


MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable JB Pritzker, Governor
The Honorable Emanuel “Chris” Welch, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Tony McCombie, House Minority Leader
The Honorable Don Harmon, Senate President
The Honorable John Curran, Senate Minority Leader

FROM: Dr. Tony Sanders 
State Superintendent of Education

DATE: September 26, 2025

SUBJECT: 586 Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Compliance Report Single-Use Disposable Foodware Purchase 2025

The Illinois State Board of Education respectfully submits this report to the governor and the General Assembly pursuant to the mandates set forth by 30 ILCS 567/10 and 30 ILCS 500/45-24(b). This report outlines the Agency’s total purchases of single-use disposable foodware for use in its operations, programs, and activities.

This report is transmitted on behalf of the state superintendent of education. For additional information, please contact the Legislative Affairs Department at 217-782- 6510.

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House
Legislative Research Unit
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Compliance Report: ISBE Single-Use Disposable Foodware Purchase

In accordance with the mandates set forth by 30 ILCS 567/10 and 30 ILCS 500/45-24(b), this report confirms that the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has, since July 1, 2024, purchased a total of \$161.88 worth of single-use disposable foodware for use in its operations, programs, and activities.

Legal Reference:

1. **30 ILCS 567/10:** This section mandates that state agencies, including the Illinois State Board of Education, track their purchases of single-use plastic disposable foodware, establish goals on reducing single-use plastic disposable foodware, and submit a report of its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2025.
2. **30 ILCS 500/45-24 (b):** This section outlines procurement restrictions for state agencies, specifying that disposable food service containers composed of polystyrene foam are prohibited, and that only compostable or recyclable foodware may be procured.

Compliance Statement:

- **Purchasing Activity:** In line with the requirements of the above-mentioned statutes, ISBE has purchased a total of \$161.88 worth of single-use disposable foodware. While ISBE strives to align with environmental sustainability goals, this purchase was necessary for certain operations and activities. Efforts are continuously made to prioritize compostable or recyclable foodware wherever possible.
- **Procurement Procedures:** ISBE follows established procurement processes to ensure compliance with environmental sustainability guidelines, including those restricting the use of single-use plastics. Any purchased items, with the exception of the \$161.88 foodwares, were consistent with the environmental guidelines provided in the statutes, ensuring compliance with the procurement restrictions.

Conclusion:

Based on internal records and procurement reviews, the Illinois State Board of Education acknowledges the purchase of \$161.88 worth of single-use disposable foodware. While the agency has adhered to environmental sustainability principles, ISBE remains committed to reducing its reliance on single-use plastics and continues to seek alternatives that align with state legislation.