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## Weekly Message

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*January 29, 2008*

### Message from State Superintendent Christopher A. Koch

I have been spending quite a bit of time lately out and about in the field, meeting with many of you and listening to what's on your minds. Last week I was able to spend some time with the Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education, and this week I'll be speaking at an ED-RED meeting, as well as attending an event with the Three Rivers Division of the Illinois Association of School Boards. I value your feedback, which most of you generously share, and I also appreciate your support and encouragement.

We are now just four weeks away from the annual assessment season. The early window for the Illinois Standards Achievement Test administration begins February 25, with the regular session set to begin March 3. Materials will start to arrive within the next few weeks, which I know will add to the excitement and anxiety in your schools. I know teachers and students have been working hard all year long. As your students and staff get ready for the final month leading up to these tests, I wish you all the best of luck.

I also want to remind you that February 1, 2008, is the deadline for schools to take advantage of the EXPLORE and PLAN testing for every ninth- and tenth-grade student at no cost to your school or district. Order forms can be accessed at <http://www.isbe.net/assessment/default.htm>. Testing must be completed by May 10, 2008. Credit memos will be issued by ACT upon completion of scoring.

Districts that have already paid for EXPLORE or PLAN testing for ninth- and tenth-grade students in the 2007-08 school year will be reimbursed by ISBE at the state rate of \$6.35 per student for EXPLORE and \$7.85 per student for PLAN. ACT will administer the reimbursement program and following completion of scoring, will issue a credit memo based on the number of students tested. No action is required on the part of districts. Schools that want to administer EXPLORE to eighth-graders will have to pay for that on their own; however, they are eligible for the state-negotiated rate. Our board approved additional funding for this line item next year with the intent of covering costs for the eighth-grade administration of EXPLORE.

Finally, I'd like to draw your attention to new language that was included in the Budget Implementation Bill that allows State-recognized, nonpublic schools to qualify for the School Safety and Educational Improvement Block Grant, authorized by Section 2-3.51.5 of the School Code (see <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/fulltext.asp?DocName=010500050K2-3.51.5>).

Average daily attendance (ADA) data from the prior school year is used to calculate the two block payments on October 30 and April 30 each year. Beginning with the second payment of this school year, which you will receive this spring, more than 700 State-recognized, nonpublic schools will be allowed to participate by transmitting their ADA data from the 2006-07 school year. The FY2008 budget does not include a separate appropriation for these nonpublic schools; therefore, the \$75 million appropriated for FY2008 will be divided among both public and nonpublic schools, and public school districts

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will see an April payment that is less than the one received in October. After the nonpublic attendance data is received and the payment recalculated, you will receive notice of the adjusted payment, probably sometime in mid-April.

If you have any questions regarding the School Safety and Educational Improvement Block Grant program, please contact Funding and Disbursement Services at 217-782-5256.

Thanks, and have a great week.

Chris

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## Upcoming Deadlines

- **Deadline for Child Nutrition Verification Summary Report** (for those participating in the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program) – January 31, 2008
- **Submit Annual Commodity Order Form** (National School Lunch Program Sponsors) – February 1, 2008
- **Deadline to develop and implement plan to operate summer meals program, if required by PA 95-0155** – February 15, 2008
- **Student applications for National Science Youth Camp** – February 18, 2008
- **Non-Certified Staff Salary Study survey** – February 29, 2008
- **Submit a Letter of Intent for the Move and Crunch Challenge for Principals**, [www.kidseatwell.org](http://www.kidseatwell.org) – February 29, 2008
- **Technology Integration Plan** – March 1, 2008
- **Charter Planning Grant applications & Charter Implementation Grant applications** – April 30, 2008

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## Student Assessment

### ISAT ELL Accommodations Workshops

Below is the schedule for ISAT accommodation presentations in the next few weeks. They will be predominantly ISAT. Separate PSAE sessions will be planned for later. This list has been already been shared with ELL Directors by e-mail through the ELL Listserv. It is also posted on ISBE's English Language Learning website at <http://www.isbe.net/bilingual/default.htm>.

