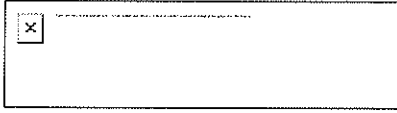


While many companies seek business from local governments in an ethical manner, Stifel crosses a line when they get intimately involved in campaign efforts to raise taxes to the benefit of their bottom line. Citizens should deeply question the sincerity of any school board that uses Stifel's services in any capacity.

The bottom line is this: School districts shouldn't use Stifel, or any other company that may profit from proceedings, as a neutral advisor when making presentations to the public about the facts of a tax-hike referendum. This is yet another reason citizens should urge the legislature to repeal the CSFT Act.


Such a company likely does not have our kids' best interest at heart. Get involved: tell your


school board not to use self-interested Stifel for any bond financing, and tell your legislator to repeal the CSFT Act. To stop additional tax hikes, sign our repeal petition here.




Brian Costin
Director of Government Reform

Sign the petition to stop local tax hikes

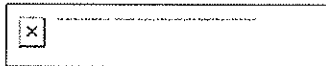
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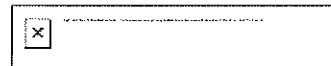
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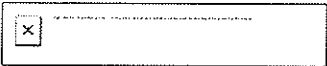
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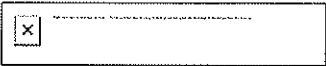
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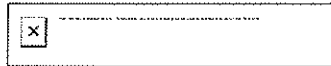
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