Purpose of Agenda Item

To present the proposed amendments for the Board’s initial review and secure authorization to distribute them for public comment.

Expected Outcome of Agenda Item

A motion authorizing the staff to publish the proposed amendments in the Illinois Register to elicit public comment.

Background Information

The rules in Part 50 implement Sections 2-3.57 and 10-21.4a and Article 24A of the School Code on the subject of the evaluation of certified school district staff who have tenure. The present amendments respond to P.A. 90-653, which was enacted in 1998 and changed the schedule for the periodic evaluation of teachers serving under remediation plans in districts other than Chicago. Previously the law required quarterly evaluations during the year following a teacher’s receipt of an unsatisfactory evaluation, whereas the 1998 amendment requires evaluation every 30 school days for a period totaling 90 school days. Section 50.50 needs to be updated to reflect this change.

Analysis and Implications for Policy, Budget, Legislative Action, and Communications

Policy Implications: None; these amendments are technical in nature.

Budget Implications: This rulemaking has no budgetary implications for the agency.

Legislative Action: None needed.
Communications: The change in Section 24A-5 was communicated to districts when it was enacted, via the agency’s routine procedures. The present rulemaking represents technical updating only.

Superintendent’s Recommendation

Direct the dissemination of the proposed amendments to Part 50 for public comment.

Next Steps

With the Board’s authorization, staff will submit the proposed rules to the Administrative Code Division for publication in the Illinois Register to elicit public comment. Additional means such as the Superintendent’s Bulletin will also be used to inform interested parties of the opportunity to comment on this rulemaking.