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TO: RAILS Board of Directors

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SUBJECT: Request to Withdraw Uncertified Libraries and Recommendations for suspension

In compliance with Illinois statutes and administrative rules, annual certification is required of all library system members in order to retain system membership and eligibility for grants administered by the Illinois State Library [23 Ill. Adm. Code 3030.200]. The portal opened on January 2, 2025 and closed on March 31, 2025. The RAILS Admin team worked with several members to certify after the deadline.

**Withdrawn Members**

The following agencies either closed completely or chose to withdraw from RAILS membership voluntarily. This list is informational only, as closures and withdrawals do not require board action. The Illinois State Library has been notified.

Agency Name	Type	Reason for Withdrawal
American Academy of Art	Special	School closed
Ascension Saint Francis Hospital - Evanston	Special	Library Eliminated Voluntary Withdrawal
Ascension Saint Joseph Hospital - Chicago	Special	Library Eliminated Voluntary Withdrawal
Congerville-Eureka-Goodfield CUSD 140 formerly Eureka Community Unit SD 140	School	Voluntary Withdrawal - no reason given but they are leaving RSA
Laraway CCSD C70	School	Voluntary Withdrawal
Linde	Special	Voluntary Withdrawal
Merit School of Music	Special	Voluntary Withdrawal (Library Reorg)
Nazareth Academy	School	Library Eliminated
Northwestern College	Academic	Closed July 6, 2024
Rebuild Foundation	Special	Voluntary Withdrawal
St. Anne Community Consolidated HSD 302	School	Merged with St. Anne District 24
Saint Mark Catholic School	School	No reason given (quit RSA in 2024)
Smith Gambrell Russell	Special	Voluntary Withdrawal
US Environmental Protection Agency	Special	Closed

**Recommendations for Suspension**

By April 24, all but three RAILS libraries had successfully completed certification. Repeated phone calls and emails were made requesting voluntary withdrawal from the system with no response. We ask that the RAILS Board recommend the suspension of the following libraries to the Illinois State Library:

Agency Name	Type	Reason for Suspension
Braceville Elementary SD #75	School	Responded to multiple emails, but did not certify
Cornell CCSD #426	School	Responded to multiple emails, but did not certify
Federal Correction Institution, Pekin	Special	Failed to certify after receiving phone calls and emails.
Nixon Peabody LLP	Special	Failed to certify after receiving phone calls and emails.
Prairie Hills School District #144	School	Failed to certify after receiving phone calls and emails.