

Legislative Director Report: North Cook County/Lake County
Gerri Songer – *September-November 2021*

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

Communication with Rep. Jonathan Carroll regarding his run for reelection and Local 1211 newsletter content. An article written by Rep. Carroll was forwarded to Local 1211 staff for a future newsletter.

Sunday, August 29, 2021

Provided article for Local 1211's newsletter regarding Legislative Director responsibilities and experience.

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Attended Legislative Director's meeting at Local 1211 in Schaumburg.

Thursday, September 9, 2021

Attended District 214 School Board Meeting in Arlington Heights.

Thursday, September 23, 2021

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Monday, September 27, 2021

Julie Morrison Campaign Kickoff Reception at the Italian Kitchen in Deerfield.

Saturday, October 2, 2021

Attended West Suburban Teachers' Union, Local 571's 16th Annual Legislative Breakfast at the Hilton Chicago Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference Center.

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Met with President Steve Elza and Sen. Julie Morrison via Zoom for introductions.

Tuesday-Wednesday, October 19-20, 2021

Participated in Lobby Days during the Veto Session in Springfield, IL. Met Lobby Team at the IFT office for a legislative briefing and training.

Legislation supported by the IFT is HB2778 COVID Wage and Benefit Protections Bill for school employees. This legislation would provide paid time off for educators and staff when the employee or employee's children may quarantine because of COVID illness or exposure, so education employees don't exhaust their sick days or lose pay. This benefit would be available to employees who are in compliance with the mandate to be vaccinated or tested weekly. Also,

paycheck protection would be offered for employees who are unable to perform their jobs remotely when a school is closed or an e-learning day is triggered for COVID safety reasons.

This legislation passed both houses and was on the Governor's desk to be signed, but it was sent back to the legislature for rewording.

Attended dinner with the Lobby Team along with Sen. Cristina Castro, Sen. Laura Murphy, Sen. Ann Gillespie, Rep. Mark Walker, Rep. Fred Crespo, Rep. Ann Moeller, and Sen. Adriane Johnson.

Sunday, October 24, 2021

Sent thank you correspondence to legislators who joined the Lobby Team for dinner in Springfield. Also followed up with Capitol Fax author, Rich Miller.