- **Tuesday, January 29 (Region V)**
  - 9 – 11 a.m., Madison County ROE, 200 Clay Street, Edwardsville, IL. Register with **Anna Hollister** at 618-296-6444 or [ahollister@roe41.k12.il.us](mailto:ahollister@roe41.k12.il.us).
  - 1 – 3 p.m., St. Clair ROE, 1000 S. Illinois St., Belleville, IL. Register with **Dinnia Cooper** at 618-825-3926.

- **Friday, February 1 (Region II)**
  - 8:30 – 10:30 a.m., Boone/Winnebago ROE, 300 Heart Boulevard, Loves Park, IL. No registration required.
  - 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Rock Island ROE, 3430 Avenue of the Cities, Moline, IL. No registration required.
- **Monday, February 4 (Region IV)**
  - 1 – 3 p.m., Champaign/Ford ROE, 200 S. Fredrick St., Rantoul, IL. No registration required.
- **Friday, February 8**
  - 11 a.m., NCLB Conference - Chicago

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## School Business & Support Services

### Health/Life Safety Processing System

On January 16, the new web-based Health/Life Safety Processing System (H/LSPS) was released into

production. Via the Illinois State Board of Education’s web portal, known as IWAS, the H/LSPS features online submission of ten year surveys, amendments, ROE annual reports, and annual inspection reports. Please note: beginning January 15, 2008, paper ten year surveys, amendments, ROE annual reports, and annual inspection reports will no longer be accepted by ISBE. The new H/LSPS must be utilized to create and submit electronic ten year surveys, amendments, ROE annual reports, and annual inspection reports.

During October, November, and December, training for Regions, School Districts and Architects was delivered at various locations throughout the state.

To learn how users external to ISBE can create and submit ten year survey and amendment data, annual inspection reports, and annual ROE reports for school district buildings maintained in a facility inventory listing an instruction manual for the new H/LSPS can be accessed by visiting the web link:

[http://www.isbe.net/construction/health\\_safety/pdfs/HLS\\_Instruction\\_Manual.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/construction/health_safety/pdfs/HLS_Instruction_Manual.pdf).

If you have any questions, please call the School Business & Support Division at 217-785-8779 for:

Contact Person	Question Topic
Mary Baksys	H/L S Processing System Questions
Agnes Conrad	Survey/Amendment Questions
Eric Abaca	Survey/Amendment Questions

## Career Development & Preparation

### Illinois Perkins State Plan Hearing Process

To meet requirements under the Carl D. Perkins Applied Technology Act, the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois State Board of Education held five regional meetings in 2007 with assistance from staff at the Office of Community College Research Leadership from the University of Illinois. The purpose of the meetings was to receive public feedback in the development of a five year state plan for career and technical education. The valuable feedback we received was incorporated into the development of the Illinois Perkins State Plan. To fulfill the requirements of Section 122 of the Perkins Act of 2006, we are providing three

additional opportunities for public testimony as indicated below:

#### **Chicago and Northern Illinois**

**Friday, February 8** – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

DuPage Area Occupational Education System (DAOES) Technology Center of DuPage

Rooms: E and F

301 South Swift Road

Addison, IL 60101

For more information/directions: 630-620-8770

#### **Central Illinois**

**Monday, February 11** – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

IL State Board of Education (ISBE)

Room: ISBE Board Room – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

100 N. First St.

Springfield, IL 62777

For more information/directions: 217-782-4620

#### **Southern Illinois**

**Thursday, February 14** – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Office of Brian Cross, Regional Superintendent Hamilton/Jefferson Counties

Room: West Wing Conf. Room

1714 Broadway Street

Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

For more information/directions: 618-244-8040

#### **Hearing Procedures for Participants:**

For general information contact **Debbie Gheen** at 217-782-4620 or at [dgheen@isbe.net](mailto:dgheen@isbe.net).

