

What is SB1 & why does my school district need it?

SB1 is the school funding formula overhaul that passed the House and senate on May 31. When the FY18 budget was passed, it stated that education funding (6.7 Billion) must flow through a new, "Evidence Based Model"- that is what SB1 is, a school funding formula that is evidence based. It is the only funding formula that has passed the state legislature in the last 20 years. Without an Evidence-Based Funding Model in place to fund the budget, schools would be out that 6.7 Billion. Like many other school districts in Illinois, we rely heavily on state aid (about 45% of our district budget). It is critical that SB1 be enacted so that schools get the funding they need to open doors this fall.