Message From State Superintendent Christopher A. Koch

The State Superintendent’s column will return next week.

July 9, 2012

Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

- **Part 650 (Charter Schools)** – Public comment period ends July 16
- **2011-12 Regional Safe Schools Program (RSSP) student reporting deadline** – July 31
- **The 2011-12 End of Year Report deadline** – Aug. 15
- **2011-12 Teacher Service Record reporting deadline** – Aug. 15
- **Adjusted cohort graduation data deadline** – Aug. 17
- **Postmark deadline for waiver applications to be considered by General Assembly in Fall ’12** – Aug. 17
- **Part 60 (The “Grow Your Own” Teacher Education Initiative) and Part 65 (New Teacher Induction and Mentoring)** – Public comment period ends Aug. 20
- **2011-12 High School Students Taking Community College Courses data submission deadline** – Sept. 17
- **School District/Joint Agreement Budget Form deadline** – Oct. 30

Student Assessment

**Grade 11 PSAE Preliminary Results for the 2011-12 School Year Available**

Grade 11 PSAE preliminary results for the 2011-12 school year are now posted in IWAS.

This information is located within the Student Information System (SIS). Please review your data for any errors or omissions. The assessment correction window will close at 4 p.m. on July 17, 2012. There will be no extensions.

Please review the following:

1. **Unassigned Test Results** – Check for Unassigned Test Results
2. **Assessment Scores Report** – Clear Error Codes
3. **Assessment Correction Report** – Verify Demographic Data

Please review the document Not Tested Reasons and Assessment Scores Descriptions for more information: [http://www.isbe.net/assessment/pdfs/asmt_scores_desc.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/assessment/pdfs/asmt_scores_desc.pdf).

If you have questions about how to access the data or need help to correct information in the files, please contact the SIS help desk at (217) 558-3600.

Common Core

**PARCC Seeks Feedback on Model Content Frameworks for Mathematics**

The state-led Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) is seeking a second round of public comment on the Model Content Frameworks for Mathematics as part of an on-going development process to ensure the frameworks meet the needs of educators, curriculum directors and school leaders.

In November 2011, PARCC released Model Content Frameworks to inform item development and to support implementation of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). That release was based on multiple rounds of feedback, including a public comment period in August 2011. The initial public review resulted in a number of conceptual changes in the frameworks, which are detailed through a recorded webinar and presentations at [www.parcconline.org/parcc-content-frameworks](http://www.parcconline.org/parcc-content-frameworks).

In addition to seeking another round of comments on the November 2011 draft of the 3-8 Model Content Frameworks, PARCC is also seeking comments on newly created material for high school mathematics. Based on feedback gathered over the academic year, PARCC states have created materials that provide
additional specificity around six high school courses. The newly revised high school Model Content Frameworks detail the standards, or parts of standards that make up the two course sequences and would be assessed in each course by the PARCC assessments.


The public comment survey for mathematics will be open until Wednesday, July 11. Users can access the comment survey at www.parcconline.org/parcc-content-frameworks. PARCC will revise the frameworks during the month of July with the goal of releasing final versions later this summer. Once the frameworks are final, PARCC will hold public webinars to walk through the changes. Information about the webinars will be available on the PARCC website later this summer.

No Child Left Behind

Superintendents Asked to Complete Short Survey for Illinois’ NCLB Waiver Application

As we work with the U.S. Department of Education on our waiver application for the No Child Left Behind Act they are seeking clarification and additional information. One of the items they are seeking more information on is when local districts intend to begin using student growth as a component of local evaluation systems.

Superintendents, please take a few moments if you have not already done so and visit http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7MKNRV3 to complete a simple survey to provide us with this information. Thank you.

School Business Services

Fiscal Year 2013 School District/Joint Agreement Budget Forms Available Online

Now available at the School Business Services Division website are FY 2013 School District/Joint Agreement Budget Forms (ISBE Form 50-36/50-39) with related additional information and instructions.

At the website: http://www.isbe.net/sfms/budget/default.htm

- Mechanics of the Budget
- Instructions to help to complete the adoption process.
- Links are listed to direct you to the Rules and Public Acts.

School Districts should pay close attention to the deadline date for submitting the electronic FY2013 School District Budget Form in the excel spreadsheet form to Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) by Oct. 30, 2013. The School Code, Section 17-1 (105 ILCS 5/17-1)) requires school districts to electronically submit the adopted annual budget to ISBE; and also requires school districts who adopt an unbalanced budget in the operating funds to complete a Deficit Reduction Plan to balance the budget within three years. The Joint Agreement Budget Form 50-39 is no longer excluded from the state filing requirement and should be filed electronically to ISBE by Oct. 30, 2013.

If you have any questions, contact the School Business Services Division at (217) 785-8779.

IDNR

Registration Under Way for ENTICE Educator Workshops

The 2012-13 ENTICE (Environment and Nature Training Institute for Conservation Education) workshop schedule from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources’ Division of Education is available. Go to https://www.enticeworkshops.com for more information and to register.

ENTICE workshops provide basic information about the topic from resources experts, hands-on activities, supplemental resources and outdoor experiences. All workshops are developed with Illinois learning standards as their foundation. Continuing Professional Development Units are available.

Upcoming workshops include Illinois Prairies at Sugar Grove Nature Center in McLean on July 27 and Introducing Early Childhood Students to Nature on Aug. 11 at Rock Springs Nature Center in Decatur. Visit the website above for a complete list.

In the News
Weekly News Clips
ISBE has posted highlights from last week’s education news clips at [http://www.isbe.net/news/2012/newsclips/120709.htm](http://www.isbe.net/news/2012/newsclips/120709.htm).

Employment Opportunities

**ISBE External Vacancy List**
An External Vacancy List for the Illinois State Board of Education is available at [http://www.isbe.net/hr/Default.htm](http://www.isbe.net/hr/Default.htm).