Illinois State Board of Education

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TO: Illinois State Board of Education

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Agenda Topic: Discussion Item –
               State Legislative Update

Materials: None

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Purpose of Agenda Item

To bring the Board up to date with regards to state legislative activities.

Expected Outcome(s) of Agenda Item

The Board will be informed of recent legislative activities.

Background Information

The 92nd General Assembly returned on January 6, 2003, to finish up its work. The Senate confirmed Dean Clark as a new Board member. They also approved a $22 million supplemental appropriation bill to cover the shortfall in the GSA line; however, the House adjourned sine die and was not able to consider the bill.

On January 8, 2003, the 93rd General Assembly was sworn in. Senator Jones was elected Senate President and Representative Madigan was re-elected as Speaker of the House. At the time of this writing, no committee assignments have been made.

Governor Blagojevich will be sworn in on January 13, 2003.

Superintendent’s Recommendation

Staff should continue to work with the Board’s Legislative Committee and the Superintendent in preparing for the spring legislative session.

Next Steps

Prepare for the 2003 legislative session.