

# DAKOTA INDIANS



**Our vision is to prepare all students to make positive contributions in an ever changing world.  
Our Mission is that Dakota Community Unit School District #201 will educate our Students by providing quality and diverse learning opportunities while collaborating with the community.**

Dakota Community Unit School District #201 District Newsletter

February 2018

*Students, Staff, Parents, and Community Members,*

## Inclement Weather

2018 is off and running. So far we've missed some of the really bad winter weather that's hit most of the rest of the country. There's still quite a bit of winter left, so we know there's likely more cold, snowy weather remaining. In regard to cancelling school due to inclement weather, we take several conditions into account when making a determination whether to cancel school or dismiss early. Please click on the following link to see information relating to school closing due to inclement weather: [Inclement weather information](#). It's important to note that the final decision and responsibility on whether to send a student to school rests with the parent. The school district completely respects the parent's decision and will mark an absence due to inclement weather as "excused".

## January School Board meeting

Below is a brief summary of the January board meeting.

## Board approved FY 17 Financial Audit

Mr. Mathers reviewed the Fiscal Year 2017 (FY 17) audit which reflected the district's finances from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. WIPFLI LLP conducted the audit using accepted government auditing standards. Overall, the district's FY 17 cash flow and end of year fund balances were consistent with what was projected in the budget. The exception was the impact the facility project had on the cash flow of FY 17. About \$450,000 of facility expenses came out of FY 17 (working cash fund) while none of the revenue through the bond sale was received until after July 1, 2017 (FY 18). Consequently, FY 17 cash flow looks worse than it actually was and FY 18 will likely look better than it normally would. The district was also negatively impacted by transportation reimbursement from the state of Illinois in that not all payments were received prior to June 30, 2017. Consequently, the transportation fund did not turn out as well as expected. Below is a brief summary of the major operating funds as of June 30, 2017.

Fund	Revenue	Expense	+/(-)
Education	\$8,767,329	\$8,797,653	\$(30,324)
Building	\$496,415	\$383,636	\$112,779
Transportation	\$333,500	\$488,052	\$(154,552)
Working Cash	\$14,937	\$494,590	\$(479,653)

When all of the district's 9 funds are taken into account and expenses from the facility project are removed, the district basically broke even with just slightly greater revenue than expenditures for FY 17.

## Board approved 6<sup>th</sup> grade participation in junior high football

Last month, Mr. Prusator provided a status report on junior high football. Last season 6<sup>th</sup> graders were permitted to participate on the school team due to the lack of an opportunity for them to participate through the community based program. When the board decided to permit sixth graders to play last season, it was for one year with the understanding that the district would evaluate the situation and determine options for a long-term decision. Mr. Prusator reported in December that enrollment and participation numbers are not sufficient to support a 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade team with only 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Discussions with coaches, athletic director, high school coaches and representatives from the Dakota Youth Football to evaluate options were held during the late fall. Based on all of the information and circumstances, it was decided the best recommendation was to permit sixth graders to participate on the junior high football team.

## Board approved 2018-2019 DHS course guide

Last month, JH/HS principal Jason Grey reviewed additions and changes to the DHS course guide for the 2018-2019 school year. One of the significant changes is the inclusion of Advanced Placement (AP) biology and AP US history. These two courses are sponsored by the College Board and are college level courses, where students can earn college credit. Each course will use an approved college curriculum. Students will take an AP exam in the spring at the end of the course which will (continued on next page)



determine whether or not college credit is earned. The other significant additions to the course guide are business department offerings which will include: Business and Technology concepts and Accounting I.

**Reviewed Keep Dakota Proud! Plan**

Mr. Prusator provided a brief review of the draft Keep Dakota Proud! Plan, which includes possible initiatives for consideration beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. The items included are deemed important to improve the school district for students in a variety of ways. The initiatives in the plan will ultimately be prioritized and implemented within the parameters of the budget and reasonable timelines.

