Good morning!

The Illinois content specialists have recently recorded a webinar entitled “Overview of the New Illinois Learning Standards.” This recording takes a look at both the math and ELA standards and aims to improve the general understanding of them. You can find this webinar under the “Webinars, Presentations and Videos” heading of the Teacher Resources page.

The PARCC online student tutorials found here have been updated and are now specific to subjects and grade bands. Students can now practice using a tutorial that is specific to their testing needs.

Lastly, I wanted to alert you to a variety of documents that have been posted as part of the “PARCC Primer.” This is a collaboration between the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois PTA to help educators, students and parents prepare for the new PARCC assessments by offering tools and resources to help familiarize them with the test. This event is optional but even if your school hasn’t decided to participate, you might find some of the documents on this site useful.

Have a great weekend,