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CHICAGO Citing concerns that the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has not given private schools
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Under the Invest in Kids Scholarship Tax Credit Program, created through the passage of education funding reform in August, individuals and businesses that donate to private school scholarships may qualify for a tax credit that reflects up to 75 percent of their donation. In order for the donation to be valid for a tax credit, the gift must be for a private school that is registered and recognized by ISBE. Some private schools in Illinois are registered by ISBE, but have not yet received recognition status, which takes at least a year to complete.

Ford and advocates are asking that schools that apply to start the by January 31, 2018 be included in the list of qualified schools that can participate in the Invest in Kids Scholarship Tax Credit Program this upcoming year. The Invest in Kids Scholarship Tax Credit Program is designed to favor lower-income students, but that goal will not be accomplished if certain private schools are excluded.

public schools have been excluded from the Invest in Kids Scholarship tax program is deeply dis founder of Village Leadership Academy, an independent K- Schools should have been given adequate notice to decide if it was in the best interest of the children and families they serve to apply. I am hopeful that ISBE will rectify this issue to ensure the program is truly inclusive

other stan should allow the families who are sending their children there to have an opportunity to receive this critically

Ford represents the 8th Representative District, which contains portions of Berwyn, Brookfield, Forest Park, La Grange, North Riverside and Oak Park. For more information, please contact RepFord@LaShawnFord.com or 217-782-5962.