#### **Illinois Perkins State Transition Plan**

- The Illinois Perkins Five-Year Plan is posted online at [www.isbe.state.il.us/career/default.htm](http://www.isbe.state.il.us/career/default.htm) and [www.iccb.org](http://www.iccb.org)
- Additional information is found in the ‘Guide For The Submission Of State Plans, OMB Control Number: 1830-0029 linked at: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/sectech/guid/cte/perkinsiv/stateplan.doc>

#### **Public Comment**

1. Comments may be submitted in person at any hearing. Submit a request to speak to Debbie Gheen (information above) by **5 p.m., Wednesday, February 6**, and indicate which hearing you plan to attend.

Comment period will be a maximum of five (5) minutes with the time allocated based on the number of respondents.

2. Written comments may also be submitted by 5 p.m., Wednesday, February 6, to the address listed below.

#### **Illinois Perkins State Plan**

Illinois State Board of Education  
 Career Development and Preparation Division  
 Illinois Perkins State Plan Hearings  
 100 N. First St. E-240  
 Springfield, IL 62777  
 Phone – 217-782-4620  
 Fax – 217-782-0710

#### **Electronic Comment**

1. Electronic comments may also be submitted at anytime until 5 p.m., Wednesday, February 6, to:
  - Brian Durham, IL Community College Board – [brian.durham@illinois.gov](mailto:brian.durham@illinois.gov)
 Or:
  - Mark Willia, IL State Board of Education – [mawillia@isbe.net](mailto:mawillia@isbe.net)

## **Funding & Disbursements**

### **HB 4148 Signed into Law**

HB 4148 was signed by the Governor on January 8<sup>th</sup> (P.A. 95-0705). The bill makes changes to Section 14-7.02b of the School Code (Funding for Children Requiring Special Education Services), previously known as and referred to in ISBE’s budget as “Special Education Extraordinary.” The language added to Section 14-7.02b states that, for fiscal year 2008 and each fiscal year thereafter, individual school districts must not receive payments under that Section totaling less than they received for fiscal year 2007 (commonly referred to as a “hold harmless” provision). However, the language further states that any “hold harmless” funding is to be “computed last and shall be separate calculation from any other calculation set forth in [Section 14-7.02b].”

The “other calculation” referenced in the new language is the existing split of the entire appropriation--85% based on each district’s average daily attendance and 15% on poverty which were used in General State Aid. Thus,

under the new statutory scheme, the Agency in FY 2008 for example would complete the 85-15 calculation for each district and, if the amount calculated for any district is less than what the district received in FY 2007, the Agency would request a supplemental appropriation to bring such districts back to their FY 2007 level.

The sponsor of HB 4148 initiated the legislation because when the formula for extraordinary funding was changed in August 2004, a “hold harmless” provision was inserted to last for three years (with the base year being FY 2004). In FY 2008, the original “hold harmless” ended and funds were to be distributed completely on the basis of the 85-15 formula split. Consequently, in FY 2008, 614 districts would experience an increase in “Special Education Extraordinary” funding, but 255 districts would receive less funding than they did for FY 2007.

The cost of a supplemental appropriation in FY 2008 for the 255 districts that received less funds would be \$21M; however the appropriations bill that accompanied HB 4148 (which was HB 4149) did not pass the Senate. Without the additional appropriation, the Agency has no ability to pay the “hold harmless” funding to the 255 districts that would otherwise lose funds.

### **2005 Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax for FY 2009 GSA Available**

The 2005 Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax figures to be used in the calculation of the 2009 GSA Entitlements are now available on the General State Aid website at <http://www.isbe.net/funding/html/gsa.htm> under the header "Reports".

### **New Census Estimates Affecting FY09 Title I Released for 2005 Income Years**

The U.S. Census Bureau has released the Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) for income year 2005. The estimates will likely be used to calculate FY09 Title I Allocations.

The file of 2005 Poverty Data by Local Education Agency (LEA) is an alphabetical listing of LEAs, Poverty Count, 5-17 Population, Poverty Percent and Total Population. [Illinois Census 2005 with Poverty %](#) From this data, LEAs can determine their potential eligibility for Basic, Concentration, Targeted and Education Finance Incentive Grants (EFIG). To be eligible for a **Basic Grant**, an LEA must have at least 10

poverty children and the number of Poverty children must be greater than two percent of the LEA population of children ages 5-17. To be eligible for a **Concentration Grant** an LEA must have at least 6,500 Poverty children or the number of formula children must exceed 15 percent of the LEA's 5-17 population. To qualify for **Targeted** and **EFIG** grants, an LEA must have at least 10 Poverty children and that number must be at least 5 percent of the 5-17 population.

