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TO: IEA Leaders and Staff
RE: Illinois Report Card Changes
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Each year the State Board publishes, using data from your school district, the Illinois State Report Card. The publication date for this year is October 30 and there are some changes you should be aware of.

Data will now be reported at the school level. This is new for Illinois and is required by ESSA (The Every Student Succeeds Act). Data will now be available at the state, district, and school level.

The State Board is encouraging districts to tell their story as part of the Report Card. Space has always been provided on the printed version of the card and some districts have taken the opportunity to tell parents and community members about the best things that are happening in their schools. Additional opportunities are built into the new report card, especially the electronic version, to tell the district story with regard to differences that will occur between buildings as this data is displayed at the school building level.

You have the chance, but will have to ask to be included, to work with the district in telling the story about what is working well in your district and why differences exist between and among schools while all of your children receive equal treatment. The State Board has, in the material published to date, encouraged districts to include teachers in the telling of the district story and some of you are likely already working with the district on this project. If you're not, this is a great chance to offer your help to the district so that the voice of those who actually work with the kids can be heard.

For more information on how to tell your district's story, go to:
<https://www.isbe.net/ilreportcard>.