MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATOR STANDARDS
Panel Recommendations
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• Middle Level Certificate – 5th-9th grades
• “Grandfather” current middle grade teachers
• Preparation in content-area reading instruction
• Early and continuous clinical experiences
• Phase out the 6 s. h. middle grade endorsement
• Broad training in 2 subject areas

• In-depth training in 1 subject area
• New endorsement on Administrative Certificate “Director of Special Education”

• Require previous certification in either:
  – Special education
  – Speech language pathology
  – School psychology
  – School social work
SCHOOL COUNSELOR STANDARDS
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• Change endorsement from “Guidance” to “School Counselor”

• 3 options for earning the endorsement
  – Completion of an approved program and passage of Illinois certification tests
  – MS degree & certification from another state; 2 years experience as school counselor; and passage of certification tests
  – Completion of MS degree in counseling, transcript evaluation by institution; satisfaction of any deficiencies; and passage of certification tests

• State-required student to counselor ratio not to exceed 250:1

• Certificate renewal and advanced certification

• Practicum of at least 100 clock hours; 600 clock hour internship

• Compensated internship

• Funded mandate to place school counselors in all public schools
SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST STANDARDS
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- Limited provisional certificates for “re-specialization”
- Certificate renewal and advanced certification
- Allow nationally certified school psychologists to practice in Illinois without additional qualifications
- Reciprocity for school psychologists from other states

- Reaffirm current practicum and internship requirements
- Increase the state reimbursement rate for school psychologist interns
SCHOOL NURSE STANDARDS
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• Set of 12 standards and accompanying indicators that replicate the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards

• Underscore the instructional responsibilities of the school nurse

• Emphasize the delivery of wellness information to students
SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER STANDARDS
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• Align with Illinois Professional Teaching Standards

• Require the National Association of Social Workers’ code of professional ethics

• Reaffirm current practicum and internship requirements