Good Morning!

I am sending this as documentation of our efforts to investigate and address the concern voiced to us via email from [redacted]. Attached is my correspondence to her. She never responded. I also sent hard copies of these emails to Mr. Garrett Hoerner, the attorney for the District.
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From: Dr. Theresa Saunders [tsaunders@stclair.k12.il.us]
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2007 9:01 AM
To: J[redacted]
Subject: RE: ISAT testing information

Ms. J[redacted],

At what school are you working as we do not have you in our system under this name. I will need to meet with you and your attorney as soon as possible... I will also have the Regional Superintendent and the District's attorney at this meeting. We will need to do this promptly as I will need to contact the State Superintendent of Schools about this issue today....Dr. Saunders

From: c[redacted] [mailto: c[redacted]]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2007 10:05 PM
To: tsaunders@stclair.k12.il.us
Cc: dstokes@stclair.k12.il.us
Subject: ISAT testing information

I am writing this to inform you that at least one of your principals has suggested cheating on the ISAT test by breaking security for the test and having the teachers preview the test before the test was given. This was done so that teachers would have a chance to teach specific concepts that the students would see on the ISAT test.

This is not the first year this has been suggested and suggested in a 4th grade district wide meeting last year by a principal who was conducting the meeting.

I have contacted my lawyer in reference to protections under the law for this type of situation, which I do not feel comfortable in revealing but none the less needs to be dealt with in order to ensure future test scores are not compromised.

A copy of this email has been sent to the Illinois State Board of Education.

Food fight? Enjoy some healthy debate in the Yahoo! Answers Food & Drink Q&A.
From: Dr. Theresa Saunders [tsaunders@stclair.k12.il.us]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2007 8:53 AM  
To: 'c[redacted]'  
Cc: kawalker@stclair.k12.il.us; 'Emma Smith-Hamilton'; 'Terrilyn Lanton'  
Subject: RE: ISAT testing information  

Ms. J[redacted], Now that you have sent this to the State Department of Education, you will need to reveal the names of the principal(s), dates, times of the request etc. today ... There will be a complete investigation ... I will have H.R. contact you today for a meeting. Dr. Saunders

From: c[redacted] [mailto][redacted]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2007 16:05 PM  
To: tsaunders@stclair.k12.il.us  
Cc: dstokes@stclair.k12.il.us  
Subject: ISAT testing information  

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- East St. Louis Unit 187
- Teachers in the Unit:

  - At least one of the principals suggested to teachers to review the IA in the last hour prior to testing.

  - This is not the first year this occurred. Last year it occurred at a school wide meeting for all grade levels.

  - Teachers were told by teachers what to say from the principal, immediately before the students are read the first sentence. This is not written here. What is on the left:

    - Not sure whether teachers actually review the test, since they take it prior to their next test after the meeting.

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They received the e-mail from this person.

They do not have a copy.

The purpose:

They responded back - asked from person, but did not get a response back.
Please respond and cc me for my records.

From: Please find below a copy of an email that was sent to the Superintendent and Assistants of the St. Louis School District 189. I am writing this to inform you that at least one of your principals has suggested cheating on the ISAT test by breaking security for the test and having the teachers preview the test before the test was given. This was done so that teachers would have a chance to teach specific concepts that the students would see on the ISAT test. This is not the first year this has been suggested and was suggested in a 4th grade district wide meeting last year by a principal who was conducting the meeting. I have contacted my lawyer in reference to protections under the law for this type of situation, which I do not feel comfortable in revealing but none the less needs to be dealt with in order to ensure future test scores are not compromised. This following part was not revealed to the Superintendent or Assistants because I am a teacher in the district and fear reprisal but if you have not figured it out through your number calculations I am pretty sure test scores have been compromised within the district in the past.

Within my building we get a speech from our principal right before the ISAT test each year that we should NEVER give a test without knowing what is on that test before hand. Within a short time the test are handed out, as instructed, to preview. Whether or not the test are previewed is another matter because the test are then taken to the individual teachers' rooms. I work hard to try to get my students to do well on the ISAT test and am tired of feeling like I am looked upon as such a failure that I am being instructed to cheat on the test, that is my motive behind contacting you. I can not even compare my scores to others because I do not know what the true scores are or would be if possible cheating is taking place. Do not try to contact me through the phone number, it is not a correct number because I do not want to be cross-referenced with district records to reveal my identity. If need be please contact me at my email address and I will respond in kind.

-------------------------------------- I am a Teacher Name: C B J
Address 1: Address 2: City: State: IL Zip: Phone:
Ext: Email: Semester: Course: Browser Information: Mozilla/4.0(compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 5.1)
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contact us link at http://www.isbe.net
FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

TO: Dr. Theresa Saunders
FROM: Dennis Gooden

FAX #: 618-583-7886 DATE: 4-16-07

SUBJECT: Anonymous allegations - Test Items

NUMBER OF PAGES INCLUDING THIS SHEET: 6

If you do not receive all pages, or if they are not legible, please call us immediately.

MESSAGE: Page 3 of the Investigative Report in Section B deals with anonymous allegations.

Please call if you have any questions.

Thank

Dennis
TO: Dr. Theresa Scaynes  
FROM: Dennis Goodell  
FAX #: 618-583-7186  
DATE: 4-16-07  
SUBJECT: Anonymous Allegation - Test Secrecy  
NUMBER OF PAGES INCLUDING THIS SHEET: 6  

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MESSAGE:
Page 3 of the Investigative Steps in Section 61 deal with anonymous allegations.

Please call if you have any questions.

Thanks

Dennis