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Bensenville Elementary School District 2 Scores High in Innovation and Reform

At its June 17th Board of Education meeting, Julie Evans, Supervisor, Center for Performance and Race to the Top Lead, from the Illinois State Board of Education informed the Board that Bensenville District 2 was the top performing district of the thirty-two participating Illinois Race-to-the-Top districts.

Race-to-the-Top is a federal competitive grants program that aims to accelerate key educational reforms in states and districts and create the conditions for greater educational innovation and close persistent achievement gaps while increasing student achievement.

Over the five-year period, participating districts serve as leaders of the reform agenda for the entire state. Mrs. Evans reported that District 2 was the leader in the state. "When we get calls at the agency about how to implement best practice innovation, we tell people to call Bensenville. They're doing great work."

Evans further stated that, "District 2 scored the highest in all of the sixteen required projects. The district's work was most impressive in the areas of new teacher induction and mentoring, the development of valid and reliable local assessments, and design of new teacher and principal evaluation systems as part of the Illinois Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA)."

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