

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE February 26 thru March 2, 2007
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The midway point has been reached. Bills that passed out of their respective house of origin will now move on to be debated again in the other house. Bills will be assigned to committees beginning this week.

SUCCESS:

SB567: Full Day Kindergarten moves from the Senate to the House. This is not settled, funding is still an issue.

HB1808-Voting Systems: Verifiable paper trail for electronic voting systems and inserted into the same bill, Vote by Mail. The bill has flaws, but for political reasons, probably won't make it out of the Senate.

SB135-Abortion Matters-Defeated

With board approval, priorities for the remainder of the session have been reordered. Any of the "watch" issues can rise to priority status.

Priorities

All day Kindergarten

Election Processes

Reproductive Rights & Sexuality Education - monitor aggressively

Watch

Tax Issues

Health Care

Redistricting

Judicial Selection

Lake Michigan Compact - going to summer study committee

Privatization

The "omnibus" (that's my word) property tax relief bill, health care bill and Home Town matters have yet to make an appearance. Remember, there are those vehicle bills waiting in the wings.

Expect more alerts urging legislators to hear bills in committee, and more Letters to the Editor. Local league members have influence, let's use it.

