What is IL-EMPOWER?

IL-EMPOWER is school improvement. Schools, districts, partners, and the state work collaboratively to promote shifts in practice based on your improvement needs. Every school has abundant teaching and leading talent. IL-EMPOWER builds your capacity in the areas of Governance & Management, Curriculum & Instruction, and Climate & Culture.

Supports for Schools to Drive Improvement:

- Additional Federal Funding from Title I School Improvement 1003(a) Grant
- Experienced ISBE School Support Managers
- Your Choice of Learning Partners
- IL Quality Framework and Supporting Rubric Needs Assessment
- Peer-to-Peer Learning through Storytelling and Peer Finder

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Levels of IL-EMPOWER Supports

**TARGETED**
- Provided to Schools with Underperforming Designation
- Minimum of $15,000 Available; Additional Federal Funding Based on Enrollment and Distance from Adequate Evidence-Based Funding
- Learning Partner Available
- School Support Manager Available
- May Exit After One Year; If Do Not Exit After Three Years, Provided Comprehensive Supports

**COMPREHENSIVE**
- Provided to Schools with Lowest-Performing Designation
- Minimum of $100,000 Available; Additional Federal Funding Based on Enrollment and Distance from Adequate Evidence-Based Funding
- Learning Partner Required
- School Support Manager Assigned
- May Exit Only After Three Years; If Do Not Exit After Three Years, Enter State-Defined Intervention

**TOOLS AND TIMELINE**
1. Grant Application Opens
   - NOV. 1, 2018
2. Decision Whether to Take Planning Year
   - BY NOV. 15, 2018
3. Grant Application Due
   - BY NOV. 30, 2018
4. Needs Assessment
   - ILLINOIS QUALITY FRAMEWORK
     (Conversations Guided by Standards, Indicators, and Purpose Setting Questions)
   - SUPPORTING RUBRIC
     (Data Collection, Performance Level Setting, and Optional Narrative Due in IWAS)
   - BY JAN. 31, 2019
5. Workplan for School Improvement, Learning Partner Selection, and District Board Approval
   - BY FEB. 28, 2019
6. Implementation
7. Monitoring and Reporting
   - QUARTERLY
8. Any Amendments to Workplan or Grant Application Due
   - 30 DAYS PRIOR TO END OF GRANT

**SUPPORT & ACCOUNTABILITY**
- DESIGNATIONS / REPORT CARD / IL-EMPOWER

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