Weekly Message from State Superintendent Randy Dunn

Good afternoon.

With Constitution Day and Citizenship Day less than a week away—next Sunday to be exact—my message today offers links to some resources for commemoration activities and looks at the broader issue of a nationwide call for renewed focus on civics education.

As we shared with you in the August 21 Weekly Message, there are Constitution and Citizenship Day resources available online at [http://www.constitutionday.com/Html/education.html](http://www.constitutionday.com/Html/education.html) and [http://www.constitutioncenter.org/constitutionday/display/MainS/Home](http://www.constitutioncenter.org/constitutionday/display/MainS/Home). In addition, the U.S. Department of Education has made information available online to help teachers plan activities and lessons at [http://www.ed.gov/policy/fund/guid/constitutionday06.html](http://www.ed.gov/policy/fund/guid/constitutionday06.html).

When looking at the broader issue of Civics Education only about half the states require civic education in their public schools. And while the Illinois Learning Standards for Social Science were developed to help students “develop the ability to make informed and reasoned decisions for the public good,” it’s clear that role of schools goes beyond education in just the cognitive sense. Citizenship development is part of what public schools are called upon to do. Because more than half of school-age children live in households where no one votes, teachers are often the primary motivator for children to learn the responsibilities of citizenship. But even highly motivated teachers need resources to keep students engaged in these endeavors throughout the school year.

To support educators and promote civic education, the Center for Governmental Studies at the University of Virginia created the [Youth Leadership Initiative](http://www.youthleadershipinitiative.com/). This national citizenship education and engagement program offers classroom resources and social sciences course units specifically linked to each state's unique academic curriculum standards. Technology is the signature component of the Youth Leadership linking schools and students with their counterparts in every region of a state and throughout the nation. The Youth Leadership Initiative also hosts community and online candidate forums, issue discussions, public town-hall meetings and symposia to connect and engage young people.

Some of you may be aware of other helpful resources and we would be glad to know of those as well.

The professional association for the boards of education at the state level has been involved in this work for some time as well. As such, additional civics education resources for are available online from the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) at: [http://www.nasbe.org/projects/civic_learning.htm](http://www.nasbe.org/projects/civic_learning.htm).

It was wonderful to see so many superintendent friends in Springfield last week. Thank you all for your good wishes and kind words.

Have a great week.

Randy Dunn

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Upcoming Deadlines

Rules Public Comment, Special Education – September 15, 2006
Child Nutrition Annual Sponsor/Site Application – September 15, 2006
Rules Public Comment – Early Childhood Block Grant – September 25, 2006
William Randolph Hearst Scholarships – October 4, 2006
Burroughs Award Nominations – October 13, 2006
Zero Waste Schools Grant – November 1, 2006
NCLB Monitoring Instrument – November 15, 2006
NCLB Title I Comparability – November 17, 2006

Student Assessment

Grades three through eight data corrections

ISBE Assessment thanks the thousands of local district staff members that have worked on the assessment data cleanup. It has been time-consuming and at times frustrating. We appreciate their time and work – to have accurate data is critical to making accurate AYP calculations.

On Friday, September 8, we closed the data cleanup window for grades three through eight. It has been open since last spring, scores were posted in July and we have provided additional time for all schools and districts to provide accurate student demographic information. This week ISBE staff will work with districts that still are missing scores and having difficulty uploading information. When this is completed, we will provide the final data to Harcourt for the printing of student, school and district reports. These reports are due in school mid-to late October. Any questions regarding data clean up should go to 217-558-3600 or help@isbe.net.

Although we will continue to calculate AYP for Grades 3 through Grades 8 and post Status Reports on IWAS on a daily basis, final AYP Status Reports will not be posted until all internal processing has been completed. At that time, we will notify district superintendents via IWAS that their final Status Reports are available. Please direct any questions regarding AYP to 217-782-3950.

AYP appeals process

As soon as schools and districts receive their final AYP status, school districts may appeal their district or school status to the Illinois State Board of Education.

The district must submit the appeal within 30 days after receipt of State final notification of status, from the State Board of Education. ISBE will send final status out through IWAS to local superintendents.

