

## SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTY

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Superintendent

September 9, 2011

Mr. Jason Lind  
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### **RE: Important Updates / Request Adoption of Resolution**

Dear Mr. Lind:

Following are items relative to SEDOL programs and services that I would like to bring to your attention:

**Resolution for Purposes of Establishing Line of Credit:** The SEDOL budget was passed by the SEDOL Governing Board on August 31, 2011, but now our school attorneys advise that there is one more action required of constituent districts. State of Illinois School Code changes enacted in 2009 require consortiums like SEDOL to seek annual approval from member districts in the event of any anticipated short-term indebtedness as a "tax exempt" institution. The establishment of a line of credit is one of those situations. SEDOL wishes to continue its annual line of credit with the Gurnee Community Bank. Based on SEDOL's 2010-2011 necessity to borrow, securing a line of credit under "tax exempt status" would decrease our consortium's payment of interest by as much as \$50,000. Therefore, I encourage local superintendents to assist SEDOL in getting through the final hoop of the budget approval process.

You will find attached to this letter a proposed resolution that meets the intent of the 2009 legislative provisions that was prepared by our school attorneys (Hodges Loizzi). I respectfully request that you place the resolution for your Board of Education's consideration at your next regular meeting. If approved, a copy of the resolution should be forwarded to my secretary, Doris Marcinkus.

SEDOL will need the approval of a majority of its constituent districts to continue with its line of credit. Should you have questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

**Three to Five-Year Financial Plan:** SEDOL desires an independent review of its past and current financial expenditures, staffing patterns and program and service caseloads for the purposes of constructing a three to five-year financial plan for our special education service system. SEDOL would deeply appreciate a volunteer effort of five local district business managers/directors of finance with particular expertise or insight into special education operations. Two local directors/supervisors of special education would be added to comprise an ad hoc committee that would review and then recommend directions for SEDOL's financial operations for the long term. In the event of a large number of nominees, I will have local district superintendents vote for their choices via email. Expect confidentiality will prevail.

I would appreciate consideration of this request by local district superintendents and especially recommendations of those professionals who would be willing to serve during the current school year. Nominations should be sent

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to my attention ([tmoline@sedol.us](mailto:tmoline@sedol.us)) by Friday, September 30. Ad hoc committee members should anticipate a meeting of up to two hours each month over the course of the current school year starting in the third or fourth week of October.

There is much in process and procedure that the committee will need to deal with once the group is assembled. Certainly, there will be questions and concerns about the goals and intended outcomes of a group that would be charged with producing a long-term financial plan, but I am regularly amazed at the production of a committed team. First, we need to construct that committed team. Again, your assistance will be very much appreciated.

**Visits to Local Board of Education Meetings:** Over the summer months, I visited local district superintendents in our consortium to introduce myself and begin developing a working relationship. I would like to return to local districts during one of your upcoming monthly Board of Education meetings to introduce myself to your respective Board. I also have a fifteen minute video that represents but a segment of what SEDOL provides in service to our local districts, but it is a very good representation of what SEDOL does best. I have asked Doris to contact you in the near future to schedule a visit. Should you wish to talk to me about my coming to your district in order to fully prepare for thorough discussion with your Board of Education, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

**Grant Support:** Please find attached the September 2011 newsletter from the SEDOL Resource Development Department. SEDOL is ready to assist with your local district's desire to procure grant funding. Dr. Carole Brooks ([cbrooks@sedol.us](mailto:cbrooks@sedol.us)) and Glenda Mill ([gmill@sedol.us](mailto:gmill@sedol.us)) have helped local districts in the past with researching grant opportunities, writing federal/state and foundation grant applications, locating alternative funding sources and developing community partners. If you wish the support of Carole and Glenda, please feel free to contact them directly at your convenience.

**Making Strides for Special Kids – September 17 – Independence Grove:** If walking, jogging or running is a preferred form of exercise and personal renewal, then the SEDOL Foundation has an event designed just for you. The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual SEDOL Foundation "Making Strides for Special Kids" takes place on Saturday, September 17, at Libertyville's Independence Grove Park starting at 8:30 a.m. To register and for event details, go to [www.firstgiving.com/sedolfoundation/run](http://www.firstgiving.com/sedolfoundation/run). Your support and that of your district's employees will be very much appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at 847-986-2319.

Sincerely,

SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT  
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Attachments

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SEDOL'S FINAL BUDGET FOR 2011-2012**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of School District No. 24, Lake County, Illinois ("Board") is a member of the Special Education District of Lake County ("SEDOL"), a joint agreement authorized under Section 10-22.31 of the *School Code*; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Sections 10-22.31 and 17-1 of the *School Code*, SEDOL's Governing Board has duly adopted a final budget for SEDOL; and

**WHEREAS**, the final SEDOL budget may contain certain obligations or items of indebtedness authorized under the School Code, including, but not limited to, Section 10-22.31, and other statutory provisions, including, but not limited to, a line of credit or any financing leases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board's apportioned share of obligations and indebtedness is as generally set forth in the Articles of Joint Agreement, specifically Article V § 3 and Article VIII § 5 ¶ 2, except to the extent an obligation or indebtedness has been otherwise expressly allocated among member districts by statute or member district agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 10-22.31(b) of the *School Code* provides that no governing board of a joint agreement may incur certain indebtedness except within an annual budget for the joint agreement approved by the governing board and by the boards of at least a majority of the cooperating school districts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of School District No. 24, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

**Section 1:** The final SEDOL budget for 2011-2012 is hereby approved.

**Section 2:** The Superintendent or designee is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to SEDOL for its records.

**Section 3:** The obligations and indebtednesses in the SEDOL budget shall be allocated as set forth in the SEDOL Articles of Joint Agreement, unless otherwise allocated pursuant to statute or member district agreement.

**Section 4:** All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with this Resolution shall be repealed and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

**ADOPTED** this 19th day of September, 2011 by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

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President, Board of Education

Millburn C. C. School District 24

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School District Name

ATTEST:

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Secretary, Board of Education

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