

Student Assessment Inventory Pilot Comes to a Conclusion

The pilot of the Student Assessment Inventory for School Districts has come to a conclusion. The goal of the Student Assessment Inventory for School Districts is to help districts streamline their local assessment systems to ensure that all district assessments provide valuable information and experiences that are not available on the state large-scale assessment or in the classroom through daily instructional activities.

Bensenville School District 2, West Aurora School District 129, and Urbana School District 116 successfully completed the inventory process. Districts collected data from their administrators, teachers, and parents about local assessment use and quality. In addition, districts charted all local standardized assessments given each month by grade level and subpopulation. Using this information, districts determined which local assessments were providing valuable information to educators and which assessments could be eliminated.

In addition, engaging in the inventory process provided valuable information about professional development needs across each district and actively engaged educators in the process of thinking critically about assessment and the use of assessment information. All three districts concluded that the inventory process was valuable and plan to evaluate their local assessment systems annually.

The West Aurora School District 129 Leadership Team stated, “As a district, we wanted to ensure that our system of assessment made sense for our students, staff, and parents. Our goal for this process was to have quality assessments that provide us with the information needed to accurately assess the needs of our students and our programs.”

The Illinois State Board of Education would like to thank these districts for their hard work and active engagement in the assessment inventory process, and encourage all districts to consider engaging in the assessment inventory process.

The Student Assessment Inventory for School Districts and companion Assessment Inventory Facilitation Process are available on the ISBE Balanced Assessment webpage at <http://www.isbe.net/assessment/htmls/balanced-asmt.htm>.