



West Northfield School District 31
Office of the Chief School Business Official

Regular Meeting – Thursday, June 27, 2019

TO: Dr. Erin Murphy
FROM: Catherine M. Lauria
RE: Changes with Prevailing Wage Act

INFORMATIONAL MEMO

Each June, Illinois local governments have annually adopted a prevailing wage ordinance or resolution ascertaining prevailing wages.

The Prevailing Wage Act determines the rates for wages a contractor or subcontractor is required to pay to all laborers, workers and mechanics performing work on public works projects. It also establishes the record keeping requirements for contractors or subcontractors, such as providing certified payroll information.

One obligation associated with the ordinance is to notify all contractors and subcontractors in writing of the Prevailing Wage Act when bidding and awarding contracts. This notification has been included in construction contracts.

During the last session, the General Assembly eliminated requirements for a public body to adopt an ordinance or resolution ascertaining prevailing wages, to publish or post rates, and to maintain certain record-keeping requirements with the enactment of [P.A. 100-1177](#). This act is effective as of June 1, 2019.

In short, the new law eliminates certain administrative and record-keeping obligations for local governments but the requirement to pay prevailing wages has not changed for projects subject to the Prevailing Wage Act. The Department of Labor will develop a database of certified payrolls by April 1, 2020. Contractors will then be responsible for submitting certified payrolls directly online rather than filing with the local government, such as a school district.