Illinois State Board of Education

August 22, 2001

Agenda Topic: Education Funding Advisory Board

Materials: Augenblick and Myers Report

Staff Contact(s): Gary Ey

Bill Hinrichs

Purpose of Agenda Item

- To update the Board on the progress of the Education Funding Advisory Board.

Expected Outcomes of Agenda Item

- Board awareness of the Education Funding Advisory Board progress and mutual interests.

Background Information

Former State Superintendent of Education Robert Leininger chairs the Education Funding Advisory Board. The board consists of five statutory voting members and 13 non-voting ex-officio members. The Illinois General Assembly created the board to recommend changes to the general state aid formula, including recommendations for foundation level and poverty grant amounts.

The board issued its first report to the General Assembly in January 2001, with future reports due in January of odd-numbered years. The report included recommendations for a foundation level for FY 2002. Also included were recommendations regarding the poverty grant, hold harmless and the continuing appropriation. Most of the board’s recommendations were adopted as presented.

Most recently, the board heard a report by education finance consultant John Augenblick during which he outlined a methodology which could be used to determine future foundation levels.

Robert Leininger will meet with the State Board of Education to discuss mutual interests of both boards.
STATUTORY BOARD MEMBERS:

C. Robert Leininger, Springfield - former State Superintendent of Education
Dr. Marleis Trover, Vienna - Superintendent of Vienna High School District 133
Anne Davis, Harvey - President of Illinois Education Association
Bert Docter, South Holland - Chief Executive Officer of Docter Enterprises
Dean Clark, Glen Ellyn - President of Graphic Chemical & Ink Company

EX-OFFICIO, NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

Dr. Hazel Loucks, Edwardsville - Deputy Governor for Education and Workforce Training
J. Kay Giles, Country Club Hills - Superintendent of Prairie-Hills Elementary SD 144
Thomas Boyle, Oak Lawn - Vice President of Custom Companies
Dr. Robert Mandeville, Springfield - Former Deputy State Superintendent of Education
Doug Delaney, Naperville - Executive Director of the Catholic Conference of Illinois
Robert Nielsen, Bloomington - Superintendent of Bloomington CUSD 87
Paul Vallas, Chicago - Chief Executive Officer of Chicago Public School System
*Harry Litchfield, Moline - Deere & Co. Project Manager of Learning and Development & former member of the Illinois State Board of Education
Former Senator Arthur Berman, Chicago
Representative Carolyn Krause, R-Mount Prospect
Representative Edgar Lopez, D-Chicago
Senator Doris Karpiel, R-Roselle
Senator Lisa Madigan, D-Chicago

*declined appointment