Work-Study Session: Assessment Scores  
Wednesday, September 17, 2008  
11:00 a.m.  

Location: State Farm Insurance (Oakland Avenue Building)  
2309 E. Oakland Avenue, Forum Room  
Bloomington, Illinois 61710

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AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Board Member Participation by Other Means
3. Illinois Assessment System 2007-08 (Connie Wise and Joyce Zurkowski)
4. Adjourn

* Items listed with an asterisk (*) will be discussed and Board action may be taken in the plenary session.
TO: Illinois State Board of Education

FROM: Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D., State Superintendent of Education
       Connie Wise, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent

Agenda Topic: Illinois Assessment System 2007-08

Contact(s): Connie Wise and Joyce Zurkowski

Materials: None

Purpose of Agenda Item
The purpose of this agenda item is to provide State Board of Education members an opportunity to interact with each other and with Agency staff regarding the Illinois assessment system, including the 2008 results. Board members will bring their questions to the table during this work-study session.

Relationship to/Implications for the State Board’s Strategic Plan
GOAL 1: Every student will demonstrate academic achievement and be prepared for success after high school;

Expected Outcome(s) of Agenda Item
The Illinois State Board of Education will better understand the Illinois assessment system and the 2008 results.

Background Information
The Illinois assessment system has undergone several changes in the last year. The assessments themselves and the scores they generate have received a fair amount of attention. In order to work toward a technically sound and federally approvable system, the following adjustments were made in 07-08:

- The Illinois Measure of Annual Growth in English (IMAGE) was deemed insufficient as a content assessment and therefore, was discontinued.
- ELL students, who would have participated in IMAGE in the past, participated in ISAT and PSAE with accommodations.
- A new assessment for our students with the most significant disabilities was implemented this year.
- In order to meet federal peer review, we had to change our scoring methodology on the PSAE.
- 2008 ISAT and PSAE scores have recently been released.

Superintendent’s Recommendation
There is no Superintendent recommendation at this time.