



## ALLIANCE LEGISLATIVE REPORT (98-53)

### ILLINOIS WILL HAVE NEW GOVERNOR

Incumbent **Governor Pat Quinn (D-Chicago)** was defeated Tuesday by political newcomer **Bruce Rauner (R-Winnetka)**. Rauner, a businessman who has never held elected office, will be sworn into office in January. Easily carrying the vote in most of downstate, Rauner also made significant inroads into Chicago and suburban Cook County – at least significant by recent Republican election standards.

We will now see how this development affects the upcoming Veto Session agenda as legislators are scheduled to come back to the Capitol in two weeks. Members of the Democrat majority in the Senate and House of Representatives may want to push through some remaining items on their wish list while there is still a Democrat in the Governor's office. Conversely, there may be tough issues that the legislature wishes to hold and let the new Governor resolve next year.

### ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

There was no major change in the composition of the Illinois General Assembly based on the election. The Senate Democrat majority, though losing one incumbent (**Senator Mike Jacobs, D-East Moline**), will maintain its veto-proof supermajority. Likewise in the House, it appears that Democrat incumbents retained all of their seats (vote counting is continuing in a couple of close races) and they also could keep a slim supermajority.

### OTHER ILLINOIS STATEWIDE RACES

In other statewide offices, **Attorney General Lisa Madigan (D-Chicago)** and **Secretary of State Jesse White (D-Chicago)** easily won reelection. **Evelyn Pacino Sanguinetti (R-Wheaton)**, who ran as Rauner's running mate, will be sworn in as Lieutenant Governor. **Judy Baar Topinka (R-Riverside)** defeated **Sheila Simon (D-Makanda)** for the office of State Comptroller. And for State Treasurer, votes are still being counted as **Tom Cross (R-Oswego)** holds a razor thin edge over **Mike Frerichs (D-Gifford)**.

### ILLINOIS' FEDERAL RACES

**U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-Springfield)** retained his seat by defeating **Jim Oberweis (R-Sugar Grove)**, although with the Democrats losing control of the U. S. Senate, Durbin's influence will be diminished. In the U.S. House of Representatives, Republicans picked up two seats in Illinois: **Mike Bost (R-Murphysboro)** defeated incumbent **Congressman Bill Enyart (D-Belleisle)** in the 12<sup>th</sup> District and **Congressman Brad Schneider (D-Deerfield)** lost to former **Congressman Robert Dold (R-Kenilworth)** in the 10<sup>th</sup> District. A few other close races to note: **Darlene Senger (R-Naperville)** lost her challenge to **Congressman Bill Foster (D-Geneva)** in the 11<sup>th</sup> District, **Congressman Rodney Davis (R-Taylorville)** retained his seat against **Ann Callis (D-Edwardsville)** in the 13<sup>th</sup> District, and **Congresswoman Cheri Bustos (D-East Moline)** defeated former **Congressman Bobby Schilling (R-Colona)** in the 17<sup>th</sup> District.

Overall, Republicans took control of the United States Senate for the first time in eight years. 51 seats are needed to control the Senate and the Republicans have captured 53 – with a few seats left to be determined by run-off elections later this year. **Mitch McConnell (R-Kentucky)** is projected to be the

next Senate Majority Leader. The U.S. House of Representatives remains in Republican control as the GOP strengthened its control with 14 new seats.

## **UPCOMING CONFERENCE TO FOCUS ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

The Joint Annual Conference of the IASB/IASA/IASBO will be held November 21-23 in Chicago. Once again, there will be ample opportunities for school board members and administrators to get updated by experts on the latest legislative issues. Several individual panel sessions will delve into such specific issues as school funding, prevailing wage, and charter schools while other panels will have a more general legislative/political perspective. Also, the IASB Delegate Assembly is meeting and will be adopting new positions which will determine school management positions for next spring and beyond.

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1:30**

#### **“Turning the Corner from the 2014 Election”**

Michigan Room, Hyatt Regency (East Tower)

Panelists: Former Governor Jim Edgar  
James Nowlan, Illinois Executive Ethics Commission  
Dr. Dick Simpson, Professor, University of Illinois – Chicago

Moderator: Ben Schwarm, Deputy Executive Director, IASB

We know who will reside in the Illinois Governor’s mansion and who controls the United States Senate and Congress, now learn what the experts believe will be the new direction of policies and programs both nationally and in Illinois.

