



Illinois State Board of Education

Dr. Tony Sanders, State Superintendent of Education
Dr. Steven Isoye, Chair of the Board

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Dear Administrator:

Each year, from January through May, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) surveys a representative sample of parents of students with disabilities to determine how well schools throughout the state are involving parents in their children's education. The survey results are a required component of ISBE's Annual Performance Report (APR) to the United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). In January 2024, your district or the districts within your cooperative will be included in the survey sample.

The purpose of this letter is to notify the districts and cooperatives that they are being surveyed well in advance of the distribution of the 2023-2024 Indicator 8 Parent Involvement survey provided to the parents of students with disabilities. During the beginning of January 2024, parents of students with disabilities in your district will receive a survey in the mail. It is suggested that districts and cooperatives prepare as well as provide information to parents prior to January 2024 regarding the survey.

Ways to for the districts and cooperatives to prepare and provide information to the parents prior to receiving the survey are:

- ***To ensure that parents will receive the Parent Survey in the mail, districts and cooperatives must continue to update parent address data into the Student Information System (SIS) as ISBE will extract the address data in mid November 2023.***
- Utilize teachers, counselors, and special education staff to promote parent awareness of the January 2024 survey during parent teacher conferences.
- Provide survey awareness to parents during IEP meetings.
- Send out reminders to parent of students with disabilities via text and/or email listservs in December 2023.

Please visit our website, <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/SPP-APR-Indicator-8.aspx> for resources and information that was utilized in previous survey cycles. ISBE will be providing future information, resources, and reminders regarding the January 2024 Indicator 8 Parent Survey to the districts and cooperatives in December 2023.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kristina Holloway at 217-782-5589 or at khollowa@isbe.net. ISBE would like to thank you for helping our improvement efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Moore".

Barbara Moore

Director of Special Education Operational Support