

Dear Superintendent:

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is seeking your cooperation in completing a survey regarding both teacher and principal evaluations being conducted in your district. This survey is required by the federal government in connection with the State's previous receipt of Federal State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF).

The goal of the survey is to enable State officials, parents, local educators and other stakeholders to measure Illinois' progress towards improving teacher effectiveness and achieving equity in the distribution of teachers and principals. ISBE is required to collect, publish and analyze information about how districts evaluate teacher and principal effectiveness and distribute their highly qualified and effective teachers among schools. Data that will be posted will be aggregated, and will be made available, no later than February 28, 2011, on the following portion of our website:

<http://www.isbe.net/peac/html/surveyresults.htm>.

It is imperative that all districts respond to this survey. We are seeking a 100% return rate. This is baseline data that will be posted on the ISBE website and will be shared with the Performance Evaluation Advisory Council, which under PA 96-0861, is charged with making recommendations to the State Superintendent for model teacher and principal evaluation frameworks. Data is being requested for both teacher and principal evaluations. We also request that a single contact person be identified for your district in the event there are questions about your district's information.

The surveys pertain to the 2009-2010 school year and include questions about the following:

- The procedures used to evaluate the performance of teachers and principals;
- Whether student achievement outcomes or growth data are considered as part of the evaluation criteria for teachers and principals;
- The rating scale or levels of the system and the numbers and percentages of teachers and principals rated at each level; and
- The accessibility by the public to the information on the evaluation procedures and to data on the total numbers and percentages of teachers and principals rated at each level.

The survey can be found at the following link <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JN2VQMR>. Surveys are due back to ISBE by ***January 31, 2011***.

If you have any questions please contact Patrick Murphy, Division Administrator, Educator and School Development at pmurphy@isbe.net or 217-782-2948.