TO: Illinois State Board of Education

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Agenda Topic: Rules for Initial Review - Part 29 (Standards for Administrative Certification)

Materials: Recommended Amendments

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Purpose of Agenda Item

To present the proposed amendments as an item for future action and secure the Board’s authorization to distribute them for public comment.

Expected Outcome of Agenda Item

A motion authorizing the staff to publish the proposed amendments in the Illinois Register to elicit public comment.

Background Information

These amendments will put in place a new credential that will eventually be required of all individuals who wish to serve as directors or assistant directors of special education. The set of standards set forth in Section 29.140 will be the basis for a new endorsement, “Director of Special Education”. The remaining provisions in that Section and Section 29.150 describe how individuals may earn this credential and how individuals who are currently qualified to serve as “State-approved director of special education” may receive the new endorsement. A companion amendment to the rules for special education establishes the ending date for the current system of approvals.

These two sets of complementary amendments were reviewed by the State Teacher Certification Board at its meeting on September 6, and the STCB recommends them to the State Board of Education.
Analysis and Implications for Policy, Budget, Legislative Action, and Communications

Policy Implications: Please see above. Establishment of this credential is a further step in establishing the standards-based system of credentials for Illinois educators and approval of preparation programs within institutions of higher education.

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 authorizes solicitation of public comment on the proposed rulemaking for:

Standards for Administrative Certification (23 Illinois Administrative Code 29),

including publication of the proposed amendments in the Illinois Register.

Next Steps

With the Board’s authorization, staff will submit the proposed amendments to the Administrative Code Division for publication in the Illinois Register to elicit public comment. Additional means such as the Superintendent’s Bulletin and the agency website will also be used to inform interested parties of the opportunity to comment on this rulemaking.