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Dear Superintendent:

The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and Indicator 14 of the Illinois State Performance Plan (SPP), Part B for 2005-2010, require the state to collect post secondary outcomes data on students with disabilities one year after leaving school (i.e. students who graduate, dropout, or age out). Your district has been selected to administer the Post School Survey to students with IEPs who left school during the 2006-2007 school year.

The Post School Survey, developed by the National Post School Outcomes Center, assesses the outcomes of individuals with disabilities one year after they have exited high school. The Illinois Post School Survey is a web-based survey process that provides a framework for local districts to collect and analyze the outcomes of former students, and to identify areas of strength and weakness in preparing students for adult life. Former students are contacted for a brief interview to assess the areas of independent living, participation in postsecondary education, and employment. Sending your former students a personalized letter announcing this upcoming telephone interview is critical to achieving a good response rate. A sample letter to students is enclosed, and a template which can easily be personalized is available on the website. Districts are encouraged to modify this sample letter to meet the individual needs of the district.

A web application has been developed which Sites will use to report survey results, using the login and password provided by Harrisburg Project. Please note that if your district does not report its own Special Education FACTS (Funding and Child Tracking System) data, the Site responsible for reporting your data will be entering the Indicator 14 survey results via the web application on your behalf (e.g. your district is a member of a cooperative or joint agreement). The ability to print personalized surveys for each former student the district is required to contact has been incorporated to allow for subsequent data entry into the Indicator 14 web application. The web application can be accessed at <https://www.hbug.k12.il.us/SPPDC/>. Located on this site, the following resources can be accessed:

- Summary report of former students required for the Indicator 14 survey
- The Post High School Outcomes Survey (Blank copy)
- A personalized survey for each former student
- Interview script for interviewers administering the Survey
- Web-based tutorial of the Indicator 14 web application
- Suggestions for post school outcomes data collection and submission
- A Sample pre-survey letter for districts to send to former students
- Completed Survey for each former student

All districts will eventually be required to use this website to fulfill the requirements of Indicator 14 of the Illinois State Performance Plan. As seen in the following table, this year, Medium Unit districts will be required to administer this survey to students with IEPs who left school during the 2006-2007 school year. For districts with 35 or fewer school leavers, all school leavers need to be contacted for this survey. Districts with

more than 35 school leavers are required to survey a proportionate sample of their school leavers, which has been determined by ISBE. For the purposes of Indicator 14, a school leaver is any student with a disability who drops out, ages out, or graduates. Each district, as outlined in the following table, is required to contact these school leavers, administer the survey, and report the results via the web application each spring.

School Year	Cohorts Surveyed
2006-2007 (2005-2006 school leavers)	Cohort 1 – Small Unit Districts Cohort 5 - Chicago Public Schools (20% of district high schools)
2007-2008 (2006-2007 school leavers)	Cohort 2 – Medium Unit Districts Cohort 5 - Chicago Public Schools (20% of district high schools)
2008-2009 (2007-2008 school leavers)	Cohort 3 – Large Unit Districts Cohort 5 - Chicago Public Schools (20 % of district high schools)
2009-2010 (2008-2009 school leavers)	Cohort 4 – High School Districts Cohort 5 - Chicago Public Schools (20% of district high schools)
2010-2011 (2009-2010 school leavers)	Cohort 1 – Small Unit Districts Cohort 5 - Chicago Public Schools (20% of district high schools)

The Illinois Post School Survey web application is currently available at <https://www.hbug.k12.il.us/SPPDC/>. **Your district is required to submit Indicator 14 Post-School Outcomes survey data by September 30, 2008.** Please visit the website and review the information available, including the web-based tutorial on the Indicator 14 web application. If you have further questions concerning the Indicator 14 reporting requirements, contact Scott Beever, Gwendolyn Williams, Melanie Fleenor or Barbara Sims at (217) 782-5589. Questions concerning the Indicator 14 web application should be directed to Harrisburg Project at (800) 635-5274.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

Cc: Director of Special Education, Regional Superintendent of Education