**Superintendents and Business Managers should carefully examine the data for their district as this will be the first indication as to whether you may be gaining or losing eligibility for Title funds in 2008-09.** The following link to the Census Bureau, [www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipe/](http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipe/), provides a site explaining various aspects of the SAIPE count including information on challenge procedures. The challenge period for the 2005 estimates ends on April 7, 2008. **The Illinois State Board of Education neither controls nor generates the data.**

Note: These numbers do not include other non-census data such as foster, neglected or delinquent counts which may be used to calculate Title I allocations.

If you have questions on information in this message, you may contact Sally Cray or Kim Lewis in the Division of Funding and Disbursement Services at 217-782-5256.

### **Final FY 2008 Mandated Categorical Prorations**

Final prorations have been calculated for all 2006-07 school year categorical claims that are reimbursed in FY 2008. A history of special education categorical appropriations, claim amounts and prorations is online at [http://www.isbe.net/funding/pdf/sped\\_appro\\_pro.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/funding/pdf/sped_appro_pro.pdf). If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Division of Funding and Disbursement Services at 217-782-5256.

- Special Education Personnel 99.4 percent
- Special Education Private Facility 100 percent
- Special Education Extraordinary 100 percent
- Special Education Summer School 100 percent
- Special Education Orphanage 100 percent
- Special Education Transportation 99.4 percent
- Regular/Vocational Transportation 100 percent

### **Final Medicaid Rule Impacts School Transportation**

The Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) finalized a rule that eliminates an important aspect of school-based claiming as it relates to transportation services.

The final rule eliminates Federal Medicaid payment for the costs of certain school-based administrative and transportation activities because the Secretary of CMS found that these activities are not necessary for the proper and efficient administration of the Medicaid State plan and are not within the definition of the optional transportation benefit. Based on these determinations, under this final rule, Federal Medicaid payments will no longer be available for administrative activities performed by school employees or contractors, or anyone under the control of a public or private educational institution, and for transportation from home to school. In addition, this final rule responds to public comments received on the September 7, 2007 proposed rule. The final rule can be accessed at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/07-6220.pdf>.

The changes were announced December 21, 2007 the Friday before Congress and many school districts went on break before the winter holidays. However, before Congress closed session for the year, it approved a provision that freezes the implementation of the new reimbursement rules until June 30. President Bush signed the bill Dec. 29.

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## **Curriculum & Instruction**

### **Release of the Health Education Curriculum Analysis Tool (HECAT)**

CDC announces the initial release of the Health Education Curriculum Analysis Tool (HECAT) available at CDC's website: [www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth](http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth).

The Health Education Curriculum Analysis Tool (HECAT) can help school districts, schools, and others conduct a clear, complete, and consistent analysis of health education curricula based on the National Health Education Standards and CDC's Characteristics of Effective Health Education Curricula. The HECAT results can help schools select or develop appropriate and effective health education curricula and improve the delivery of health education. The HECAT can be customized to meet local community needs and conform to the curriculum requirements of the state or school district.

The HECAT is currently available only through this website in PDF format. It includes an overview chapter; instructions to guide the overall coordination and organization of a curriculum review using the HECAT; chapters to analyze preliminary curriculum considerations (accuracy, acceptability, feasibility, and affordability) and curriculum fundamentals (teacher materials, instructional design, instructional strategies and materials); and modules to analyze concepts and skills in curricula that address alcohol and other drug prevention (AOD); promotion of healthy eating (HE); promotion of physical activity (PA); and tobacco use prevention (T). Other modules will be made available in the future, as they are completed.

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## Early Childhood Division

### New resource available online for families

*When I'm 3, where will I be? A Family's Transition Workbook* is now available online at: [http://www.isbe.net/earlychi/pdf/transition\\_workbook.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/earlychi/pdf/transition_workbook.pdf).

