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State Superintendent Tony Smith**

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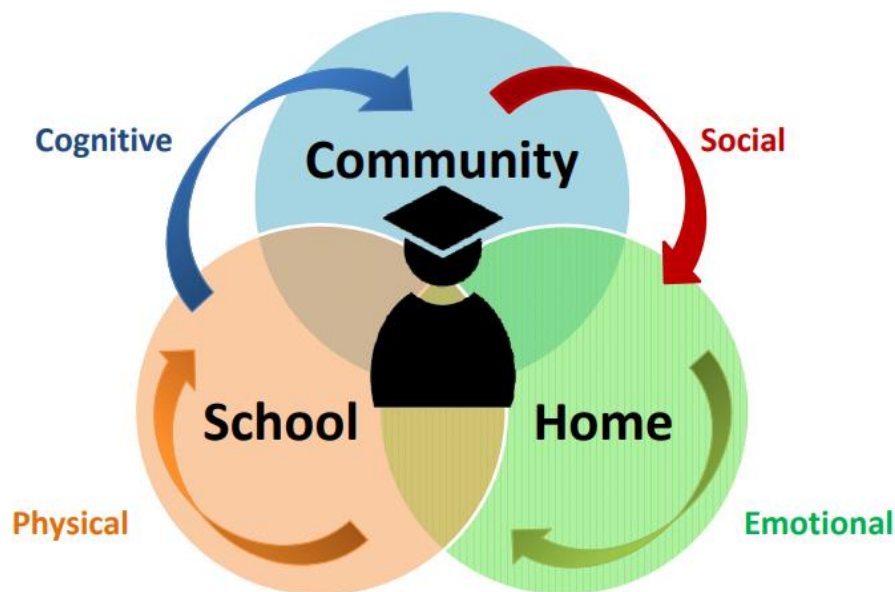
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Our Charge

Our Vision: Illinois is a state of whole, healthy children nested in whole, healthy systems supporting communities wherein all citizens are socially and economically secure.

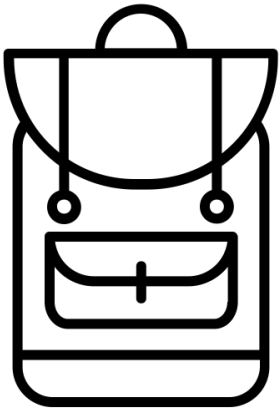


Our Charge: Nurture the whole child by integrating support for students' cognitive growth, social and emotional development, and physical well-being in our schools.





School Funding



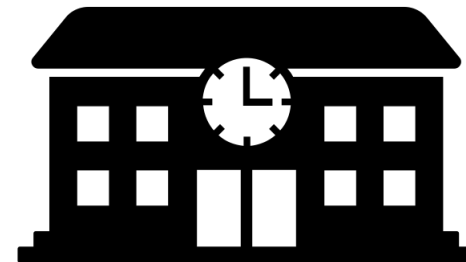
- Illinois schools and communities have been hard hit by the budget impasse.
- As of Aug. 7, the state still owes school districts \$1.085 billion from last fiscal year.
- The new state budget appropriates more than \$700 million (\$714.6 million) in additional funding for public education.
- The budget mandates that ISBE distribute \$6.705 billion through “Evidence-Based Funding.”
- The state has not yet passed an evidence-based funding formula into law.
- ISBE does not have the statutory authority to send vouchers to the comptroller requesting her to distribute the \$6.705 billion in state funds tied to evidence-based funding.





