

## Fundraiser for Chicago Alderman Rod Sawyer - 6th Ward - Wednesday September 8

Rod Sawyer is a member of the Progressive Caucus in the Chicago City Council and a strong supporter of education and teachers. Also in attendance was Illinois State Senator Elgie Sims - 17th District, also a strong ally.

## Fundraiser for Kelly Cassidy, "Kelly-oke" Tuesday September 14

Illinois State Representative, Kelly Cassidy-14th District, is a continual ally of ours. Located in one of the most diverse districts in the city/Illinois, Kelly is a strong advocate for policies directly affecting our students and colleagues. Kelly - oke is one of the most popularly attended fundraisers with a litany of elected and appointed office holders

present. Among them Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton. Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot. Former Illinois State Senator Toi Hutchinson, now Governor Pritzker's top advisors. Alderwoman Maria Hadden 49th Ward. Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi. As well as a number of lobbyist who are allies of IFT.

## Illinois State Senator Ram Villivalam Educator Appreciation - Tuesday September 21

Illinois State Senator Ram Villivalam, 8th District, held an educator appreciation event on Tuesday September 21. I, along with John Cusick, IFT Legislative Director, attended along with about 10 teachers living in his district. There are 18 Local 1211 members living in Senator Villivalam's district. I reached out to all 18 last week, inviting them. Unfortunately none attended. We need to find a better way of connecting our members with

our state legislators to get them to attend these events.