**Reminder of special board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 24 at 5:30 p.m.**

President Colette Binger reminded the board that a special board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a board self-evaluation with a representative from the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB)

**Personnel Actions**

Person	Board Action
Jeff Kinney	Employ as head softball coach
Sam Knaack	Employ as head baseball coach
Carrie Tresemer	Employ as head girls' track coach
Shad Sutherland	Approve as volunteer assistant softball coach
Anthony Smith	Employ as volunteer assistant baseball coach
Sally Lee	Transfer to district bookkeeper
Sade McCauley	Transfer to elementary library aide

We continue to be excited about the future of Dakota CUSD #201. This is a great place that will continue to get better. If you have any questions or want to provide feedback, please call me at (844) 632-5682 or e-mail me at [rprusator@dakota201.com](mailto:rprusator@dakota201.com).

**ELEMENTARY NEWS**

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION for 2018-19.**

Dakota Kindergarten Registration will be held on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018, in the elementary cafeteria from 2 – 6 pm. The registration process will take approximately one hour. You will need to bring the following items to register:

- Original birth certificate from court house
- Social Security #
- Proof of Residency - (mortgage statement/tax bill or current lease, two current bills that associate your name to the physical address).
- Guardianship/legal paperwork that may apply to the kindergarten student

Children must be 5 on or before September 1, 2018, to be eligible for kindergarten. It is not necessary for the child to attend, as students will not be screened prior to the school year. This registration is especially important in determining the number of kindergarten students for next year. If you are unable to attend on this day, or have any questions, please call the school office at 844-632-5682 x-252.

**PRE-SCHOOL SCREENING**

Preschool screening will be held March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> this year at Dakota Elementary School. To schedule an appointment, please call the elementary office at 844-632-5682 x-252 starting February 1st. This screening will take approximately one hour and includes assessment in the areas of communication, coordination, general development and vision and hearing. We invite all children ages 2 ½ years – 5 to participate in this program. The results of these screenings will be used to determine eligibility into the Pre-school programs at Dakota Elementary for the 2018-2019 school year. If you know of other families in the Dakota District who have preschool age children, please share with them. This program is of proven value. We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity. A major portion of a child's learning takes place during the preschool years and it is important to attempt to identify problems as early in a child's life as possible.



**MUSIC NEWS**

**Upcoming Events:**

- Feb 2 HS Pep Band performs at home basketball game
- Feb 8 HS Pep Band performs at home basketball game
- Feb 15 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Music Solo & Ensemble Contest @ Dakota HS
- Feb 16 HS Pep Band performs at home basketball game
- Feb 19-23 HS Pep Band performing at IHSA Boys Basketball Regional @ Dakota HS
- Mar 3 IHSA Solo and Ensemble Contest @ Stockton HS
- Mar 16 NUIC Conference Music Festival @ Pecatonica HS

**Mark Your Calendars!!!**

“The Sound of Music” will be performed on April 5, 6 and 7 @ 7:00pm at Dakota High School. We have 60 students comprising the cast and crew of this year's musical! You will not want to miss this musical!

**Solo and Ensemble Contests:**

The students in Sixth Grade, Junior High and High School Band and Choir are busy preparing for the upcoming solo and ensemble contest season. The solo and ensemble contests give the students a new venue to hone their skills and perform music in a chamber setting. Students will perform in many types of events including solos, duets, trios, quartets and choirs. Each performance is evaluated by a qualified judge and comments are given back to the student in regard to bettering their skills and musicianship

# STUDENT SERVICES

## Scholarships available:

- CBAI Community Banking Scholarship: February 1, 2018
- Community Foundation of Northern Illinois Scholarships: February 1, 2018
- Grow Ag Leaders Scholarships: February 1, 2018
- Mediacom World Class Scholarship: February 17, 2018
- Harlan Rigney Memorial Scholarship: February 20, 2018
- Odd Fellows Scholarship Program: February 28, 2018
- Amvet Scholarship Program: March 1, 2018
- NW IL Area Health Education Center Scholarship: March 10, 2018
- Mason and Scottish Rites Scholarships: April 1, 2018
- Gary Raetz Memorial Scholarship: April 30, 2018

Highland Community College Foundation Scholarships: April 1, 2018 \*log on to [www.highland.edu](http://www.highland.edu) for information or to download forms.

