

## **Legislative Director Report: North Cook County/Lake County**

Gerri Songer – *November 2019*

### **Tuesday October 25, 2019**

Attended College of Lake County Board Meeting. Spoke with *CLC Trustee Matt Stanton*. Trustee Stanton plans to run for Lake County State's Attorney this upcoming election. He will be featured in the Nov./Dec. 2019 issue of *What's Happening Magazine* as Best Choice.

### **Tuesday - Wednesday, November 12-13, 2019**

Prepared for *Springfield Lobby Day* by reaching out to Sen. Laura Murphy, Sen. Julie Morrison, Sen. Terry Link, Sen. Melinda Bush, Rep. Dan Didech, Rep. Jonathan Carrol, Rep. Sam Yingling, Rep. Bob Morgan, Rep. Mary Edly-Allen, and Rep. Joyce Mason.

Stopped at the IFT office to prep. Legislative priorities include Tier II and Tier III pensions, paraprofessional licensing, and reversing components of the Janus decision including that impacting Fair Share.

Visited both the Stratton and Capital Buildings to distribute cards. Spoke briefly with Sen. Julie Morrison and Sen. Melinda Bush. Sen. Morrison planned to attend our Legislative Dinner but was very sick and unable to do so. She did, however, mention that she was moving forward on legislation to include school personnel in emergency response plans and drills specific to hazardous materials. She had spoke with police officers who had no problem with this legislation and who were surprised that school personnel were currently not included. She expects this legislation to pass.

Due to a caucus running late, many of the other legislators who originally planned to attend were also unable to come. Of those invited, Sen. Laura Murphy, Sen. Terry Link, and Rep. Jonathan Carroll were able to attend along with other legislators invited by Legislative Directors Bobby Walser and Kevin Palmer.