ILLONOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

August 21, 2002

TO: Illinois State Board of Education

FROM: Robert E. Schiller, Superintendent
       David Wood, Director

Agenda Topic: Finance, Audit and Agency Operations Status

Materials: Appropriations and Spending by Program
           Federal Applications, Awards, and Appropriations
           Grant Detail
           Contract Detail
           $1 M RFSP – E-Grant
           Monthly Headcount Graph
           Staff Detail
           Personnel Transactions

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Purpose of Agenda Item
To provide the Board standard reports with key information on fiscal and
administrative activities of the state agency.

Expected Outcome(s) of Agenda Item
The Board will receive and approve baseline data from a series of reports on
fiscal and administrative activities which provide one basis for gauging agency
progress over time.

Background Information
In June 2002, the State Board adopted bylaws outlining a new committee
structure. Fiscal, audit and operations issues will be handled by the Fiscal and
Audit Committee. In preparation for the transition to this committee’s work,
Superintendent Schiller requested that the Board be provided with baseline data
and reports early in FY03, as a basis for their future policy work and decision-making in these areas.

Currently the following Reports are provided or are being developed.

1. Budget / Annual Report (Annually in January)
2. Comptroller SEA Report (Annually in February)
3. Board Goals (Annually in November)
4. Appropriation and Expenditure (Monthly)
5. Contracts/Grants Detail (Monthly)
6. Business Plans at the Director Level (Quarterly)
7. Headcount Reports (Monthly)
   - Personnel Transactions
   - Staff Detail by Division
   - Monthly Headcount Graph

The first two reports have been provided for several years. These provide an overview of the elementary and secondary education system, the Board Goals, and the programs operated by the agency.

The Board Goal Report was first produced in 2001 and this November will be the first annual update. This provides information and specific measures for each of the four Board Goals.

The Monthly or Quarterly Fiscal and Headcount Reports are being developed for the first time this August. These provide information regarding staffing and funding as well as details of contracts over $50 thousand and grants the agency is processing.

Agency Business Plans were first implemented in FY01 to help the Board and Management provide context to the larger education system and Board Goals and walk between these and the detail funding information. They establish specific Agency Goals and Measures aligned to the Board Goals at the Director level. The Business Plan system is currently written at the Division level and needs to be modified to the Director level. Moreover, FY03 Business Plans have been postponed until the Risk Assessment Training, Staff/Function Analysis, and Performance Measurement Training have been completed in August and September. We hope to be able to provide this report by the end of the first quarter of FY03.

Superintendent’s Recommendation
The Superintendent recommends that the Board accepts and approves these reports.

Next Steps
Continue to provide these reports pursuant to the schedule above.