TO: Illinois State Board of Education
FROM: Robert E. Schiller, Superintendent
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Agenda Topic: Action Item - Institutional Accreditation and Notices of Objection

Materials: Certification Board Recommendations
            Notices of Objection from Institutions
            (Sent under separate cover)

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Purpose of Agenda Item

- To determine the accreditation status of three teacher preparation institutions: Blackburn College, University of Chicago, and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Expected Outcome(s) of Agenda

- Board decisions on the accreditation status of each of these institutions.

Background Information

In December 2002, the State Teacher Certification Board approved the following recommendations for State Board accreditation decisions:

- Blackburn College – Probation – full visit at the time of the next scheduled review
- University of Chicago – Accreditation with Probation – full visit within two years
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – Accreditation with Conditions – focused visit within two years

Each of these institutions has filed a Notice of Objection to the recommendations and provided evidence to support their objections. This material, as well as the
findings of the Certification Board, has been provided to the State Board under separate cover.

Consistent with the rules for the accreditation process, the State Board will make a final decision on each institution’s accreditation status.

**Superintendent’s Recommendations**

The State Board should take final action on the accreditation status for each of the institutions.

**Next Steps**

Staff will contact representatives of each institution to explain the State Board’s decision and to provide technical assistance. Official correspondence from the State Superintendent will confirm the decision of the State Board and will serve as written documentation of the Board’s formal action.