

# EDUCATORS RISING ILLINOIS NEWSLETTER

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024

## **\*\* Conference Registration Deadline: February 9 \*\***

**Registration** is **OPEN** until **Feb. 9** for the 2024 Ed Rising IL State Conference on March 4, 2024. You can use this link to access the [event website for more details and to complete your event registration](#). Please contact [Christy Schweitzer](#) if you have concerns about completing registration by the 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Are you registered?** Teachers will soon receive a list of the students who are registered so they can confirm it for accuracy. Printable agendas, parking information, and more are located on the [event website](#).

If you utilized a **promo code discount** for student members, please be sure that those payments are received by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **\*\* State Conference Competitions \*\***

**Registration** for to participate in the state conference **closed on January 15<sup>th</sup>**. All required pre-scoring materials were also due in January

All competitors must have **paid Educators Rising memberships by February 15<sup>th</sup>** in order to qualify for the state conference. *This rule applies for the national conference competition as well.*

**What's Next?** Teacher leaders will receive a list of their registered competitors as well as a list of the materials that were submitted so you can confirm it for accuracy. In the final weeks prior to the conference, more preparation information as well as the competition schedule will be released.

## **\*\* Chapter Activities and Engagement \*\***

*Activities and resources for chapter planning*

- **Educators Rising Week:** February 5-9
  - Nationally, Ed Rising Week is celebrated this week, Feb. 5-9
    - We are going to celebrate it all month!
  - Access the daily [teacher guide](#) with suggestions for activities
  - Educator Appreciation [Thank You Card](#) activity
  - "My Why" [Worksheet](#)
  - Photos: We'd like to put together a collage of our Illinois chapters!

- **Photos!** Please send **photos of your students** involved in Educators Rising activities. The more photos the better, but we request that you **email us** at least **1 group photo** with your school's name and a fun fact **by February 20th**. We'll showcase these at the annual state conference and would like to spotlight your club on social media. *Photo permissions should be confirmed before sending.*
- **State Officers:** State officer elections will open up after the conference. Please talk to your students prior to the conference to see if any are interested in running. Leadership and public speaking opportunities throughout the year can be expected for all elected officers.
- **IL Website:** If you haven't visited our [new website](#) yet this school year, it's a great resource for teacher leaders. Check it out!
- **Not going to the conference** but still **looking for ways to engage** your students in the profession? [Access](#) the competition guides on the conference website but use them as lesson activities in your chapter.

### **\*\* Educators Rising Illinois "Help Desk" \*\***

1. Join Christy Schweitzer during **Open Office Hours** this month to get Ed Rising support. Whether you need help with conference registration, finding resources on the website, or anything else, you can enter virtual office hours on Teams by selecting the link embedded within the meeting date.
  - 7:30AM-8:30AM CST on [Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>](#)
  - 3:30PM-4:30PM CST on [Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>](#)
2. **If these dates and times don't work** for you or you need a full 30-minute appointment, please use my [appointment scheduler](#) to find a time that will work.
3. **Email Christy** anytime at [educatorsrising@ieanea.org](mailto:educatorsrising@ieanea.org)

### **\*\* Follow us on social media! \*\***

- Facebook - Educators Rising IL
- Instagram - @educatorsrising.il
- Twitter - @EdRisingIL