DATE: January 9, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor
The Honorable Emil Jones, Jr., Senate President
The Honorable Frank Watson, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Michael J. Madigan, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Tom Cross, House Minority Leader

FROM: Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: 2008 State Board of Education Catalogue of Reports

The School Code (105 ILCS 5/2-3.87) requires the State Board of Education to submit annually to the General Assembly and Governor a "catalogue containing each report which the State Board of Education was required to make during the preceding 12-month period to the General Assembly or to the General Assembly and Governor."

During calendar year 2007, twenty reports were submitted to the General Assembly and Governor in compliance with statutory provisions. These reports contain a variety of topical areas which are useful to lawmakers in considering the effectiveness of educational programs.

This catalogue identifies the material that was formally transmitted to meet legal requirements. We also welcome requests for information regarding elementary and secondary education from individual legislators at any time.

For additional copies of any of these reports, or for more specific information about any of the items, contact Governmental Relations at 217/782-6510.

cc: Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House
Deborah Shipley, Secretary of the Senate
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Enclosure
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TO THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND GOVERNOR

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2006 ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT
This report, submitted in compliance with 105 ILCS 5/1A-4E provides a discussion of Illinois education in relation to five goal areas for improvement: student performance, access to quality education, the education workforce, learning environments and educational accountability/continuous improvement. In addition, it provides student and teacher demographic information, information on teacher and administrator certification, federal, state and local resources and other data about Illinois education.

PRIVATE BUSINESS AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS’ SCHOOL VISITATION AND COMPLAINT REPORT
Pursuant to the requirement of the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act, 105 ILCS 425/14.2, this report lists all private business and vocational school names, addresses and visitation dates and complaints for the period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

CUMULATIVE MANDATE WAIVER REPORT
The 2007 report covers all waivers and modifications of School Code mandates or administrative rules granted as of January 2007 that have been included in waiver reports submitted to the General Assembly through October 1, 2006. This information is listed by topic area with the number and percentage of school districts for which the waiver or modification has been granted. In addition, the report contains recommendations for changes in law for those frequently requested waivers or modifications that have been approved.

2006 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION REPORT
This report, submitted annually in compliance with 105 ILCS 435/2e, contains (1) a statement to the extent to which vocational education has been established and maintained in the State; (2) a statement of the existing condition of vocational education in the State; (3) suggestions and recommendations with reference to the development of vocational education in the State; (4) recommendations on programs and policies to overcome sex bias and sex stereotyping in vocational education programming and an assessment of the State’s progress in achieving such goals prepared by the state vocational education sex equity coordinator pursuant to the Federal Vocational Education Law; and (5) an itemized statement of the amounts of money received from Federal and State sources, and of the objects and purposes to which the respective items of these several amounts have been devoted.
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CATALOGUE OF REPORTS
The Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/2-3.87) requires the State Board of Education to submit a report annually to the General Assembly and Governor a catalogue containing each report that the State Board of Education was required to make during the preceding 12-month period. This report submitted in January 2007 and highlights the twenty-one reports submitted during the 2006 calendar year.

2006 EDUCATIONAL MANDATES REPORT
This report, submitted annually pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/2-3.104, lists “all state mandates applicable to the common schools during the school year covered by the report, excluding only those mandates that relate to school elections.” This report includes a description of the educational mandates required by 105 ILCS 5/2-3.104 that were enacted in the 2006 legislative session.

WAIVERS OF SCHOOL CODE MANDATES
As required by Section 2-3.25g of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g), the following report provides summaries of requests for waivers of School Code mandates being transmitted to the Illinois General Assembly for its consideration. Also included are summaries of requests for waivers and modifications acted on by the State Superintendent of Education in accordance with Section 1A-4 of School Code (105 ILCS 5/1A-4).

CHARTER SCHOOLS ANNUAL REPORT
This report is submitted in compliance with Section 27A-12 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/27A-12) by the Illinois State Board of Education. The first report in January 1997, and each subsequent report, has built upon the last. The report of March 2007 reflects data and operations of Illinois charter schools from the 2005-2006 school year, including descriptions of all twenty-seven operating charter schools, school and student demographic information, student assessment information and recommendations for statutory change.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST INCENTIVES – ANNUAL REPORT
This report, submitted in compliance with 105 ILCS 125/4, provides (1) a list by school district of all schools, the total student enrollment, and the number of children eligible for free, reduced-price and paid breakfasts and lunches; (2) a list of schools that have started breakfast programs during the past year along with information on which schools have utilized grants and the additional per meal increased participation incentives established under Section 2.5 of this Act; (3) a list of schools that have used the school breakfast program option outlined in this Act, a list of schools that have exercised Provision Two or Provision Three under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.), and a list of schools that have dropped either school lunch or school breakfast programs during the past year and the reasons why.