A letter from the district superintendent to the State Superintendent of Education for consideration by the Appeals Advisory Committee, listing the issue and rationale for the appeal, begins the process. Please send letters to the address listed below.

Once the State Board receives an appeal staff will work with the district in an effort to resolve the issues raised in the request through informal means. If unresolved, the appeal will be scheduled for hearing with the Appeals Advisory Committee.

For more information please go to: http://www.isbe.net/assessment/pdfs/appeals_status.pdf or call 217-782-2223. Address letters to:

Appeals Facilitator
Illinois State Board of Education
100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois 62777
Fax: 217-785-3972

Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE) scores

The posting of PSAE scores is still delayed. ISBE remains in constant contact with Harcourt to get this resolved. Due to this late posting PSAE score cards could not be produced this year for shipment to principals in August.

ISBE encourages schools to advise grade 12 students about participating in the PSAE retake this fall based on information currently available to them (Day 1 ACT results only). Only PSAE scores from grade 11 testing in the spring are used for school accountability and that participation in the retake is optional for grade 12 students. Please encourage Grade 12 students who did not take the PSAE while in grade 11 to register for the retake so they can meet the requirement of having to take the PSAE to receive a regular high school diploma this year.

Once scores are posted, districts will be able to export results to a spreadsheet.
As soon as PSAE scores are posted for district review, we will notify superintendents via IWAS and on the Assessment listserv.

**Correction Period for Grade 11**

ISBE encourages all districts with high schools to check now that the grade 11 Assessment Correction files are accurate since the clean up after PSAE scores are posted will be limited to ten working days. The Assessment Correction file has been open since last spring and grade 11 IAA and IMAGE scores have been posted since July.

Districts should have error free Assessment Correction files for grade 11 and should now just be waiting to review PSAE scores.

For assistance please call 217-558-3600 or email help@isbe.net.

**IAA Writing Pilot Trainings, select sessions closed**

Select sessions for the IAA Writing Pilot Trainings held September 18 through 26 are at full capacity. These sites include: September 19 in Rockford, September 20 in Elk Grove Village, September 21 in Tinley Park and September 22 in Normal. There will be another round of training in spring 2007 prior to the actual operational IAA Writing Test in grades 5, 8 and 11. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused. Please check the registration Web site at [http://www.isbe.net/assessment/iaa.htm](http://www.isbe.net/assessment/iaa.htm) for other sites that are still available. If you have registration questions, please email Pearson Educational Measurement at iaa_pearson@pearson.com. If you have questions on the Writing Pilot, please email Marilyn Leveque at mleveque@isbe.net.

**NBPTS Training**

**Illinois National Board Professional Preparation and Support System**

Informational meetings detailing the new Illinois NBPTS support structure continue as follows:

- **Tuesday, September 12, 2006 - DeKalb ROE #16 - Kishwaukee College** - 21193 Malta Rd, Malta - 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

R.S.V.P. to mmathis@i-kan.org or vhensley@i-kan.org what meeting you plan to attend. Topics covered will include:

- Transition Plan for the new National Board Professional Preparation and Support System
- Illinois Teaching Excellence Program Payments Application Process
- National Board Candidate Subsidy Fee Support

**Federal Grants and Programs**

**Final FY 07 Title I allocations complete**

The final FY 07 Title I Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged allocations for all local education agencies (LEAs) are complete and online at: [http://www.isbe.net/funding/excel/title1_allocations.xls](http://www.isbe.net/funding/excel/title1_allocations.xls).

Funding is based upon LEA eligibility for the four statutory formulas—Basic, Concentration, Targeted and Education Finance Incentive Grants; and upon a variable hold harmless. These figures replace the earlier projected allocations.

Districts that have already received ISBE approval for their NCLB Consolidated Applications can amend their applications for additional Title I funds. Districts that have not yet applied or have applications within the approval process at the district level may apply for additional funds.

Titles IIA, IV and V have not changed from their projected amounts.

