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D-300 to protest at Capitol  
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CARPENTERSVILLE – On Monday, students attending Community Unit School District 300 schools will be excused from class if they wish to join district administrators in Springfield to protest a piece of legislation that's up for a vote next week.

With less than a week before lawmakers convene at the Illinois State Capitol for the veto session, District 300 is hoping to reach out to lawmakers before they get a chance to vote on Senate Bill 540.

In recent months, the school district, with support from parent group, Advance 300, has been mobilizing community support on its campaign against Amendment 3 of the bill.

The amendment extends the economic development area (EDA) tax break for Sears Holdings Corp., which sits in the southeastern corner of District 300's taxing boundaries, by 15 years.

At Wednesday night's Finance Committee meeting, Finance Director Meriann Besonen said the office is looking at transferring \$2 million to \$3 million from the district's education fund for transportation services.

State funding for transportation has been shrinking in recent years. Still, districts are required to provide bus transportation.

And some schools, including Gilberts Elementary School, are located near major thoroughfares without sidewalks nearby.

"It's getting dicey," said Besonen at Wednesday's meeting. "It's making the Sears money that much more important for us."

Close to 21,000 students are enrolled in District 300, which spans 119 square miles and ranks the sixth largest district in the state.

The school district anticipates collecting about \$14 million in additional tax revenue annually after the current EDA expires in September 2012.

But if the pending legislation passes, District 300 schools would go longer without the annual property-tax revenues generated by Sears.

District 300 officials have organized a trip down to Springfield for Monday. Supporters will meet at noon at the Lincoln Statue on the east side of the Capitol Building. The lobbying effort is the district's most urgent concern that officials have canceled the regularly scheduled school board meeting at 7:30 p.m. that same night.

"This is literally our LAST CHANCE before the Senate makes its final decision," wrote School Board President Anne Miller in a letter to district staff members and parents.

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[Dan R.]

I am interested in a way to post the following to the ePacket as a specific agenda item ...

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/97/SB/09700SB0540ham003.htm>

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In addition to the Documents post the following link

<http://www.d300.org/news/28903>

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**2 attachments**

 **CUSD300BoardRes10-4-2011 against SB540 A3.pdf**  
137K

 **Summary\_Sheet\_-\_Updated\_October\_1\_2011.pdf**  
86K

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Bob,  
Call me at your earliest convenience to discuss this.

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