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## Gov. Bruce Rauner vetos at least 9 education related bills in 3 months

In the nearly three months since the state legislature adjourned, Gov. Bruce Rauner has vetoed at least 9 pieces of legislation that would have benefitted both students, education employees, or both, in Illinois. Here's an outline of those:

**HB 1262** – A bill passed during the 2016-17 legislative session allowed districts to apply for waivers to some ways districts spend money – such as on subjects such as physical education or drivers education – and instead of seeking approval from the Illinois State Board of Education, those waivers only had to be approved by three of the four legislative leaders. HB 1262 would have changed that and put more accountability back into the waiver process. Governor Rauner vetoed the measure on Aug. 17.

**HB 3792** – Would have required school districts to teach sixth graders about work ethics, including lessons on how to be reliable, professional, how to take initiative, be positive, respect authority and have integrity. Governor Rauner vetoed on Aug. 19.

**HB 4284** – Would have required that three members of the Illinois State Board of Education have an educator background. Governor Rauner vetoed on Aug. 19.

**HB 4657** – Attempted to create the Emotional Intelligence Task Force to develop curriculum guidelines on how to recognize, direct and positively express emotions. Governor Rauner vetoed on Aug. 19.

**HB 5175** – Would have taken away the ability of charter schools to go to the State Charter School Commission to override local school boards' decisions to deny, revoke or not renew a charter. Governor Rauner vetoed on Aug. 24.

**HB 5481** – Would have required schools to report each year on class size by the 60<sup>th</sup> day of the year to make sure that schools are meeting the requirement of what equitable class sizes look like. Governor Rauner vetoed on Aug. 19.

**SB 2345** – Would have required that the School Report Card also include information from the "Illinois Youth Survey," a survey that shows the health needs and social indicators of students in grades 8, 10 and 12 and is designed to help schools deal with at-risk children. Governor Rauner vetoed on Aug. 19.

**SB 2572** – Attempted to ensure students in grades kindergarten through 12 engage in physical education classes a minimum of 150 minutes per week. Governor Rauner vetoed on Aug. 19.

**SB 2892** – Over the next five years, all districts would have been required to bring the minimum teachers' salaries to \$40,000 and increase the minimum salary by the equivalent of the Consumer Price Index each year, subject to review by the General Assembly. Governor Rauner vetoed on Aug. 26.