The new resource facilitates the transition from Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) Early Intervention services to Early Childhood Special Education.

The workbook, created through collaboration between the ISBE Early Childhood Division and IDHS Bureau of Early Intervention, will be used with families of children receiving early intervention services who are approaching their third birthday. It will help to ensure a smooth transition from early intervention to early childhood special education.

The ISBE Early Childhood Division and IDHS Bureau of Early Intervention work together to support IDHS Child and Family Connections (CFC) offices and Local Education Agencies (LEA) in meeting federal rules and regulations requiring the timely transition of children in early intervention to early childhood special education. CFC responsibilities include making the referral to the LEA, developing the transition plan and scheduling the transition meeting with the LEA and the family. LEA requirements include determining eligibility of children referred from early intervention and if eligible, developing and implementing an IEP on or before the child's third birthday.

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## Professional Development

### Annual ICE Technology Conference at Pheasant Run Resort February 26 – 29

This year's IL Technology Conference, "Learning with out Boundaries" offers a four day opportunity for teachers and administrators to learn and dialog about the possibilities that technology brings to the classroom.

- Pre conference workshops are offered on Tuesday, February 26 and Wednesday, February 27.
- Conference kick - off reception begins at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27.
- General Session featuring nationally recognized keynote speakers, over 200 exhibitors, and break out sessions available Thursday, February 28, and Friday, February 29.

Choose from four different Administrator Academy sessions which explore a variety of topics including: Boys and Girls ARE different: Closing the Achievement Gap through Differentiated Instruction, Harnessing the Power of Data: Effecting Improvement in Schools, Legal Aspects of Student Records, Internet Liabilities.

More information, including registration materials are available online at <http://www.iceberg.org/page.php?pid=10>.

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## Teacher Resources

### Those Who Excel Nomination Forms Available

Do you have an outstanding educator, administrator, staff member or team that deserves statewide public recognition? Should one of your teachers become the 2008-2009 Illinois Teacher of the Year? If the answer is yes then you need to nominate him or her for the Those Who Excel awards program. Nomination forms can be found online at

[http://www.isbe.net/those\\_who\\_excel.htm](http://www.isbe.net/those_who_excel.htm). Nominations are due **Friday, May 16**. If you have questions please contact **Ann Muraro-Lacopo**, Public Information, at 217-782-4648 or by e-mail at [amuraro@isbe.net](mailto:amuraro@isbe.net).

### Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Program

The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) has four (4) upcoming regional Student Drug Testing Summits.

Summit dates are as follows:

**Jacksonville, FL** -- January 29, 2008

**Oklahoma City, OK** -- January 31, 2008

**Albuquerque, NM** -- February 6, 2008

**Indianapolis, IN** -- February 13, 2008

Background on Summits:

The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy will be hosting four regional Random Student Drug Testing Summits in 2008. Random student drug testing is a valuable prevention strategy that can help deter children from initiating drug use. It can also identify children who have just started using drugs as well as children who have a dependency so that they may be referred to treatment. Student drug testing programs are developed by the schools in which they are implemented so that the program is specifically tailored to the needs of the community. All random student drug testing programs are designed to act as deterrent and are not by format or nature punitive.

The Random Student Drug Testing Summits will address relevant legal and program development issues and serve as an introduction for schools that would like to learn more about student drug testing. Participants will also be provided with information on Department of Education grants for the program. For schools that already have a program in place, new information will be available. Attached is the ONDCP Director's official invitation letter containing the website link for free registration to the upcoming regional Student Drug Testing Summits

For additional information regarding the Department of Education's 2008 grant announcement and application for School-Based Student-Drug Testing, please visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search>. Again, there is **no cost** to attend the summits but, because space is limited, we encourage you to register as soon as possible at <http://summits.csrincorporated.com>

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## Grant & Award Opportunities

### 2008 Rain Garden Initiative Grant

Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn would like to invite schools and districts to apply for a 2008 Rain Garden Initiative Grant. Rain gardens are blossoming across

Illinois as a low-cost method of improving water quality while preventing flooding and drainage problems. They help control rainwater runoff, foster the growth of native perennial flowers and grasses, and create habitat for wildlife such as native birds and butterflies. This program is a great tool for educating adults and children throughout the community about the importance of caring for the environment and promoting local ecology.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service granted the Lt. Governor's office \$10,000 to support rain garden projects throughout Illinois. Each grant recipient will receive a \$500 grant to plant a rain garden. These grants will assist schools and public organizations across Illinois in learning about the benefits of rain gardens.