*The HCC Foundation has thousands of dollars available to students in a wide variety of areas. The applications are short and easy to fill out. I urge all students who are even considering attending HCC to explore this option.*

**\*ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE. GO TO THE HIGH SCHOOL PAGE ([www.dakota201.com](http://www.dakota201.com)) AND SELECT THE GUIDANCE TAB.**

**Pre-Registration:** All students in grades 6-11 will be pre-registering for the 2018-2019 school year during February and March. Pre-registration will all be conducted through Skyward. All course selections for next year will be requested via Skyward. Mr. Cline will be visiting classes to discuss courses and the process to be used.

There will be a special pre-registration night for 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents

to help them plan and register for high school on **Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. A formal email invite will be sent out in mid-February.

**HCC Placement Testing:** All Juniors (and sophomores in advanced math classes) will be going to Highland Community College on **February 10<sup>th</sup>** to take their placement tests to determine eligibility for dual credit courses. Permission slips were distributed in U.S. History classes. PSAT 9/10

**Highland Community College Quick Start Registration:** This year's HCC registration day will be **April 24<sup>th</sup>**. All students wishing to enroll at HCC will be bused to Freeport where they will take their placement tests, meet with an advisor, register for fall classes and tour the campus. They will also see a number of excellent presentations on financial aid, campus activities, etc. Students do not have to attend this event if they would rather register on their own, although this is a much more enriching experience. More details will follow.

**SAT Testing:** All Juniors will take their required SAT exam right here at DHS on **April 10<sup>th</sup>**. More details will follow.

### What should your college-bound senior be doing during the month of February?

1. Parents and students should file their 2018-2019 FAFSA as soon as possible this month.
2. Be sure to tell Mr. Cline what colleges you need your 7<sup>th</sup> semester transcripts sent to (all 4-year colleges that you are still seriously considering).
3. Begin attacking local scholarships that are beginning to pop-up on the bulletin board and scholarship website.
4. If you are a future HCC student, begin researching and completing Highland's many scholarships.



# NURSE'S NOTES

Reminder for parents of students in K, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade: It is required to submit a dental examination record for these grades. The nursing office has many students that have still not been submitted for this year. It must be turned in by the first part of May. If you have not scheduled your child for a visit please do so ASAP. It often takes some time to get into dental office schedules. A dentist from Smile Illinois is coming to Dakota February 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>. Applications are required. If you wish to apply please contact the nursing office.

It is cold and flu season. If your child was not feeling well in the evening and/or first thing in the morning, please check them closely before sending them to school. Check for the following symptoms which could be contagious or indicates your child may need to see the doctor: fevers, vomiting, diarrhea, red eyes with itching and drainage, rashes of unknown origin, coughing, sore throats, or earaches. If showing any of these symptoms it may be best to keep your child home until the symptoms subside or the doctor clears them to return to school. They are to be symptom free without the use of over the counter pain/fever reducing medicine for 24 hours before returning to school. These guidelines were established to help prevent the spread of illness to all students and staff in the district. If you have any questions the nurse can be reached at 844-632-5682 x-254.

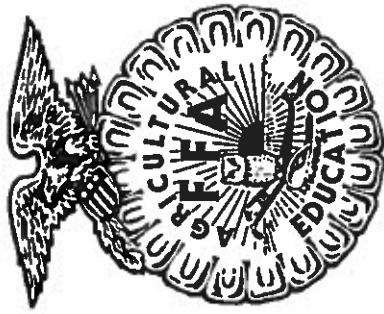
**Save The Date**

## Athletic Boosters SAVE THE DATE

Spring Fling  
Grand River Hall  
April 21, 2018  
7 - 11 PM  
Band: Blind Bogey  
Silent Auction Items, Appetizers,  
Beverages  
Cost: \$25 a person

# DAKOTA FFA PORK LOIN DINNER

February 8th, 2018  
Dakota High School Cafeteria  
During Boys Basketball Game against  
Pecatonica



Menu includes: Pork Loin, Baked Potato, Coleslaw,  
Pudding, and a Drink

## Tickets:

Adult \$9.00 (\$8.00 in Advance)  
Children \$5.00 (yellow ticket)

