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QUARTERLY E-NEWSLETTER

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LEGAL UPDATES

July 2015

- A newly proposed SB 1793 would require the ISBE to develop a model youth suicide awareness and prevention policy for adoption by school districts beginning during the 2015-2016 school year.

August 2015

- The U.S. Department of Education has released new [guidance](#) on testing English Language Learners with disabilities in annual English language proficiency assessments.

September 2015

- In [Foster v. Board of Education of the City of Chicago](#), the 7th Circuit held that reimbursement for private speech-language therapy services fell within the scope of “compensatory education,” despite the parent’s failure to specify the remedy in her due process hearing request, ordering the school district to reimburse the parents for 25 sessions of services.
- A new Illinois Public Act 99-0443 requires the Illinois State Board of Education to develop a model youth suicide awareness and prevention policy, which includes certain components that school districts are required to adopt as part of their policies on suicide awareness.
- A new Illinois Public Act 99-0058 (effective July 16, 2015) provides funding for ISBE to recruit and retain educators, and makes changes in licensure requirements for teachers, business officials, and administrator licensures, including the creation of a “Chief School Business Official,” endorsement.

MEMORANDUM

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UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS

Date	Title/Topic	Organization
10/13/15	Mental Health and the Law: How to Protect Your Practice and Yourself	Whitted Takiff + Hansen
11/5/15	The Latest Legal Issues Impacting Special Educators	Illinois Council for Exceptional Children
2/6/16	The Latest Legal Issues Impacting Students with Emotional/Behavioral Disorders	Illinois Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders

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