

Legislative Director Report: North Cook County/Lake County

Gerri Songer – *January 2020*

Sunday December 15, 2019

Attended an *End of the Year Fundraiser with Congressman Schneider* in Northbrook. I asked at this time, in an unofficial capacity, if US Rep. Schneider would consider sponsoring legislation to include school personnel in emergency response plans specific to the transport and storage of hazardous materials and high hazard flammable trains (HHFTs). He acknowledged this is an issue for which he would consider sponsoring legislation.

Thursday January 2, 2020

Spoke via phone conference with *Tommy Brown*, a Legislative Aid who handles transportation issues for Congressman Schneider. He is working with the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and thinks there might be an opportunity to move this legislation through Congress. Mr. Brown reported on January 6th, “I have forwarded your suggestions to the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee’s subcommittee on Railways, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials. I will be meeting with their staff in the coming weeks to discuss your proposal and will keep you posted.”

Friday January 10, 2020

Sen. Laura Murphy came to Elk Grove High School for class visits on Friday, January 10th. Students from the Sophomore Leadership Program presented to her the issue of library card access. Families residing in any of the four trailer parks in the Elk Grove High School District do not have access to library cards since these are unincorporated areas. Senator Murphy stated this was an issue she plans to address at the state level.

Friday, January 24, 2020

Received communication that Congressman Brad Schneider’s legislative team is working on a *Rail Safety Proposal* that would call for specific procedures when a train line is close to a school environment. They are in the early stages of drafting a bill that would address some of the safety issues.

Saturday January 25, 2020

Attended a *Winter Reception in support of IL Rep. Daniel Didech and Lake County Treasurer Holly Kim* in Libertyville. Spoke briefly with both Rep. Didech and Holly Kim.

Tuesday January 28, 2020

Attended CLC Board Meeting in Grayslake. The president’s report addressed mid-year business services and finance, including an investment report. Discussion for approval of Board policies and objectives outlined a revision of the sexual harassment policy and protocol for the use of grants or gifts from external sources and the naming of college facilities and property.