

## Informational Memo: D109 NSSED Withdrawal Update

To: School Board

Superintendent Kocanda

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## Overview

Superintendent of North Suburban Special Education District (NSSED), Dr. Tim Thomas, has communicated with member districts the intent of Deerfield School District 109 to withdraw from NSSED. District 109 submitted their intent to withdraw from NSSED in December 2014 with an anticipated withdrawal date of June 30, 2016.

To date, 11 school districts have taken action, with only 8 of the 11 supporting the resolution for D109 to withdraw from NSSED. As a result, D109 is seeking a nonconsensual withdrawal from NSSED.

## **Recent Information**

Dr. Michael Lubelfeld, Superintendent of D109, has notified New Trier Township schools that authority of each school is reportedly equal to that of Northfield Township, Maine Townships and the Lake County ROE, as New Trier Township does not have township school trustees. Dr. Lubelfeld is seeking further legal guidance and clarification from the Illinois State Board of Education regarding legal authority and voice as steps for withdrawal move forward. It is likely that New Trier Township school boards may need to take part in some type of a hearing.

## **Next Steps**

The School Board will be updated as more information becomes available. It is not necessary to vote on the resolution at this time.