Please direct questions regarding Title I as well as Titles IIA, IV and V programs to staff in the Federal Grants and Programs Division at 217-524-4832.

**21st Century Community Learning Center Professional Development Opportunity**

On September 20 and 21, a 21st CCLC professional development opportunity will be held at the Springfield ISBE office for 21st Century Community Learning Center grantees. Michele Seelbach, a former 21st CCLC program administration in Springfield School District 186 will be the trainer. The topic will be 21st CCLC Programs Assisting Schools to Make AYP.

Level II training, *The Importance of Integrating the 21st CCLC Program into the School Improvement Plans of the Schools Served* will be held both in Springfield and Chicago at later dates. A full schedule of trainings has been sent to all grantees.

Site coordinators and others within the after school setting can definitely benefit from seeing how the work that is being done after school affects the overall learning of students and how the after school programs can assist schools in making AYP.
Grantees may call Gail Meisner of the Federal Grants and Programs Division at 217-524-4832 to register.

**Meetings set regarding Gifted Education**

The Illinois State Board of Education in conjunction with the Illinois Association for Gifted Children will conduct four meetings to provide information on the impact of Illinois’ most recent gifted education law on current and future gifted programs.

The meetings will address the language in the new law, the proposed rules, funding and the work of the Gifted Advisory Council and will include time for questions from participants.

The informational meetings will be held from 9 a.m. until noon on the dates below:

- September 19 Doubletree Inn - Bloomington
- September 20 Du Page County ROE - Lombard
- September 21 ISC #4 - Chicago Heights
- October 5 Carbondale Civic Center - Carbondale

Please confirm your plans to attend one of these meetings by contacting Amy Eskew at 217-524-4832 for the Bloomington and Carbondale locations; the DuPage ROE staff at [http://www.dupage.k12.il.us/](http://www.dupage.k12.il.us/) for the Lombard meeting; or Karen Starnes at 708-754-6600 for the ISC #4 location.

**Curriculum and Instruction**

**Illinois Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) Grant Award Winners**

The Carol M. White Physical Education Program provides funds to local educational agencies and community-based organizations (including faith-based organizations) to initiate, expand and improve physical education programs (including after school programs).

In order to receive funding, each applicant must design and implement a program that clearly aligns to Illinois Learning Standards for physical education and provides for one or more of the following elements:

- fitness education and assessment to help students understand, improve or maintain physical well-being;
- instruction in motor skills and physical activities designed to enhance the physical, mental or social or emotional development;
- development of and instruction in, cognitive concepts about motor skills and physical fitness that support healthy lifestyles;
- opportunities to develop positive social and cooperative skills through physical activity participation;
- instruction in healthy eating habits and good nutrition; and
- opportunities for professional development for physical education teachers to stay abreast of current research, issues and trends in physical education.

The following six Illinois applicants are recipients of the FY 2006 PEP discretionary grant competition:

- **4 Counties for Kids, Inc.**, 435 E. Court Street, Jacksonville - $257,175
- **Mount Vernon City School District**, 1722 Oakland Avenue, Mt. Vernon - $150,326
- **YMCA of Rock River Valley**, 200 Y Blvd, Rockford - $271,482
- **Youth Connection Charter School**, 10 West 35th Street, Suite 11F4-2, Chicago - $294,519
- **Adlai E. Stevenson High School District**, One Stevenson Drive, Lincolnshire - $254,550
- **DuPage Regional Office of Education**, 421 North County Farm Road, Wheaton - $131,951

**ASCD Announces Application for Grant Award Program**

The Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) will award 10 grants of $10,000 each to help schools and communities work together to create a healthy school environment. The selected schools will demonstrate the capacity for best practice in leadership and instruction, support comprehensive health programs and create strong collaborations with other community institutions.

The grant program is part of ASCD's worldwide effort to promote the integration of health and learning and the benefits of school-community partnerships. Grantees will assess the health-related aspects of the learning environment and use the results for school improvement and community engagement. They will participate in a study to identify the key indicators of success. School communities will receive technical assistance and become part of a Healthy School Communities network.