SCHOOL FINANCE AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT AND PLAN:
ROUND LAKE SD 116
Pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/1E-130, the School Finance Authority established for the Round Lake Area School District 116 must annually submit a report to the Governor, General Assembly and State Superintendent that details the audited financial statement for the school district for the preceding fiscal year, an approved financial plan and a statement of the major steps necessary to accomplish the objectives of the financial plan. This report also includes background of the
district’s governance structure, demographic and economic information, five year staffing needs, assumptions and projections and a five-year comprehensive plan.

**2006 EDUCATOR SUPPLY AND DEMAND (FINAL)**
In compliance with 105 ILCS 5/2-3.11c, this report addresses the relative supply and demand for education staff of Illinois public schools. Specifically, the report provides information on 1) the relative supply and demand for teachers, administrators and other certificated and non-certificated personnel by field, content area and level; 2) state and regional analyses of fields, content areas and levels with an over/under supply of educators; and 3) projections of likely high/low demand for educators in a manner sufficient to advise the public, individuals and institutions regarding career opportunities in education. Additional information is provided on workforce composition, retirement projections for educators and attrition rates. This report contains final data. A preliminary report was submitted in December 2006.

**PROGRESS REPORT – ISBE STRATEGIC PLAN**
Pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/2-3.47a, the State Board of Education (ISBE) must annually submit an updated report on the five-year comprehensive strategic plan for elementary and secondary education in Illinois. ISBE monitors progress on the initiatives and evaluates the Plan on an annual basis, making needed changes and additions to ensure that it remains a meaningful plan to lead education initiatives in Illinois.

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AT RISK OF ACADEMIC FAILURE (FY 2006) AND PRESCHOOL FOR ALL REPORT (FY 2007)**
This report is filed pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/2-3.71(a)(6). The report provides a summary and analysis of the evaluation data obtained from programs participating the in Pre-Kindergarten At-Risk program for the 2005-2006 School year and for the Preschool for All program for the 2006-2007 school year.

**ILLINOIS CERTIFICATION TESTING SYSTEM (ICTS) BASIC SKILLS PASS RATE SUMMARY**
This report was filed pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/2-3.11d. It requires the State Board of Education to submit data for the Basic Skills test to the General Assembly and Governor. Institutional affiliation is based on examinee self-report at the time of test registration, and individuals may report up to three institutions. Data includes the number of examinees who took the Basic Skills test, the number and percentage of examinees who passed the Basic Skills test on their initial attempt, and the number and percentage of examinees who passed the Basic Skills test on cumulative attempts during the program year. This data report has been prepared for the Illinois State Board of Education by National Evaluation Systems, its certification testing contractor.

**FALL 2007 MANDATE WAIVER REPORT**
As required by 105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g, this report summarizes requested waivers of School Code mandates submitted for consideration by the Illinois General Assembly. Included in this report are summaries of waivers and modifications acted upon by the Illinois State Board of Education and of applications that have been returned to school districts or other applicants.
ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT
Pursuant to the requirements in 105 ILCS 5/2-3.11, the State Board of Education’s Annual Statistical Report provides a statistical record of the condition of elementary and secondary schools in Illinois for the 2005-2006 school year, including pupil statistics, facilities data, staff data, finance information and program data.

PRESCHOOL FOR ALL FUNDING REPORT
As required by Section 2-3.71(a)(4.5) of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/2-3.71(a)(4.5)], the report provides the percentage of new Preschool for All funding in FY07 that was provided to programs serving primarily at-risk children, what percentage of new funding in FY07 was provided to programs serving primarily children with a family income of less than 4 times the federal poverty level and what percentage of new funding in FY07 was provided to other programs.

SCHOOL FINANCE AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT AND PLAN: HAZEL CREST SCHOOL DISTRICT 152.5
Pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/1E-130, the School Finance Authority established for the Hazel Crest School District 152.5 must annually submit a report to the Governor, General Assembly and State Superintendent that details the audited financial statement for the school district for the preceding fiscal year, an approved financial plan and a statement of the major steps necessary to accomplish the objectives of the financial plan.

ILLINOIS WELLNESS TASKFORCE
Pursuant to the requirements in 105 ILCS 5/2-3.137, the State Board of Education convened a Wellness Policy Taskforce to identify barriers to implementing school wellness policies. The taskforce made initial recommendations on statewide school nutrition standards to the General Assembly and the Governor in a report submitted in January 2007. This report contains an evaluation of the effectiveness of school wellness policies.

EDUCATOR SUPPLY AND DEMAND ANNUAL REPORT (2007)
In compliance with 105 ILCS 5/2-3.11c, this report addresses the relative supply and demand for education staff of Illinois public schools. Specifically, the report provides information on 1) the relative supply and demand for teachers, administrators and other certificated, and non-certificated personnel by field, content area and levels; 2) state and regional analyses of fields, content areas and levels with an over/under supply of educators; and 3) projections of likely high/low demand for educators in a manner sufficient to advise the public, individuals and institutions regarding career opportunities in education.