Agenda Topic: Technology Plan Status Report

Material: K-12 Information Technology Plan Draft

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Purpose of Agenda Item

• To inform the Board of the progress made to date on the development of the Illinois State Board of Education State Technology Plan.

Expected Outcome(s) of Agenda Item

• Board understanding of the plan and its development process, timelines and direction, and the responses to the Board member questions concerning some of the underpinnings of the revised technology plan. The areas of concerns address E-rate, Vision, School’s Valuing Technology, Evaluation of Outcomes, and Restructured Learning Environments.

Background Information

The Technology Coalition, with the sponsorship of the Illinois State Board of Education, developed the first Information Technology Plan for K-12 Education in 1996. This plan will be replaced with a revised plan in 2001.

In the Spring of 2000, the Design Team, a subgroup of the Technology Coalition, collected input for the revision of the State Technology Plan from a broad base of stakeholders at meetings held across the state. In August, the data was analyzed and summary statements were developed. In September, input from the stakeholders was analyzed and resulted in statements of need for the Technology Plan. In October, all Coalition members were asked for input to the needs statements, the identification of strategies that might ‘close the gap’, and prioritization of the strategies for leveraging resources to create the most benefit to students of Illinois.

During the November Board meeting, Vicki DeWitt and Kathy Bjelland, Directors of Area 4 and Area 5 Learning Technology Centers shared the scope and methods used for gathering input, determining goals and strategies, and creating the statewide technology plan document. The final draft of the tech plan was disseminated to Coalition
members in late February and returned to consultants for further revisions in early March.

**Superintendent’s Recommendation**

To receive the document and thank the coalition members and contractors for their work in revising the technology plan.

**Next Steps:**

Assign the document to staff for further refinement and discuss any possible changes to the Board's current technology policies.

Review and take final action on the tech plan at the April meeting of the State Board of Education.