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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable John J. Cullerton, Senate President
The Honorable Christine Radogno, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Michael J. Madigan, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Tom Cross, House Republican Leader

FROM: Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D. *Christopher Koch*
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SUBJECT: House Joint Resolution 24 Special Education Funding Task Force

House Joint Resolution 24 ("HJR 24"), adopted by the 95th General Assembly, charged the Illinois State Board of Education with facilitating the HJR 24 Special Education Funding Task Force. The HJR 24 Task Force Report, attached hereto as Attachment A, was approved by a majority of the HJR 24 Task Force members, in compliance with HJR 24's mandate to study current special education funding needs and to make recommendations as to how the State can increase special education funding and ease the financial burden on school districts.

In addition to the HJR 24 Task Force Report, enclosed please find a listing of the HJR 24 Task Force membership, attached hereto as Attachment B. Additional documents, attached hereto as Attachments C-F, are submitted for your review on behalf of individual Task Force Members.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Elizabeth Hanselman, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Support Services, at 217-782-4870.

cc: The Honorable Pat Quinn, Governor
Jillayne Rock, Secretary of the Senate
Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House
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