



# Illinois State Board of Education

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Hello,

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) produces the Illinois Report Card each year to provide local communities with a comprehensive snapshot of school, district, and state performance. The Illinois Report Card also provides information regarding specific school characteristics.

ISBE sent a letter in June of this year regarding the inclusion of additional schools and programs in the Illinois Report Card. The agency conducted several engagement sessions and received feedback and suggestions from a variety of sources.

This letter is being sent to elaborate on ISBE's plans for the Report Card, which is released annually on October 31. This year, in addition to the schools and districts that have traditionally been included, ISBE will add the following educational entities:

- Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice District 428 and its constituent schools
- Illinois Math and Science Academy
- University of Illinois lab school
- Illinois State University lab schools

The 2018 Report Card will also be updated in the early 2019 calendar year to include additional entities, such as Regional Offices of Education, Special Education Cooperatives, Illinois Department of Human Services schools, and Area Vocational Centers. All entities will be included when the Report Card is released on October 31 in subsequent years.

ISBE will announce dates and times for additional engagement sessions that will be held in November to gather more information about the Report Card process.

We want to make clear:

- ISBE is not requesting any additional data from your entities at this time.
- Inclusion in the Report Card does not obligate your entity to take action nor qualify your entity for additional funding or resources. Your entity will not receive a "summative designation" through the state's accountability system.

If you have any questions, please contact Patrick Payne at (312) 515-5969 or [ppayne@isbe.net](mailto:ppayne@isbe.net).

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Payne', written in a cursive style.

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