

## Updated FY10 English Proficiency Screening Information for Preschool

### **Identification and Screening of students entering preschool**

Previous guidance (posted 9/2/09) indicated that all school districts were required to use the Pre-IPT® Oral English Language Proficiency Test (Pre-IPT®) as a screener for students, age 3, 4, and 5 entering Preschool to determine students' English language proficiency and identify students eligible to receive ELL services. **Effective immediately, this requirement is no longer the only option for screening.** The Illinois State Board of Education has proposed new language in rules which have been posted for public comment. Once the rules have been filed with the Secretary of State they will be posted to the Illinois State Board of Education webpage, spelling out parameters districts must utilize when selecting other valid English language proficiency assessments for screening the English proficiency of preschool children.