



Dear Northern Illinois District School Administrators,

We have an exciting and important announcement to share: after a divisive legislative session, Illinois' tax credit scholarship program remains fully intact! Thanks to the countless schools, family members, teachers, school leaders, and community leaders who fought for this vital program during the Save My Scholarship campaign. If you advocated in Springfield, called your legislator, or posted on social media in support of the program, YOUR voice was heard. **Together, we protected tax credit scholarships!**

We are grateful to Illinois legislators and Governor Pritzker for recognizing the importance of this program and making a difference in the lives of thousands of students across the state.

Throughout the past year, and during this Save My Scholarship campaign, the Northern Illinois District has been excited to partner with Empower Illinois, the state's largest, most comprehensive Scholarship Granting Organization. Empower Illinois serves 91% of Illinois' recognized private schools, including the NID schools, in the processing of donations, managing scholarship awards and compliance, and supporting families through the scholarship process.

Now that the future of the program has been protected, we hope you will join us in providing more children with a quality education. The demand for tax credit scholarships continues to rise, making it abundantly clear how important these scholarships are to thousands of families across the state. Many students are still awaiting scholarship funding in our NID schools. **To make their dream a reality, we are asking you to help by donating or increasing your fundraising efforts by July 22** to ensure that these students can attend our schools this fall.

For more information or help please feel free to reach out to our Empower Illinois Regional Director Bobby Sylvester who can be reached at bobby@empowerillinois.org or 508-439-2997.

We could not do this without you and we are grateful for your partnership and support as we continue to advocate for Illinois' kids.

Serving the Master Teacher,

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