ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
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TO: Illinois State Board of Education

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Agenda Topic: Discussion Item – 
State Legislative Status Report

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Purpose of Agenda Item
To bring the Board up to date on recent progress in preparing for upcoming state legislative sessions.

Expected Outcome(s) of Agenda Item
The Board will be informed of state legislative activities to date, based on the schedule provided in the August Board materials.

Background Information
As noted in the last meeting, Bev Turkal and Peter Leonis have been meeting with partner groups to develop an ISBE legislative agenda that reflects the needs of the districts. These meetings should be complete by mid-November.

As outlined in previous reports, the deadline for agency staff to submit their legislative proposals for next session was October 1. We received roughly 35 proposals that will be vetted out by the Bill Review Team.

Analysis and Implications for Policy, Budget, Legislative Action and Communications

Policy Implications
These will be discussed as each specific legislative proposal is raised for Board review.

Budget Implications
Each legislative proposal will be accompanied by a fiscal impact analysis.
**Legislative Action**
The bulk of activity is geared for the Spring 2003 session; however, there may be a need to do something legislatively with regards to Hazel Crest 152 ½ in the Veto Session in addition to the Fall Waiver Report.

**Superintendent’s Recommendation**

The Board’s Governmental Relations Committee should continue to work with the Superintendent and staff on setting legislative priorities and developing proposals to support the Board’s goals and the needs of school districts in Illinois.

**Next Steps**

Proceed with legislative agenda development.