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Welcome

This broadcast covers information on the status of the English Language Proficiency Standards and ISBE employment opportunities in the Springfield Office -Division of Assessment.

According to the “No Child Left Behind Act”, Title III, each state must have a set of English proficiency standards (ELP) which demonstrate how a child will move from limited English proficiency to proficient in the four domains of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. To accomplish this goal, Illinois will join a consortium of states, which have drafted a set of standards. The Illinois State Board of Education in conjunction with practitioners from around the state, have been working to augment these standards to provide linkage to the Illinois Learning Standards. Sessions introducing the ELP standards will be conducted each day of the state conference for “Teachers of Linguistically and Culturally Diverse Students” held on December 9-12, 2003. Drafts of the ELP standards will be distributed to participants in the training sessions.

The Illinois State Board of Education has an employment opportunity in the Division of Assessment for a consultant in the Springfield office. Qualified candidates will have a background in assessment of LEP students. Applications are due December 1, 2003. For more information see <http://www.isbe.net> . Select the “employment” link on the left side of the page.