School Funding

- ISBE **DOES** have the authority to send vouchers to the comptroller to expend the \$5.226 billion in federal and state appropriations **NOT** tied to evidence-based funding.
- ISBE will continue do so on schedule.
- Approximately \$1.498 billion of the funds ISBE can distribute are state funds. The rest are federal funds. The state funded line items not tied to evidence-based funding include:
 - Advance Placement
 - After School Programs
 - Agricultural Education
 - Assessments
 - Career and Technical Education Programs
 - Early Childhood Education
 - Illinois Free Lunch/Breakfast
 - National Board Certification
 - Regional Safe Schools and Truant Alternative Education
 - Some Special Education line items
 - Technology Support
 - Transportation
 - Other





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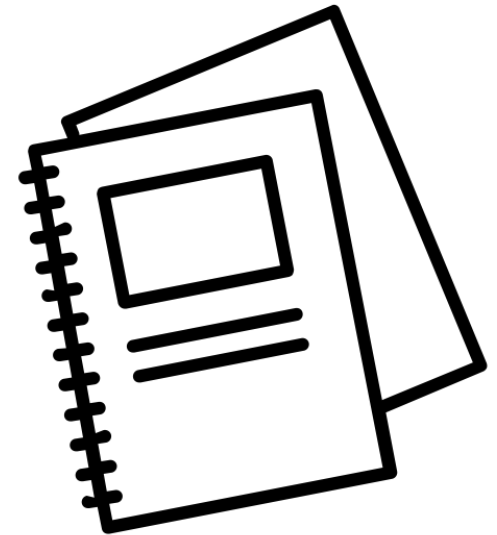
- Even after an evidence-based funding law is passed, ISBE will not have final calculations for the formula for several months.
- ISBE will need to engage in data collection and verification with school districts to ensure we have the accurate basis for all of the data elements considered by the formula.





Title Grants

- This year the FY 2018 application release is delayed due to the implementation of ESSA and application upgrades.
- We expect to release the application during the week of Aug. 14.
- We will be extending the deadline to submit the application to Sept. 30.
- Any substantially complete application submitted to ISBE for approval by Sept. 30 will allow for reimbursement for qualified expenses incurred as of July 1, 2017.





Timeline

- **Jan. – Dec. 2016:** Hosted approx. 100 listening tours and stakeholder meetings
- **End of March 2017:** Submitted ESSA State Plan to the U.S. Department of Education (ED)
- **Aug. 2, 2017:** Received interim feedback letter from ED
- **Next Steps:** Reviewing the feedback from ED and preparing our response. ISBE will continue to keep our stakeholders and the field informed about where we are in the process, how to engage, and what to expect.





ESSA State Plan



- In 2015, the State Board identified seven long-term goals for all students, which became the measureable, ambitious goals in our ESSA State Plan.
- The ESSA State Plan crystallizes ISBE's support of the Whole Child approach, which understands that children come to us with interconnected learning environments that we need to acknowledge and value.
- We are reorganizing ISBE to align with ESSA.



IL-EMPOWER

- IL-EMPOWER is focused on capacity building through differentiated support.
- IL-EMPOWER drives inquiry through the lens of the three levers of school transformation: Governance and Management, Curriculum and Instruction, and Climate and Culture.
- All new work with IL-EMPOWER will incorporate the improvement plans that schools and districts already have in place, making sure those plans are being implemented equitably and address the whole child.
- Current Priority and Focus Districts will have the OPTION of utilizing American Institutes for Research, formerly known as Illinois CSI, and Foundational Services during the 2017-18 school year.





IL-EMPOWER

- IL-EMPOWER will establish partnerships with highly qualified entities across the state to provide consultation, professional learning, coaching, mentoring, and strategic planning to schools.
- ISBE will release the next provider application in early September.



- ISBE wants to hear input from you on how we can make IL-EMPOWER as impactful as possible by the 2018-19 school year.
- Email il-empower@isbe.net.





Assessments Update

PARCC

- Scores were released on a rolling basis to districts and schools starting May 12 and scoring was final on June 26.
- Finalized Individual Student Reports are now available online and will ship to districts starting August 21.
- Preliminary statewide scores will be shared with the Board in September, and official scores on the Illinois Report Card at the end of October.
- The 2018 PARCC administration will have shorter test times overall and common unit times within math and ELA.