#### **“Reengaging Students: College, Career, Civic Life**

Columbus E/F, Hyatt Regency (East Tower)

Panelists: Dustin Day, Principal, Tri-City CUSD 1  
Elias Estrada, Principal, Chicago Public Schools  
Howard Phillips, Board President, Greenfield CUSD 10  
Darlene Ruscitti, Regional Superintendent of Schools, DuPage County

Moderator: Cynthia Woods, Director of Advocacy, IASB

Members of the Illinois Task Force on Civic Education and the Civic Mission Coalition will explain the work done by the Task Force (which is currently holding statewide hearings on the subject).

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 10:30**

#### **IASB Delegate Assembly**

Grand E/F, Hyatt Regency (East Tower)

#### **“Revenue”**

Room Chicago 6, Sheraton Hotel

Panelists: State Representative John Bradley (D-Marion)

Moderator: Catherine Finger, Superintendent, Grayslake CHSD 127

School districts have experienced multiple years of reduced school funding. Come hear the Chair of the Illinois House Revenue Committee discuss the prospects and future for school funding.

*“Legislative Issues Impacting School Districts”*

Crystal B, Hyatt Regency (West Tower)

Panelists: State Senator Jason Barickman (R-Pontiac)  
State Senator Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant (D-Plainfield)  
State Representative Frank Mautino (D-Spring Valley)  
Dr. Christopher Koch, State Superintendent of Education

Moderator: Dr. Calvin Jackson, Legislative Liaison, IASBO

This panel of experienced legislators will discuss issues of the 2014 legislative session and how the issues and bills will impact Illinois school districts.

**Saturday, November 22, 1:30**

*“The Cost of Prevailing Wage”*

Michigan Room, Hyatt Regency (East Tower)

Panelists: State Senator Ron Sandack (R-Downers Grove)  
Aaron Haunhorst, Chairman, Associated Builders & Contractors of Illinois  
Jeff Mays, Board Member, Quincy CUSD 172  
Jay Shattuck, President, Shattuck & Associates Consulting

Moderator: Susan Hilton, Director of Governmental Relations, IASB

The Prevailing Wage Law has been in effect in Illinois since 1941. How much does it cost and is it still necessary? Panelists will discuss the current legislative debates around the issue.

**Saturday, November 22, 3:30**

*“Funding Schools: Who Pays, Who Receives: What’s Fairness?”*

Grand A, Hyatt Regency (East Tower)

Panelists: State Senator Andy Manar (D-Bunker Hill)  
State Senator Dale Righter (R-Mattoon)  
Robert Wolfe, Chief Financial Officer, ISBE  
Rob Grossi, Treasurer, Bloom Township Trustees of Schools

Moderator: Deanna Sullivan, Director of Governmental Relations, IASB

Join school funding policy makers and State budget experts to review the latest regarding strengths and limitations of our funding sources and proposed solutions to fund our schools.

*“Charter School Legislation Update”*

Michigan Room, Hyatt Regency (East Tower)

Panelists: State Representative Will Davis (D-Hazel Crest)  
State Senator Ron Sandack (R-Downers Grove)  
Jill Gottfried, Senior Manager of Legislative Affairs, IL Network of Charter Schools  
Cynthia Riseman Lund, Legislative Director, Illinois Federation of Teachers  
Kathy Shaevel, Professional Issues Director, Illinois Federation of Teachers

Moderator: Zach Messersmith, Assistant Director of Governmental Relations, IASB

Hear from experts and elected officials about new laws, pending legislation and possible policy changes that may impact local school districts regarding charter schools.

**Sunday, November 23, 8:00**

*“Who’s Fighting for Us in Springfield and Washington?”*

Michigan A/B, Hyatt Regency (East Tower)

Presenters: Susan Hilton, Director of Governmental Relations, IASB  
Zach Messersmith, Assistant Director of Governmental Relations, IASB  
Deanna Sullivan, Director of Governmental Relations, IASB  
Cynthia Woods, Director of Advocacy, IASB

Meet the IASB governmental relations/advocacy team and join them for a discussion of emerging legislative issues and tips on grassroots advocacy.

**SCHOOL SAFETY INFORMATION SHARING**

The Statewide Terrorism and Intelligence Center (STIC) School Safety Information Sharing Program is designed to identify the information needs of school and campus safety officials and ensure timely and wide dissemination of actionable intelligence that is tailored to the protection of these communities. The program goal is to aid in school safety efforts through sharing information from local, state, and federal agencies with at least one person in every school and campus.

Administrators or those in charge of making safety decisions in schools are encouraged to join the information sharing service. For more information or to request an application, contact:

[schoolsafety@isp.state.il.us](mailto:schoolsafety@isp.state.il.us)

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