

## Updated Information Regarding FY10 Screening for Preschool-Kindergarten Students

Beginning on July 01, 2009 all school districts in the State of Illinois are required to use:

a. **WIDA MODEL™** as a screener **for students entering Kindergarten** to determine students' English language proficiency and identify students eligible to receive ELL services. Children who score below a 4.0 on either the Speaking or Listening domain of the WIDA MODEL™ are considered limited English proficient and are eligible for ELL services.

b. **Pre-IPT® Oral English Language Proficiency Test** as a screener **for students, age 3, 4, and 5 entering Preschool** to determine students' English language proficiency and identify students eligible to receive ELL services. **Three** year old children scoring below Level D (on a scale from Level A-E) are considered limited English proficient and are eligible for ELL services. **Four and five** year old children scoring below Level E (on a scale from Level A-E) are considered limited English proficient and are eligible for ELL services.

**Any school district that has started to screen Preschool/Kindergarten students with the WIDA MODEL™ must inform the Division of English Language Learning by sending an email to Ilyse Leland at [ileland@isbe.net](mailto:ileland@isbe.net) by May 29, 2009. Should you have any additional questions regarding this request, please call 312-814-3850.**

**CHART for DETERMINING ELL PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY for Preschool/Kindergarten STUDENTS**

GRADE	DOMAINS ASSESSED				Program Eligibility for ELL services
	Listening	Speaking	Reading	Writing	
Preschool- Age 3	X	X			Score at Level A, B, or C (on a scale of level A-E)
Preschool - Age 4 and Age 5	X	X			Score at Level A, B, C, or D (on a scale of level A-E)
Kindergarten (1st Semester)	X	X			If either the Listening or Speaking proficiency level is below 4.0
Kindergarten (2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester)	X	X	X	X	If the overall composite level is below 4.0