Serving begins at 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm

For ticket reservations, please contact:  
Trish Krug at [tkrug@dakota201.com](mailto:tkrug@dakota201.com), 844-  
632-5682 or texting 815-238-1616

## **Brushing is not enough:**

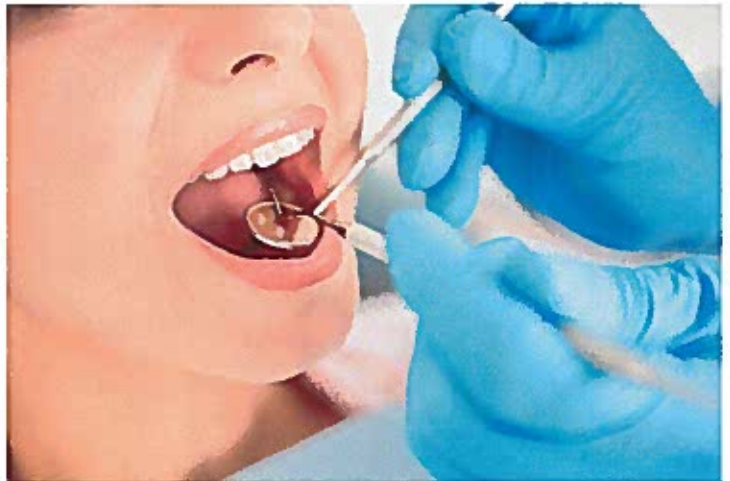
Studies have shown that twice daily brushing helps to remove food and plaque from the surface of your teeth. It is important to brush your teeth daily so plaque, which is a clear sticky coating, doesn't have a chance to build up on tooth surfaces. Using toothpaste with fluoride also helps prevent cavities by strengthening the tooth surface. Children may need assistance in proper brushing to clean all tooth surfaces until they get the hang of it themselves.

Daily flossing is also important in caring for your teeth. Using dental floss daily helps remove plaque buildup and particles of food lodged between your teeth where your toothbrush can't get to. Plaque and food particles form the basis for cavities and gum disease as well as a potential cause of bad breath and loss of teeth.

Eating a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, nuts, and whole grain breads/cereals and dairy is not only nutritious but it is good for your teeth because it doesn't contain refined sugar. You can't eliminate sugar completely from your diet but cutting down on it and brushing/flossing after eating is a good step to avoid dental problems.




So remember:

- Brush twice daily
- Floss daily
- See a dentist 1 – 2 times a year for a thorough dental check up
- Eat healthy foods
- Avoid refined sugar foods
- Change your toothbrush at least twice a year, sooner if bristles are splayed



**Elementary**

**February 2018**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			<p>1</p> <p><b>Breakfast Pizza Bagel</b></p> <p>Bosco Stick Spaghetti Sauce Green Beans Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>Cereal Cottage Cheese</b></p> <p>Pizza Carrots Applesauce Gold Fish Cracker</p>
<p>5</p> <p><b>Pancake Sausage Links</b></p> <p>Hamburger WG Bun Peas Whole Apple W PB</p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>Cereal Cheese Stick</b></p> <p>Turkey Broccoli Whole Orange Slice of Bread</p>	<p>7</p> <p><b>Hard Boiled Egg Slice of Bread</b></p> <p>Pork Carrots/Celery Blueberries and Strawberries Slice of Bread</p>	<p>8</p> <p><b>Oatmeal Sausage Links</b></p> <p>Baked Chicken Mixed Veggies Banana Dinner Roll</p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>Cereal Gogurt</b></p> <p>Meatloaf CA Blend Mixed Fruit Dinner Roll</p>
<p>12</p> <p><b>Cereal Cheese Stick</b></p> <p>Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Pears Slice of Bread</p>	<p>13</p> <p><b>Bosco Stick</b></p> <p>Taco WG Wrap Corn Peaches</p>	<p>14</p> <p><b>Oatmeal Sausage Links</b></p> <p>Fish Coleslaw Strawberries Dinner Roll</p>	<p>15</p> <p><b>WG Donut</b></p> <p>Hot Dog WG Bun Carrots Warm Apple Slices</p>	<p>16</p> <p><b>Cereal Cheese Stick</b></p> <p><b>Early Release 11:30</b></p>
<p>19</p> <p><b>NO SCHOOL President's Day</b></p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>Cereal Cheese Stick</b></p> <p>Cheese Ravioli Peas and Carrots Peaches Bread Stick</p>	<p>21</p> <p><b>PB &amp; J WG Graham</b></p> <p>Chicken Teriyaki Broccoli Pears Slice of Bread</p>	<p>22</p> <p><b>Oatmeal Sausage Links</b></p> <p>Turkey Tater Tots Whole Apple w/ PB Bread Stick</p>	<p>23</p> <p><b>Cereal Yogurt</b></p> <p>Cheese Pizza Mixed Veggies Mixed Fruit Honey Grahams</p>
<p>26</p> <p><b>Cereal Cottage Cheese</b></p> <p>BBQ W/G Bun Corn Peaches Cookie</p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>Oatmeal Sausage Links</b></p> <p>Chicken Fajita WG Wrap Carrots Pears Granola Bar</p>	<p>28</p> <p><b>Breakfast Pizza</b></p> <p>Spaghetti W/ Meat Sauce Green Beans Applesauce Bread Stick</p>	<p><b>1% MILK SERVED WITH EVERY MEAL</b></p> <p><i>Juice &amp; Fruit served with every Breakfast</i></p>	<p><b>MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b></p> <p><i>WG = Whole Grain</i> Nutritional information is available in the office.</p>

