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TO: Illinois Council of School Attorneys

FROM: Justin Petrarca, Chair, NSBA Council of School Attorneys (COSA)

RE: Illinois Membership Update

It is my pleasure to bring greetings and updates to the Illinois CSA from the NSBA Council of School Attorneys Board of Directors and the NSBA Office of General Counsel. I am honored to serve as COSA Chair this year, and am proud to recount the work of Illinois COSA members to support our work at the national level.

Illinois continues to be one of the largest affiliated state councils, and certainly one of the most active. We sincerely appreciate the continued strong support of COSA from our Illinois colleagues, and highly value the tremendous contribution of Illinois COSA members. NSBA currently has the support of 37 affiliated state councils and over 3,000 members. There are currently 250 Illinois Council members who are members of COSA - the second highest membership number from any of our affiliated states!

Illinois attorneys continue to provide numerous contributions to the governance and programming of COSA, some of which appear below.

Shelli Anderson and **Dana Fattore Crumley**, Franczek Radelet, P.C., presented *An Apple a Day and Other Tips for Managing Employee Health Issues* at the 2015 School Law Practice Seminar.

Jennifer Deutch and **Lori Martin**, Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn, presented *Students with Allergies and Infectious Diseases - 504 Plans, Individual Health Care Plans, Emergency Action Plans, and Federal Guidance* at the 2015 School Law Practice Seminar and COSA's January 14 webinar.

Nancy Fredman Krent, Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn, is a past COSA Chair, and a recipient of a COSA Distinguished Service Award. Nancy has presented at numerous COSA seminars, including most recently at the 2015 School Law Practice Seminar and at the 2014 School Law Seminar. She is a regular and active participant in COSA's IDEA Reauthorization Working Group.

Patricia Whitten, Franczek Radelet, P.C., is a member of the COSA Board of Directors, a member of COSA's Labor Relations Committee, and an active participant in COSA's IDEA Reauthorization Working Group.

Mike Loizzi, Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn, currently chairs COSA's Labor Relations Committee and is working with COSA labor attorneys from across the country to plan programming for upcoming seminars.

Christine Czuprynski, Reed Smith, presented on data breach procedures at the 2014 School Law Practice Seminar.

Darcy Proctor, Ancel Glink, presented COSA's May 7, 2014 webinar, *Defending Public School Employers in First Amendment Free Speech Cases in the Post-Garcetti Era*.

Bennett Rodick, Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn, presented at the 2014 and 2013 School Law Seminars and is a regular and active participant in COSA's IDEA Reauthorization Working Group.

Brandon Wright, Miller, Tracy, Braun, Funk & Miller, presented at the 2014 School Law Seminar.

Kimberly Small, Illinois Association of School Boards, authored the article *Three Ways to Improving Memoranda of Understanding for School Resource Officers*, which appeared in the October 2013 issue of *Inquiry & Analysis*.

Frank B. Garrett, III, Robbins Schwartz, authored the article *Using Social Network Screening as Part of the Hiring Process: Employers Should Proceed With Caution*, which appeared in the June 2013 issue of *Inquiry & Analysis*, and will present at the 2016 School Law Seminar.

Patrick Rocks, Jackson Lewis LLP, authored the article *The Preclusive Effect of Final Judgments in State Court Proceedings on Federal Civil Rights Claims*, which appeared in the March 2014 issue of *Inquiry & Analysis*, and *National Labor Relations Board Exercises Jurisdiction Over an Illinois Charter School Operator*, which appeared in the January 2013 issue.

Maryam Brotine, Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton & Taylor, Ltd., authored the article *How Far Can a School District Reach in Disciplining a Student for Off-Campus Speech?*, which appeared in the December 2013 issue of *Inquiry & Analysis*, and *Addressing Students Facing Criminal Charges for Off-Campus Misconduct*, which appeared in the November 2012 issue.

Anthony Scariano, Scariano, Himes & Petrarca, was a past COSA Chair and recipient of a 2011 COSA Lifetime Achievement Award.

COSA depends on contributions from its members to sustain the high level of programming you have come to expect. We are thankful for the considerable contributions of the Illinois Council.

As a member of the **Illinois Council of School Attorneys**, an affiliated council of COSA, you have access to tangible benefits, such as the resources listed below. Your state council's partnership with NSBA provides numerous intangible benefits as well. Every school attorney member in your state has a direct connection to the national legal advocate for school boards.

- **NSBA Connect** - Your internet-based connection to your school attorney peers. Through our private, easy-to-use social networking platform, you can keep current on the hottest legal issues facing your colleagues throughout North America, solicit advice for a sticky or novel problem you are facing, and offer your own wise words to those seeking input. COSA members and NSBA staff attorneys exchange many messages daily. Tap into their collective knowledge and wisdom at community.nsba.org.
- **Annual Notices** - Yearly, NSBA compiles a document on the annual notices required by federal law. Topics include ESEA, FERPA, PPR, Child Nutrition Programs, AHERA, McKinney Vento Act, Notice of Non-Discrimination under a variety of federal statutes, and IDEA. Go to www.nsba.org, login, and type in “annual notices” into the search box.
- **Policies Required By Federal Law** - This chart, updated annually, lists policies, written procedures and forms school districts are required to have in place by federal law and regulation. Search “policies required by federal law” on www.nsba.org.
- Online issues of *Federal Regulations & Resources, Inquiry & Analysis*, COSA’s e-newsletter published 10 times per year, *School Law Primer: Legal Pointers on School Law* series, and **School Law Seminar Presentation Papers** ~ all available at <http://www.nsba.org/services/council-school-attorneys-cosa/member-benefits-and-resources>

We thank you for your membership and wish you a great meeting. Please don’t hesitate to contact NSBA’s Office of General Counsel or COSA staff for assistance.

P.S. We hope to see you at the **2016 School Law Seminar** to be held **April 7-9, 2016** at the Sheraton Boston Hotel. Complete program and registration information is available on the seminar website. Check out “Events” at www.nsba.org.