

## **Elementary School District Consolidation**

The League of Women Voters of Roselle Bloomingdale (LWVRB) supports the efficient and effective operation of school districts. To this end, LWVRB conducted a study of school district consolidation in 2023-24, which can be viewed here:

**■** School District Consolidation Study

School district consolidation can lower the cost of education while maintaining or increasing the academic achievement of public school students.

In achieving this goal, the LWVRB supports a cooperative and transparent process in which people have sufficient and timely information to make informed decisions about proposed actions and well-defined channels for input and review.

Administrative and fiscal efficiency should be included in the criteria by which local governments consider whether to consolidate or share major services. Both the implementation process and the likely effects of implementation should be considered by applying the following criteria:

- Will the proposal result in projected education cost savings?
- Can administrative costs be better utilized in the classroom or for other direct education activities for students?
- Will the proposal result in a reduction in the number of taxing bodies in Illinois?
- Will the proposal have a positive effect on total taxation for residents and businesses over the long term?
- Will the proposal consistently address employee contracts?
- Will the proposal increase opportunities for in-district professional development for teachers and other critical staff?
- Will the proposal result in increased social and economic justice?
- Will the proposal result in increased student learning and improved outcomes?

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