**Agenda Topic:** East St. Louis Financial Oversight Panel – Annual Report

**Materials:** 1999-2000 Annual Report

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**Purpose of Agenda Item**

Richard Mark, Chairman of the East St. Louis Financial Oversight Panel, will make a presentation on its accomplishments for the prior year. His comments will go into detail on the progress the panel has made to ensure the financial stability of the East St. Louis School District #189. The board will have an opportunity to understand in greater detail the specific concerns and recommendations as presented in this Annual Report.

**Expected Outcome(s) of Agenda Item**

Board awareness of:

- Transition of district business office functions from the Financial Administrator to the district administration.
- Progress in achieving greater collaboration and understanding between the Panel Chairman, Superintendent, Board Chairman and our Special Assistant to the district.
- District’s academic performance from the most recent ISAT scores.

**Background Information**

By statutory requirement, this is the fourth Annual Report provided by the East St. Louis Financial Oversight Panel to the State Board of Education. This special presentation will permit the board members to have an informative dialogue with Chairman Richard Mark. He will share his experiences and impressions since the panel’s 1994 inception plus what the future has in store for both the panel and district. It was two years ago that Chairman Richard Mark made a similar presentation.
Analysis and Implications for Policy, Budget, Legislative Action and Communications

The Financial Oversight Panel budget was amended recently and Chairman Richard Mark will discuss the reasons for this. He will also provide commentary on the State Board of Education’s legislative proposal to amend Article 1B, which will enable not only the East St. Louis Financial Oversight Panel but also the Round Lake Area Schools – District 116 Financial Oversight Panel to fulfill their statutory responsibilities.

Pros and Cons of Various Actions

N/A

Superintendent’s Recommendation

Continue the State Board’s support for the tireless efforts of the East St. Louis Financial Oversight Panel members. They are Richard Mark, CEO, St. Mary’s Hospital, Saundra Hudson, CEO, Madison County Urban League and Ann Duncan, Retired Carlyle Superintendent.

Next Steps

The Board needs to consider the ten-year statutory sunset provision for the East St. Louis Financial Oversight Panel.