Rising Star Center on Innovation Improvement Data Migration to the Illinois Interactive Report Card

The Illinois State Board of Education is pleased to announce that Rising Star, Illinois’ tool for continuous improvement planning, now resides on the Illinois Interactive Report Card (IIRC) (www.http://iirc.niu.edu), hosted by Northern Illinois University. The tool of origin for Rising Star, known as Indistar®, was created and hosted by the Center on Innovation and Improvement (CII) at the Academic Development Institute (ADI).

This migration requires a multistep transition process, expected to be completed by December 31, 2012, where only Illinois districts and schools using the CII platform will have data migrated to the IIRC. After December 31, 2012, all Illinois district and school level improvement planning will be conducted using Rising Star on the IIRC, the State of Illinois’ official system of record.

Although most of the work requires mapping, testing, and validation prior to the final transfers of data, it is anticipated that the migration will impact all district and school RS on IIRC users during the data transfer phases which will occur as a two-step process.

**Step I - November 19, 2012: DISTRICT Rising Star Continuous Improvement Plan migration from CII to IIRC.** During the timeframe November 19 - 23, 2012 the IIRC system will be closed to all Illinois users (district and school level) and CII will suspend only Illinois district user capacity to enter data. Illinois RS users will not be able to access RS district or school level platforms on the IIRC, so that the migration of the district plans can occur. Once the migration of district plans from CII to IIRC is started on the morning of November 19, 2012, Illinois users will no longer have access to the CII district dashboard.

**Step II - December 17, 2012: SCHOOL Rising Star Continuous Improvement Plan migration from CII to IIRC.** During the timeframe December 17 - 21, 2012 the IIRC system will be closed to Illinois users (district and school level) and CII will suspend the Illinois school user capacity to enter data. Illinois RS users will not be able to access RS district or school level platforms on the IIRC, so that the migration of the school plans can occur. Once the migration of school plans from CII to IIRC is started on the morning of December 17, 2012, Illinois users will no longer have access to the CII school level dashboard.

**Please Note:**

1. If you are one of the CII Rising Star Continuous Improvement planners, all your Rising Star information and reports contained in your continuous improvement plan on CII will automatically be migrated, without any need for action on your part, thanks to a direct CII-to-IIRC data transfer process being handled by staffs of the two systems. Therefore, any RS on CII users (district and school) who have entered continuous improvement planning data into the RS on IIRC system will need to inform ISBE by November 15, 2012 if they do not want to participate in the migration of their plans from CII to IIRC. Otherwise, ISBE will assume the district/school is participating in the migration and all of its CII continuous improvement planning data will be transferred into RS on IIRC, overriding and replacing (deleting) any continuous improvement planning data which has been entered into the IIRC system.

2. Once the data of current Illinois CII users has been transferred to the IIRC (November 19, 2012 for district users and December 17, 2012 for school users), permissions to enter the CII system will be
terminated and all current Illinois district or school level users will no longer be able to access or perform work on the CII system.

3. December 14, 2012 is the last deadline schools in status will be able to submit plans on the CII system. Therefore, it is imperative that all school level users meet the December 14, 2012 plan submission deadline, so that the appropriate backup database files can be prepared by CII. The next required submission for all Illinois RS users will be entered into IIRC.

In order to facilitate the migration for CII users ISBE will host a series of four live webinars to highlight the most significant shifts in system functionality that new users will notice in RS on IIRC. Time during the webinar will also be provided to answer questions and to discuss the migration of data from CII to IIRC.

Participation in these webinars is not mandatory for district superintendents or principals in order to access the RS on IIRC systems. Superintendents and principals will have immediate access to the RS on IIRC system as soon as it is opened. However, district teams are encouraged to participate in one of the webinars which are scheduled for December 5-6, 2012. To register for one of the informational webinars identified below, please go to [http://registration.airprojects.org/ISBEWebinar/](http://registration.airprojects.org/ISBEWebinar/)

- **Wednesday, December 5, 2012: Session I**  9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, December 5, 2012: Session II**  1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, December 6, 2012: Session III**  9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- **Thursday, December 6, 2012: Session IV**  1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ISBE would like to thank ADI for all the support and assistance it has provided to our Illinois users and for its help with the migration of our Illinois users’ data to the IIRC.

For Rising Star planning questions, please contact your Statewide System of Support Coordinator or Coach. For Rising Star on IIRC system access questions, please contact Melissa Perez at the IIRC Help Desk at 815-753-9629. For questions regarding the migration, please contact Robin M. Lisboa in the ISBE System of Support and District Intervention Division at 312-814-2220.