Healthy School Communities sites will be selected in November 2006. The pilot grant is open to K–12 public and independent school communities in the United States and its territories, including Department of Defense Schools; Canada; the Caribbean; and the Asia Pacific region.

Grant applications are available online at [www.ascd.org/healthyschoolcommunities](http://www.ascd.org/healthyschoolcommunities) and are due November 15, 2006. For more information about the
application process, contact Theresa Lewallen at 1-703-575-5622 or healthyschoolcommunities@ascd.org.

Special Message from DCFS

There have been important changes to State law concerning the legal obligations of school employees and board members as mandated reporters of child abuse and neglect in Illinois. The start of the school year is also an opportune time to remind all of us of mandated reporters’ ongoing duty under the law to report suspected child abuse and neglect.

Effective June 20, 2006, State of Illinois Public Act 094-0888 amended the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act, as follows:
1. The list of “mandated reporters” required by the Act to report child abuse and neglect has been broadened and clarified to include:
   “school personnel (including administrators and both certified and non-certified school employees)”
2. School board members now have specific obligations under the Act:
   “If an allegation is raised to a school board member during the course of an open or closed school board meeting that a child who is enrolled in the school district of which he or she is a board member is an abused child as defined in Section 3 of this Act, the member shall direct or cause the school board to direct the superintendent of the school district or other equivalent school administrator to comply with the requirements of this Act concerning the reporting of child abuse. For purposes of this paragraph, a school board member is granted the authority in his or her individual capacity to direct the superintendent of the school district or other equivalent school administrator to comply with the requirements of this Act concerning the reporting of child abuse.”

As your school’s employees welcome students back for the new year, it is also important to remind those employees of their ongoing obligation under the Act to report child abuse and neglect to the State of Illinois Child Abuse Hotline. To support you in that task, please print and distribute the updated “Care Enough To Call” brochure, which summarizes when and how mandated reporters must call the State of Illinois Child Abuse Hotline. You may also print and distribute the “Protecting Children” mini-poster, which you may post in locations visible to your school’s employees. You are free to print and distribute these materials from the attached link and you may request printed copies of these documents from DCFS by calling the DCFS Division of Communications at 217-785-1700. Two more comprehensive publications, “Protecting the Children: A School Administrators Guide to Child Welfare Services in Illinois” and “A Manual for Mandated Reporters” are also available by request and can be printed from the DCFS web site at www.state.il.us/dcf.

DCFS also offers on-site training for mandated reporters at your school, free of charge. This training is appropriate to be included in your school’s in-service training program, to be scheduled at your convenience. To request additional information, materials, and/or to schedule on-site training, please contact the DCFS Division of Communications at 217-785-1700 or Womazetta Jones at 312-328-2299.

Protecting children is a duty we all share. Thank you for your attention to this important information and please contact us if we can assist you in any way to meet this critical obligation under the law.

Teacher Certification

2006-07 Teacher Service Record NCLB Reporting Requirements

The Teacher Service Record (TS) for 2006-07 has been revised to collect additional data required by the national No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. Given the need for data on all subjects taught, the changes include up to seven assignment codes for each teacher; changes to the special education and bilingual assignments to reflect core subjects taught by teachers of record and changes to reporting elementary teachers in self-contained assignments at grade 5 and below. Information about these changes to the new TSR is at http://www.isbe.net/research/pdfs/trs_instructions.pdf.

External Assurance

Per Pupil Expenditure Report

The Per Pupil Expenditure (PPE) Report calculations for FY07 are online at:

The number listed for each district represents the maximum the district can pay for Supplemental Education Services (SES) for a child in FY 07. If a provider’s SES program costs less than the PPE, districts pay the provider based on the lesser amount. If more than one provider serves a child during the school year, the total paid for that child to all of the providers collectively cannot exceed the PPE. The PPE is not an amount per provider; it is an amount per child.