# February 2018

## 7-12 Menu

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			<p><b>1</b> <i>Fruity Oatmeal, Bacon, Yogurt, Mixed Fruit</i></p> <p><i>Spaghetti/Meat Sauce, Peas &amp; Carrots, Mixed Fruit, Garlic Toast</i></p>	<p><b>2</b> <i>French Toast, Yogurt, Pineapple</i></p> <p><i>Chicken Tot Casserole, Peas, Applesauce, Snack Cracker</i></p>
<p><b>5</b> <i>Pancake/Syrup, Yogurt, Pineapple</i></p> <p><i>Meatball Sandwich On a W/G Bun, Carrots, Applesauce</i></p>	<p><b>6</b> <i>Breakfast Pizza, Applesauce</i></p> <p><i>Chicken Nuggets, Mixed Vegetables, Strawberries, Snack Crackers</i></p>	<p><b>7</b> <i>Western Omelet, Tri Tater, Mandarin Oranges, Granola Bar</i></p> <p><i>Pizza, Peas, Salad/Dressings, Mandarin Oranges, Gogurt</i></p>	<p><b>8</b> <i>Cereal, Breakfast Bar, Yogurt, Pears</i></p> <p><i>Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potato/Gravy, Corn, Pears, Bread &amp; Butter</i></p>	<p><b>9</b> <i>Ham/Cheese Biscuit, Peaches</i></p> <p><i>Corn Dog/Condiments, Baked Beans, Tater Tots, Peaches</i></p>
<p><b>12</b> <i>Breakfast Burrito, String Cheese, Mixed Fruit</i></p> <p><i>Hot Ham/Turkey Melt, Broccoli/Cheese, Mixed Fruit, Harvest Ch. Chips</i></p>	<p><b>13</b> <i>Cheesy Hashbrowns, Pineapple, Granola Bar</i></p> <p><i>Taco Salad, Spanish Rice, Green Beans, Pineapple</i></p>	<p><b>14</b> <i>Egg/Cheese Muffin, Applesauce</i></p> <p><i>BBQ Chicken, California Blend, Applesauce, Bread/Butter</i></p>	<p><b>15</b> <i>Biscuits/Gravy, Mandarin Oranges</i></p> <p><i>Pork Tenderloin on a WG Bun, Baked Fries, Mixed Vegetables, Mandarin Oranges</i></p>	<p><b>16</b> <i>Breakfast Slider, Hash Brown Square, Peaches</i></p> <p><b>NO LUNCH</b></p>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>NO SCHOOL</b></p> <p><b>Happy PRESIDENTS Day!</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> <i>Pancake Sandwich, String Cheese, Berries</i></p> <p><i>Cream Chicken/Biscuit, Peas, Strawberries</i></p>	<p><b>21</b> <i>Cheesy Eggs/Ham, Bagel/Cr Cheese, Pears</i></p> <p><i>Beefy Noodles, Mixed Vegetables, Pears, Garlic Toast</i></p>	<p><b>22</b> <i>Bacon/Tot Bake Pineapple Granola Bar</i></p> <p><i>Pork Dinner, Scalloped Potato, Peas/Carrots, Pineapple, Dinner Roll/Butter</i></p>	<p><b>23</b> <i>Apple Bosco Stix, Cheesy Eggs, Peaches</i></p> <p><i>Potato Soup, Cheese Bread, Broccoli/Cauliflower, Peaches</i></p>