Assessments Update

SAT

- Students began receiving scores on a rolling basis on May 8 and educators received access May 15. Scores can be accessed through the College Board portal.
- College Board is already making changes for the Spring 2018 administration to make the process easier for schools.
- Free, personalized practice and study materials are available for every student through the Khan Academy.
- ISBE is currently working on the benchmark-setting process.

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Assessments Update

Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)

- Scoring of 2016 constructed response items is complete.
- Recommended proficiency levels will go to the State Board for approval in August.
- The 2016 scores will be released electronically after the Board approves the cut scores.
- The 2017 scoring will begin soon and take approximately two months to complete. Release of 2017 results will follow quickly after the responses are scored.





Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS)

- KIDS is an observational tool designed to help teachers, administrators, and families deepen their understanding of kindergarten student's skills and development.
- ISBE has piloted KIDS across the state since 2012, engaging more than 50,000 children. Three-hundred and eighty unique districts have entered KIDS data into KIDStech in the last five years. The pilot has informed updates and adjustments to improve the observational tool in advance of statewide implementation.
- Beginning this fall, all kindergarten teachers will use the KIDS tool to observe students on 14 measures in four domains within the first 40 days of school.





Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS)

- KIDS will provide the first-ever statewide picture of kindergarten readiness.
- KIDS can provide teachers with data to help them improve instruction in the classroom and meet the needs of students.
- KIDS will help teachers and families communicate about how to support a child's development in school and at home.
- Districts have the option to collect additional measures and/or additional administrations.
- KIDS will better inform advocates and policy makers on how to best align resources for children to achieve their greatest potential.
- Find more information about KIDS, including training registration, at isbe.net/KIDS.





- Ed360 is a new statewide dashboard created by educators that provides near-real time data on student performance to educators to make data-driven instructional decisions.
- Based on feedback, the dashboard will include metrics such as deeper insights into Report Card metrics, student performance on both state and local assessments, and PARCC results; and access to further instructional support resources such as Plickers, Illinois Open Educator Resources, Ed Leaders Network, and Khan Academy.
- Ed360 is FREE, optional, and will not require any additional data submission.
- The dashboard will go live statewide this fall.
- Find more information at www.isbe.net/Pages/Ed360.aspx.





Bilingual Education

- The number of students identified as English Learners increased by nearly 40,000 students between the 2005-06 and 2015-16 school years to approximately 11 percent of the total student population.
- ISBE is working on multiple fronts to improve the educational services English Learners receive in Illinois.
- ISBE is transforming our monitoring and support services to be able to provide more personalized and meaningful assistance to districts and schools.
- ISBE is actively engaging with key stakeholders throughout this work.
- In response to ISBE's budget request and the advocacy of stakeholders, the fiscal year 2018 state budget provides an additional appropriation level of \$29 million for bilingual education to be distributed to the highest need districts within an Evidence Based Funding Formula.

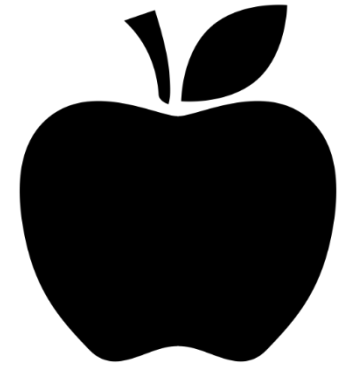




Challenges

Teacher Shortage

- The teacher shortage is affecting school districts statewide, particularly in our rural communities and in hard-to-staff subjects, such as special education and bilingual education.
- ISBE has worked with the Governor and the General Assembly to pass two new laws this year streamlining educator licensure requirements.
- ISBE is pursuing additional ways to ensure current and new educators have the opportunity to grow and build meaningful careers:
 - ❖ Designing microcredentialing pilot
 - ❖ Advocating federally to preserve Title II funding
- Send your ideas for other ways to attract and retain educators to BacktoSchool@isbe.net.





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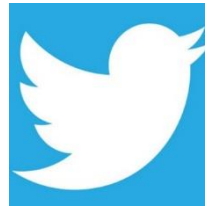
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