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**TO: Illinois Education Stakeholders**  
**FROM: Center for Teaching and Learning, Educator Effectiveness Division**  
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**SUBJECT: Content Test Development**

***Based on recommendations from the field, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is implementing the following changes to the Illinois Licensure Testing System (ILTS) to improve the process of content test redevelopment. See the bullet points below for updates.***

- Transitioning the Elementary Education (197-200) test from a non-compensatory model to a compensatory model.
  - ISBE has engaged Pearson to initiate this transition. Test development may take 6-9 months. More information is forthcoming.
- Pearson will increase opportunities for testing conferences to take place in or near Chicago. They will consider the geographic locations of committee members in the selection of conference location.
- Job Analysis Survey results will be shared with Illinois Higher Education representatives once available.
- Effective October 2019, the following content tests will have a 2 week retake policy, as opposed to the 30 day retake policy:

Agricultural Education (215)	English as a New Language (125/250)	Middle Grades (5-8) Mathematics (202)	School Social Worker (184)	Social Science: Psychology (248)
Business, Marketing, and Computer Education (171)	English Language Arts (207)	Middle Grades (5-8) Science (203)	Science: Biology (105)	Social Science: Sociology and Anthropology (249)
Chief School Business Official (185/224)	Family and Consumer Sciences (172/217)	Middle Grades (5-8) Social Science (204)	Science: Chemistry (106)	Special Education General Curriculum Test (163)
Computer Science (038)	General Middle Grades (5-8) (298)	Music (212)	Science: Earth and Space Science (108)	Speech-Language Pathologist: Nonteaching (154)
Dance (140/209)	Health Careers (173)	Physical Education (144)	Science: Environmental Science (112)	Speech-Language Pathologist: Teaching (153)
Director of Special Education (180)	Health Education (211)	Reading Specialist (221)	Science: Physics (116)	Teacher of Students Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired (150)
Drama/Theatre Arts (141)	Learning Behavior Specialist I (155)	Reading Teacher (177/222)	Social Science: Economics (244)	Teacher of Students Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (151)
Early Childhood Education (206)	Library Information Specialist (175/220)	School Counselor (181/235)	Social Science: Geography (245)	Technology Education (219)
Early Childhood Special Education (152)	Mathematics (208)	School Nurse (236)	Social Science: History (246)	Technology Specialist (178/223)
Elementary Education (Grades 1-6) (197-200)	Middle Grades (5-8) Language Arts (201)	School Psychologist (237)	Social Science: Political Science (247)	Visual Arts (145)

- Test frameworks for redeveloped tests will be released to IHEs one year in advance of their first test administration, during which time the current version will be the only test available. After the 12 month period, the new test and the old test will both be available for an additional year, followed by a retirement of the old test at the end of that second year. Candidates may take either test to meet the requirements when both are available at the same time. See the chart below for the new timeline.

<b>Phase IV Test Redevelopment Timeline:</b>	<b>Phase V Test Redevelopment Timeline:</b>
<p><b>6/4/2019:</b> Posted final test frameworks to ILTS website</p> <p><b>3/17/2020:</b> Registration open</p> <p>First test administration date of <b>6/8/2020</b> for the following 8 fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dance (209)</li> <li>• Family and Consumer Sciences (217)</li> <li>• Library Information Specialist (220)</li> <li>• Reading Teacher (222)</li> <li>• Technology Specialist (223)</li> <li>• Chief School Business Official (224)</li> <li>• School Counselor (235)</li> <li>• English as a New Language (250)</li> </ul> <p>First test administration date of <b>8/31/2020</b> for the following 2 fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foreign Language: Italian (255)</li> <li>• Foreign Language: Russian (259)</li> </ul> <p>Test retirement for the tests replaced by these fields would be approximately 1 year from the first test admin date.</p>	<p><b>7/29/19:</b> Post final test frameworks for non-language tests to ILTS website</p> <p><b>8/30/19:</b> Post final test frameworks for Foreign Language tests to ILTS website</p> <p><b>4/28/20:</b> Registration open</p> <p>First test administration date of <b>8/3/2020</b> for the following 13 fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visual Arts (214)</li> <li>• Bus/Mkt/Computer Education (216)</li> <li>• Physical Education (213)</li> <li>• School Social Worker (238)</li> <li>• Computer Science (205)</li> <li>• Science: Earth and Space (241)</li> <li>• Science: Chemistry (240)</li> <li>• Speech Language Pathologist-non teaching (232)</li> <li>• Science: Biology (239)</li> <li>• Science: Environmental Science (242)</li> <li>• Science: Physics (243)</li> <li>• Drama/Theatre Arts (210)</li> <li>• Director of Special Education (234)</li> </ul> <p>First test administration date of <b>8/31/2020</b> for the following 5 fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foreign Language: Latin (258)</li> <li>• Foreign Language: Chinese (Mandarin) (251)</li> <li>• Foreign Language: Chinese (Cantonese) (261)</li> <li>• Foreign Language: Arabic (262)</li> <li>• Foreign Language: Korean (257)</li> </ul>

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Sincerely,

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