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## **Lt. Governor hails Senate passage of state education funding bill**

SPRINGFIELD – Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti today issued the following statement upon Senate passage of the education funding bill this afternoon:

"As a child who grew up in poverty, my schools didn't have the resources they needed to provide me with a quality education. Here in Illinois, too many children know this reality. It shouldn't matter where you live or how much money your parents make – all children deserve access to a world-class education.

"Last year, Governor Rauner created the Illinois School Funding Reform Commission with the goal of finally reforming our broken education system. Today's Senate vote delivers on the Governor's promise for a fair and equitable school funding formula. This historic legislation also creates a new Tax Credit Scholarship program designed to empower low income families with the ability to choose the schools that best meet their child's needs. It also provides our school districts with much-needed flexibility from costly unfunded mandates while giving taxpayers an avenue to property tax relief.

"I fully support this legislation and I'm excited it will distribute money to our neediest school districts first so that we can give all children in Illinois hope for a better future."

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