TO: Illinois State Board of Education  
FROM: Robert E. Schiller, Superintendent  
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Agenda Topic: Rules for Adoption: Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision (Part 1)  
Materials: Recommended Rules  
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Purpose of Agenda Item  
To present the proposed amendments for adoption.  

Expected Outcome(s) of Agenda Item  
The Board’s adoption of the proposed amendments to Part 1.  

Background Information  
These amendments respond to Public Act 92-510, which sets requirements for the supervision of speech-language pathology assistants and paraprofessionals and requires training for individuals who supervise assistants. The Act requires the State Board to promulgate rules describing the requirements for that training and allows the agency to exempt individuals with experience. The training requirements that have been proposed cover the salient points found in nationally accepted approaches to training for supervisory responsibilities in this arena.  

These amendments were presented for the Board’s initial review in June of this year and were subsequently published in the Illinois Register to elicit public comment. The only comment received was a letter from the Illinois State Advisory Council on Education of Students with Disabilities that expressed concern over enactment of the underlying legislation. The Council perceived that the supervision required would decrease students’ access to services provided by fully qualified speech-language pathologists and perhaps increase the cost of districts’ provision of services. Thus the comment did not pertain directly to the rules, and the text of the rules cannot address the concern voiced by the Council. Consequently the version presented for adoption at this time is identical to the version proposed after the June Board meeting.
Analysis and Implications for Policy, Budget, Legislative Action, and Communication:

Policy Implications: Please see above.

Budget Implications: This rulemaking has no budgetary implications for the agency.

Legislative Action: None needed.

Communications: Please see “Next Steps” below.

Superintendent’s Recommendation

Adopt the following motion:

The State Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking for:

Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision (23 Illinois Administrative Code 1).

Further, the Board authorizes the State Superintendent of Education to make such technical or nonsubstantive changes as the State Superintendent may deem necessary in response to suggestions or objections of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

Next Steps

Notice of the adopted rules will be submitted to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules to trigger JCAR’s review. When that process is complete, the adopted rules will be filed with the Secretary of State and disseminated as appropriate.