



**INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND
THE ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
2024-212-IGA-DRS**

June 6, 2025

Dear Illinois Transition Stakeholders,

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and the Illinois Department of Human Services - Division of Rehabilitation Services (IDHS-DRS), which share a commitment to improving outcomes for students with disabilities, are pleased to announce our continued partnership through the Illinois Interagency Agreement on Secondary Transition. This agreement ensures a coordinated approach among ISBE, IDHS-DRS, and Local Education Agencies to support students with disabilities in successfully transitioning to postsecondary education, employment, and independent living.

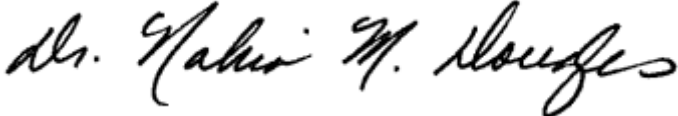
The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended by Title IV of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, require collaboration between educational entities and vocational rehabilitation agencies. In alignment with these federal mandates, the Interagency Agreement establishes clear roles and responsibilities for transition planning, Pre-Employment Transition Services, coordinated outreach and referrals, and compliance with transition-related requirements. It also reinforces our commitment to competitive integrated employment and outlines procedures for resolving interagency disputes.

We recognize that strong partnerships between schools, vocational rehabilitation, families, and communities are essential to improving transition outcomes. ISBE and IDHS-DRS remain dedicated to providing the resources and support necessary to help stakeholders navigate transition services effectively.

We look forward to this ongoing collaboration as a way to strengthen our joint efforts to ensure that students with disabilities in Illinois receive the services and opportunities that are necessary to achieve their goals.

Thank you for your dedication to supporting students with disabilities. We appreciate your commitment and look forward to working together to enhance the transition experience for all Illinois students.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Dr. Nakia Douglas in black ink.

Dr. Nakia Douglas
Director, Special Education Department
Illinois State Board of Education

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Rahnee Patrick
Director, the Division of Rehabilitation Services
Illinois Department of Human Services - Division of Rehabilitation Services