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TO: Illinois Education Stakeholders

FROM: Center for Teaching and Learning, Educator Effectiveness Division

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SUBJECT: New Initial Evaluator Training to Replace Growth Through Learning

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) would like to inform Illinois Educator Stakeholders of the change regarding the initial trainings to replace the Growth Through Learning Modules ending December 31, 2018. Registration for the Growth Through Learning Modules will end on November 2, 2018. Educators who register on or before this date will have until December 31, 2018 to successfully complete the training.

Effective January 1, 2019, these initial trainings will be completed through a two-day Administrators' Academy. The initial evaluation training, similar to retraining's, will be scheduled through local ROEs, IASA, CPAA, and IPA. The new initial evaluator training will be a face-to-face Administrators' Academy, including but not limited to pre-work and an assessment that complies with the requirements of ILCS 5/24A-3. Cost has not yet been finalized.

There will be a "train the trainer" meeting in Springfield on December 14, 2018 to develop a cadre of statewide trainers of the new initial evaluator training. The participants for this meeting will be identified by the organizations represented on the PEAC training committee (ROEs/ISCs, IASA, IPA, IFT, IEA, CPS). Once trainers have been established, a statewide calendar to locate trainings will be completed and individuals may begin registering for initial evaluator trainings.

Prospective evaluators will sign up through the sponsoring organization that is offering the training (local ROE, IASA, IPA, CPS) similar to how every other Administrator Academy is handled.

If you have questions or concerns please contact ISBE, local ROE, IASA, IPA, IEA, IFT, or CPS.