NCLB deadlines

NCLB Monitoring Instrument - Deadlines for submitting your NCLB Monitoring Instrument will be November 15. The online instrument is found on the IWAS system.
This year’s submission will include being able to load previous year’s data and updating any portions that have changed. If you have questions please contact Paul Williams at 217-782-7970 or email pwilliam@isbe.net

NCLB Title I Comparability – The deadline for submitting your Title I comparability documentation will be November 17. The documentation will now be an annual submission requirement. The document is online and can be submitted through the IWAS system. This year, document preparers will be able to submit their completed work to the superintendent via IWAS and not have to send it to them through Email. For assistance contact Paul Williams at 217-782-7970 or email pwilliam@isbe.net

**Funding and Disbursement**

**FY 07 General State Aid, Hold Harmless update**

General State Aid is a multi-variable formula dependent on timely submission of data from a variety of sources. An important component of this formula is the Equalized Assessed Valuations which originate from your local county clerk’s office. All county clerks are required to submit this data to the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR). IDOR performs an extensive audit of this information, certifies it and passes it on to ISBE for use in calculating General State Aid (GSA) and Hold Harmless (HH). Historically, IDOR certifies all 102 Illinois county files and electronically delivers it to ISBE by July 1 of each year.

IDOR has not provided ISBE with final certified Equalized Assessed Valuation data from a couple of counties. Consequently, ISBE will not be able to fully pay HH amounts nor load final GSA payments until IDOR provides the certified data. ISBE will have to resort to estimated data for Cook County to distribute the first few installments of GSA as well as a prorated share of HH. HH has been prorated and vouchered at 80 percent with the balance paid when final figures are determined. Please direct questions to Jim Mathes jmathes@isbe.net, Funding and Disbursement Services at 217-782-5256.

**Special Education Excess Cost Reimbursements (4625 EC)**

As allowed per Section 14-7.02b of The School Code, the FY 06 Special Education Excess Cost payment was calculated from unused FY 05 Federal Room and Board funds and disbursed August 18, 2006 (FY 07), to all districts that had eligible excess costs claims for special education students. These costs were incurred during the 2005-06 school year (FY 06). The deposit was identified as FY 05, Revenue Code 4625 (Federal Special Education – IDEA – Room and Board), sub-project code EC and then your Region-County-District-Type code.

If you have questions regarding the Special Education Excess Cost payment, please contact Jodi Whitlow at 217-782-5256 or jwhitlow@isbe.net.

**FY 2006 A-133 audits being completed: include previous year’s Special Education Excess Cost Reimbursements (4625 EC)**

Last year, the FY 05 Special Education Excess Cost payments were calculated on unused FY 04 Federal Room and Board funds and disbursed August 23, 2005, to all districts that had eligible excess costs claims for special education students. These costs were incurred during the 2004-05 school year (FY 05) and the funds were paid out in the 2005-06 school year (FY 06). For this reason, some districts that do not participate in the Room and Board program will appear to have received Federal money from the program. These funds were identified as FY 04, Revenue Code 4625 (Federal Special Education – IDEA – Room and Board).

If your organization is required to complete a Single Audit under OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations, you must include the revenues and expenditures from this program, on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA). For information on how to report these revenues and expenditures in the FY 06 audit, please visit the A-133 Single Audit section of the Funding and Disbursements page on the ISBE web site www.isbe.net/funding/pdf/A-133_audit.pdf.

If you have questions regarding the A-133 Single Audit or its components, please contact Kimberly Beachy, CPA or Larry Smith at 217-782-5256 or by e-mail at the following: kbeachy@isbe.net or ismith@isbe.net .

**School Business and Support**

**All Hazard Preparedness Guide**

The Illinois State Board of Education and the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM)developed and implemented a set of rules to be administered under Public Act 094-0600 (105 ILCS 128) School Safety Drill Act, which was signed into law August 16, 2005. The associated Joint Rules adopted by the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Illinois State Board of Education, were effective August 18, 2006.
In doing so, the two agencies have developed guidelines for school districts, private schools and first responders as to how to develop school emergency and crisis response plans, how to exercise and drill based on such plans and how to incorporate lessons learned from these exercises and drills into school emergency and crisis response plans.