For more information about the Rain Garden Initiative Grant, please visit our website at [www.raingarden.il.gov](http://www.raingarden.il.gov). Online resources include application instructions, application forms, a step-by-step overview of how to create a rain garden, a list of native plant species, and more. The application must be postmarked by **Friday, February 15** to:

Jamie Caston  
Office of Lt. Governor Pat Quinn  
Re: IL Rain Garden Initiative  
JRTC - 100 West Randolph St.  
Ste 15-200  
Chicago, IL 60601

For questions or more information, contact the **Lt. Governor's Office** at 312-814-6671 if you have any questions about the application or the grant. Grant awardees will be announced by **Thursday, February 25**.

### Bridging the Digital Divide Program

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity announce the release of the Digital Divide Grant Program 2008 application. The immediate goal of the Program is to increase access to computers and technology training in low-income communities. Under this program, the Department is authorized to make grants to support Community Technology Centers. The application deadline is **Friday, February 15**.

The Department seeks applications from Community Technology Centers located in and serving "eligible communities". An eligible community is a community in which not less than 40% of students are eligible for a free or reduced price lunch under the national school lunch

program, or in which not less than 30% of students are eligible for a free lunch under the national school lunch program. Community Technology Centers include public hospitals, libraries, park districts, state educational agencies, local educational agencies, institutions of higher education, public and private nonprofit or for-profit educational organizations. In addition to being an eligible entity, a CTC must provide computer access and educational services to the public at least twelve (12) hours each week. Please refer to the application for complete eligibility requirements.

The maximum grant award allowed under the Digital Divide Law is \$75,000 per Fiscal Year. The Department will fund both equipment and training costs under this program. Funds may be used to provide training services and activities that use technology to improve academic achievement, career development, and adult education. Grant funds may also be used for equipment, software, and other networking capabilities.

Copies of the funding application may be obtained via download on the Department's web site at <http://www.illinoisbiz.biz/dceo/Bureaus/Technology/Technology+Grants+Programs/1-Eliminate+the+Digital+Divide.htm>  
<<http://www.illinoisbiz.biz/dceo/Bureaus/Technology/Technology+Grants+Programs/1-Eliminate+the+Digital+Divide.com>.

Printed copies of the application are available upon request. Questions and requests pertaining to this program should be directed to **John Barr**, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, 100 West Randolph Suite 3-400, Chicago, IL 60601. He can be reached at 312-814-2259 or by e-mail [atjohn.w.barr@illinois.gov](mailto:atjohn.w.barr@illinois.gov).

### **BP's 2008 A+ for Energy Grant Program Announced**

The BP's A+ for Energy Grant Program was created to support and reward teachers who implement innovative energy education activities in their classrooms.

Grants in the amounts of either \$5,000 or \$10,000 are available to teachers in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties who develop creative energy programs that foster a love for learning in their students and prepare them to make informed decisions about the energy opportunities and challenges that we face in the future.

To date, BP has awarded \$11.5 million in grants and scholarships to over 13,470 teachers in Alabama, California, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, New Mexico, Texas, and Canada. These grants supported 1,015 winning energy projects and benefited over 411,000 students.

Visit [www.aplusforenergy.org](http://www.aplusforenergy.org) for more information.

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## **Employment Opportunities**

### **ISBE External Vacancy List**

An External Vacancy List for the Illinois State Board of Education is available at:

<http://www.isbe.net/hr/Default.htm>.

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## **In the News**

### **Weekly news clips**

ISBE has posted highlights from last week's education news clips at:

<http://www.isbe.net/news/2008/newsclips/080128.htm>.

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