TO:    Illinois State Board of Education
FROM:   Robert E. Schiller, Superintendent
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Agenda Topic:  Rules for Adoption – Part 50 (Evaluation of Certified School District Employees in Contractual Continued Service)

Materials:    Recommended Rules

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Purpose of Agenda Item
To present the proposed amendments for adoption.

Expected Outcome of Agenda Item
The Board's adoption of the proposed amendments to Part 50.

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 is being updated to reflect this change.

These amendments were presented for the Board's initial review in April of this year and subsequently published in the Illinois Register to elicit public comment. No public comment was received on the rulemaking, and the amendments presented in this packet are identical to the version originally presented.
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

Adopt the following motion:

The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for:


Further, the Board authorizes the State Superintendent of Education to make such technical or nonsubstantive changes as the State Superintendent may deem necessary in response to suggestions or objections of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

Next Steps

Notice of the adopted rules will be submitted to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules to trigger JCAR’s review. When that process is complete, the adopted rules will be filed with the Secretary of State and disseminated as appropriate.