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- The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) continually strives to strengthen the quality and functionality of state assessments to support educators in tailoring instruction to serve the needs of students and ensure that they master the standards necessary to be prepared for college and careers.
- ISBE must use the feedback received from students, parents, schools, districts, educators, administrators, exclusive bargaining representatives, advocacy groups, and other interested parties to inform strategic decisions while considering available state and local resources.
- Stakeholders place a high value on access to a college entrance exam insofar as it promotes equity and access and provides each and every student with greater opportunities in higher education.
- During the upcoming school year, all 11th-grade students will take the College Board's SAT exam, including a writing component, during the school day to simultaneously fulfill Illinois' commitment to providing a college entrance exam at no cost to districts or students and meet the requirements of state and federal accountability.
- ISBE remains steadfast in its goal to implement a statewide high-quality comparable assessment. To this end, ISBE will continue to administer the PARCC assessment in grades 3-8 to prepare students for mastery of the Illinois Learning Standards. The SAT is also aligned with the Illinois Learning Standards and thus will continue to support this goal as well.
- ISBE is now in the process of executing a contract with the College Board for the SAT exam, including the writing component.