

Legislative Director's Report 1/27/22

November 23: Contributed an article on Ann Gillespie for the Local's newsletter

November 24: Attended Senator Gillespie's campaign kickoff event at La Tasca in Arlington Heights. Spoke with Senator Gillespie, Senator Harmon, Representative Walker, and candidate Mary Beth Canty throughout the evening.

December 13: Met with Legislative Breakfast Planning Committee.

December 21: Met with Michelle Mussman and Steve Elza to deliver our campaign donation and discuss CTE and therapeutic day schools, among other topics.

January 18: Met with Legislative Breakfast planning committee to determine our discussion questions for legislators, who would be invited, and toured The Cotillion.

January 22: Attended fundraiser for Nabeela Syed at Emmett's in Palatine. Met with her, Senator Castro, and 211 Board Member Tim McGowan throughout the evening.

January 24: Met with Legislative Breakfast Planning Committee at the union office.

January 25: Communicated with Dave Comerford at IFT regarding any bills IFT is proposing for the new legislative session. One of interest is a bill that would give districts the option to seek a waiver for evaluations through the 23-24 school year. Also, Governor Pritzker vetoed HB 2778 that would have given all teachers 14 days for COVID related absences, but renegotiated a bill that would give all vaccinated teachers and all teachers who get vaccinated within 5 weeks of passage of the new bill 14 days for COVID related absences.