The School Security Sub-Committee - a sub-committee of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force – has now completed a school emergency and crisis response plan template and several suggested forms to help achieve compliance with the Act and Rules. The law, rules, template and suggested helpful forms are now compiled on ISBE’s website and available to download in Word format.

The link is called ‘School Emergency and Crisis Response Plan Template.’ The direct link is http://www.isbe.net/safety/default.htm. It is also posted as a link on these pages:
- http://www.isbe.net - to the right of the page find Miscellaneous. The guide is the first link under Miscellaneous.
- http://www.isbe.net/admin.htm
- http://www.isbe.net/regionaloffices/Default.htm
- http://www.isbe.net/sbss/default.htm – under ‘Topics’
- http://www.isbe.net/construction/health_safety/defaul.htm

Public schools should contact Susan Weitekamp, Illinois State Board of Education, sweiteka@isbe.net with any questions. Private schools should contact John Fennell, Office of the State Fire Marshal, at John.Fennell@illinois.gov.

**Student Opportunities**

**Hearst Scholarships available**

The deadline for juniors and seniors in private and public high schools to apply for the 45th Annual United States Senate Youth Program sponsored by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation is October 4, 2006. The two student winners of the competition representing Illinois will spend an all-expenses-paid week-long educational experience in Washington, D.C. and a $5,000 college scholarship. Please encourage your outstanding juniors and seniors of this unique opportunity. For immediate details, please visit www.isbe.net/sos/htmls/hearst.htm or call Dr. Richard Walker at 217-524-4832.

**Nutrition**

**September 15 deadline to submit Child Nutrition annual sponsor/site applications**

Reminder! Annual Sponsor/Site Applications must be completed online through IWAS (ISBE Web Application Security)/Application and Claim Entry System (ACES) no later than September 15, 2006. For instructions on completing the applications, go to http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/instructions.htm.

**National School Lunch Week**

October is just around the corner and so is National School Lunch Week (NSLW), October 9 through 13. The election has begun with the Vote for School Lunch theme. From August 1 through October 6, 2006, anybody may vote online for one of the five candidate entrees in the School Nutrition Association’s Vote Contest. The winner will be announced during NSLW.

Learn about the entrees, Rocco Taco, Sally Salad, Heddi Spaghetti, Ricky Chicken and Pete Pizza on the School Nutrition Association’s website. More information on Vote for School Lunch such as how it works, celebratory menus, a quick fact sheet, downloadable logos, a tool kit of celebration ideas and other fun resources are online at http://docs.schoolnutrition.org/meetingsandevents/nslw2006/index.asp.

**Professional Development**

**Illinois Agricultural Education Trip to National FFA Convention**

Illinois agricultural education’s second annual one-day bus trip to the National FFA Convention is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, 2006. Anyone with an interest in learning more about agricultural education, including Illinois teachers, guidance counselors, administrators, parents, board members and FFA Alumni members, are invited to see firsthand the impact FFA can have on students and school programs.

This year’s convention will be held in Indianapolis. The bus trip features pick-up locations in all areas of the state, with points of departure determined by early registrations. Participants will have the opportunity to be part of the world’s largest youth convention and witness agricultural education in action. In addition to the opening session, participants will see the National FFA
Career Show and get a window into Illinois’ agricultural education with information shared during the ride.

Meals, registration and travel are complimentary. You can access the flyer and registration form online at [http://www.isbe.net/career/pdf/FFA_convention.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/career/pdf/FFA_convention.pdf). For additional information or to sign up, contact Mary Lawrence at 217-762-8283 or mlawrence@agriculturaleducation.org.

### Legal

**Registration and Enrollment guidance document available online**

ISBE’s Legal Department has posted *Guidance for Registration and Enrollment: Residency, Homeless Pupils, Immigrant Pupils and School Fee Waivers* at: [http://www.isbe.net/accountability/pdf/registration_enroll_guid.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/accountability/pdf/registration_enroll_guid.pdf)

### 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).

### In the News

**Weekly news clips**

Highlights from last week’s education news clips are online at: [http://www.isbe.net/news/2006/newsclips/060908.htm](http://www.isbe.net/news/2006/newsclips/060908.htm)