

Legislative Report 9/19/24

At the September 19th general meeting, the Legislative chair gave an oral report to the assembled group which covered several communications from IRTAPAC and the IRTA legislative committee. Below is a summary of the main points from that report. More information is always available at IRTA [online.org/member](https://www.irta.org/member).

VOTE !!

Presidential of course, but down ballot is important to your Pension Protection

See the Handout for the IRTAPAC endorsed candidates in your area. Those legislators are the only ones who pledged to support your pension. (Copy below.)

September 5th, the IRTA legislative committee met via zoom. Two or three takeaways from that meeting: Andrew Bodewes (IRTA Lobbyist), reported: "Most of the IRTA goals were met this year without legislation, but for this fall IRTA is working to help provide retirement security for Tier II retirees." Jessica Hoselton (IRTA Executive Director) stated that IRTA is working with Central Management Services (IL state decision makers) to lock down details of the two new insurance benefits (vision & dental) that are expected to take effect in 2025.

Lastly, with this being election season, the State Legislature will not resume until the Veto session scheduled after the November elections.

Mick Williams, EARTA legislative chair

IRTAPAC endorsed candidates in EARTA Districts

Consult your voter registration card or contact your county clerk for the number of your Illinois Senate and House of Representatives. During this past summer, IRTAPACT contacted all candidates running for the state offices of Senate and House of Representatives. A detailed questionnaire was requested from each candidate. From those who returned the questionnaire, IRTAPAC endorsed those who were judged to be friends of education and supporters of retired teachers.

Below is a list of the IRTAPACT endorsed candidates for 2024.

Note: Each state Senate District has two Representative Districts in it.

State Senate Districts:

S #22 - Rs #43 & 44 Parts Of Elgin, South Elgin, Bartlett, Streamwood & St. Charles

S #25 - Rs #49 & 50 Bartlett & Parts of Batavia

S #33 - Rs #65 & 66 Crystal Lake, Carpentersville, Dundee, parts of Elgin & South Elgin

S #35 - Rs #70 & 71 Huntley & Hampshire

Endorsed Candidates by district:

Illinois House of Representatives:

Districts # 44-45. NONE

Districts # 49-50 Barbara Hernandez (D-50)

Districts # 65-66 Dan Ugaste (R-65)

Districts # 70-71 Jeff Keicher (R-70) & Daniel Swanson (R-71)

State Senate:

Karina Villa (D-25)

Rachel Ventura (D-43)

Meg Loughran Cappel (D-49)

All endorsed candidates state wide can be found in the Fall IRTA newsletter.