<p><b>26</b> <i>Chocolate chip Waffle, Sausage Patty, Pears</i></p> <p><i>Biscuit/Gravy, Glazed Carrots, Pears</i></p>	<p><b>27</b> <i>Ham/Cheese Biscuit, Mandarin Oranges</i></p> <p><i>Chicken Dippers/Sauce, California Blend, Mandarin Oranges, Garlic Stick</i></p>	<p><b>28</b> <i>Breakfast Taquito, Yogurt, Mixed Fruit</i></p> <p><i>Cheeseburger on a W/G Bun, Diced Potato/Veg, Mixed Fruit</i></p>	<p><b>1% MILK SERVED WITH EVERY MEAL</b></p>	<p><b>MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b></p> <p><i>WG = Whole Grain Nutritional information is available in the office</i></p>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> JHGB vs Pearl City (A) 5:30	<b>2</b> HSGB vs Polo (H) 6:00 Sr. Night	<b>3</b> HSGB FS Eastland Tourn (A)  HSBB vs Orangeville (A) 6:00  Wrestling Regionals @ Winnebago 9:00
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> JHGB vs Lena (H) 5:30  6pm Dual Credit Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> JHGB vs Durand (H) 5:30  HSBB vs Pecatonica (H) 6:00 Sr Night	<b>9</b> Wrestling Sectionals @ Oregon 4:30	<b>10</b> Wrestling Sectionals @ Oregon 10:00  HSBB vs Polo (A) 6:00
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> JHGB vs South Beloit (A) 5:30  HSGB Regional Week (tba)	<b>13</b> JHGB vs Pecatonica (A) 4:30  HSBB vs Milledgeville(A) 6:00	<b>14</b> HSBB - FS Eastland Tournament (A)	<b>15</b>      Indiv. State Wrestling	<b>16</b> <b>Early Release @ 11:30 SIP</b>  HSBB vs Forreton (H) 6:00 Student Leadership Silent Auction  Indiv. State Wrestling	<b>17</b> HSBB - FS Eastland Tournament (A)     Indiv. State Wrestling
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>No School</b> President's Day  HSBB Regional Week (H)  JHGB vs Orangeville (H) 5:30	<b>20</b> 6:00 School Board Meeting	<b>21</b> 6:30 Athletic Booster Meeting	<b>22</b> JHGB vs Aquin (A) 5:30	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> JHGB vs Forreton (A) 5:00	<b>27</b> JHGB vs Pearl City (H) 5:30	<b>28</b>			



## **Educational Rights of Illinois' Children & Youth in Homeless Situations**

*It's your right.....Do you know someone who is homeless and has children or teens needing to get to school?*

### **ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT TO SCHOOL SUCCESS.**

Homeless children have the right to:

- Stay in their old school OR
- Go to the school near where they are staying.
- Immediate enrollment, even without records
- Transportation to school, if needed.

Illinois schools have people called liaisons who work to help children and teens who are homeless get to school and stay there. If you have any questions about the educational rights of homeless children and youth in Illinois, you can call any of the following:

**Your Local School Homeless Liaison: Bob Prusator (844) 6DA-KOTA or 844-632-5682**

The Opening Doors Project: Adult Learning Resource Center (847) 803-3535

Regional Office of Education #26 <http://homelessed.net>

Illinois Coalition to End Homelessness (708) 848-0503

Information Hotline IL State Board of Education (800) 215-6379

