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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable William E. Brady, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Don Harmon, Senate President
The Honorable Jim Durkin, House Minority Leader
The Honorable Michael J. Madigan, Speaker of the House
The Honorable JB Pritzker, Governor

FROM: Dr. Carmen I. Ayala 
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DATE: September 24, 2020

SUBJECT: Illinois Educator Preparation Content Tests and Pass Rates

Please find attached the Illinois educator preparation content tests and pass rates submitted in compliance with Illinois School Code, 105 ILCS 5/2-3.11d. This report lists all educator preparation providers in the state and number of licensure contents tests taken and passed shall be reported the General Assembly every three years.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Amanda Elliott, executive director of Legislative Affairs, at (217) 782-6510.

cc: Secretary of the Senate
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Pursuant to Illinois Administrative Code, 105 ILCS 5/2-3.11d, the report below details Illinois Educator Preparation Providers and content test data. For more specific content test data broken down by institution of higher education, see the attached Appendix. Details regarding the data reported in this Appendix may be found below.

Illinois Approved Educator Preparation Providers

The table below includes the 54 Illinois Institutions of Higher Education that are approved to prepare educators through teaching, school support, and administrative licensure programs.

Augustana College	Monmouth College
Aurora University	National Louis University
Benedictine University	New Leaders
Blackburn College	North Central College
Bradley University	North Park University
Chicago School of Professional Psychology	Northeastern Illinois University
Chicago State University	Northern Illinois University
Concordia University	Northwestern University
DePaul University	Olivet Nazarene University
Dominican University	Quincy University
Eastern Illinois University	Relay Graduate School of Education
Elmhurst College	Rockford University
Erikson Institute	Roosevelt University
Eureka College	School of the Art Institute Chicago
Governors State University	Southern Illinois University – Carbondale
Greenville University	Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville
Hebrew Theological College	St. Xavier University
Illinois College	Trinity Christian College
Illinois State University	Trinity International University
Illinois Wesleyan University	University of Chicago
Judson University	University of Illinois at Chicago
Knox College	University of Illinois at Springfield
Lake Forest College	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Lewis University	University of St. Francis
Loyola University Chicago	VanderCook College of Music
McKendree University	Western Illinois University
Millikin University	Wheaton College

Below is a summary of information that can be found in the attached Appendix: *Illinois Licensure Testing System-Examinee Performance on All Content Tests by Educator Preparation Program-Initial and Cumulative Program Year-August 2017-July 2020*.

Data Explanation

- Data for this report include examinees who tested between August 2017 and July 2020.
- The data show the number of examinees who took any ILTS content test during the time period specified above; the number and percentage of individuals who passed on the first (initial) attempt during that time; and the number and percentage of examinees who passed on the best (cumulative attempts) during that time. The number of examinees is redacted if fewer than (10) per institution.
- Cumulative attempts are results for all examinees based on their best attempt, which may be their first, second, third, or later attempt to take the test during the three-year time period.

Data Limitations

- Score-report institution (that is, the institutions that examinees identified for their scores to be sent) data are used as a proxy for institution. However, some examinees may not have attended or were not currently attending, any institution they selected; additionally, examinees who later become candidates may not have selected the institutions that they ultimately attended.
- Examinees may not have taken college coursework at any institution they identified as a score report recipient.
- Since examinees may report test scores to up to three institutions, pass rates for up to three institutions may be affected by one examinee's scores whether the examinee attended that institution or not.
- The report includes data for only those colleges and universities that have Illinois-approved educator preparation programs.
- There are no restrictions as to who can take the tests.
- Institutions have no input as to who is tested or who identifies them as a score-report institution.
- Pass rates for this report may be different from the pass rate reports required under Title II of the Higher Education Act because of different methodology in the data gathering and institutional review process. (Students reported under Title II have already been admitted to an educator preparation program.)

Illinois Licensure Testing System (ILTS) Content Tests Summary

Below is a summary of licensure content test data, across all institutions of higher education, for the past three years. Total number of subject matter tests (i.e. ILTS content area tests) attempted by all test takers in Illinois for the past three years and total number of subject matter tests (i.e. ILTS content area tests) passed by all test takers in Illinois for the past three years are listed.

- August 2017 - July 2018
Total number of subject matter tests taken = 18,386
Total number of subject matter tests passed = 17,003

- August 2018 – July 2019
Total number of subject matter tests taken = 18,348
Total number of subject matter tests passed = 16,606

- August 2019 – July 2020
Total number of subject matter tests taken = 14,061
Total number of subject matter tests passed = 12,333

Illinois Licensure Testing System (ILTS)
Examinee Performance on All Content Tests by Educator Preparation Program: Initial and Cumulative
Program Year: August 2017 - July 2020

Initial Attempt = Results for examinees on their first attempt on each test taken in the program year

Cumulative Attempts = Results for all examinees on their best attempt, which could be their first, second, third, or subsequent attempt on each test taken in the administration year

Total N = Number of examinees N Pass = Number of examinees passing % Pass = Percentage of examinees passing

Educator Preparation Program	August 2017 - July 2020					
	First Attempt			Cumulative Attempts		
	N	N Pass	% Pass	N	N Pass	% Pass
Statewide	48,598	41,474	85%	49,373	46,130	93%
Augustana College	257	242	94%	259	254	98%
Aurora University	1,485	1,237	83%	1,510	1,420	94%
Benedictine University	272	209	77%	277	251	91%
Blackburn College	68	55	81%	68	65	96%
Bradley University	470	411	87%	476	466	98%
Chicago State University	295	219	74%	309	260	84%
Columbia College	40	36	90%	41	38	93%
Concordia University	1,819	1,560	86%	1,844	1,712	93%
DePaul University	1,468	1,258	86%	1,488	1,409	95%
Dominican University	584	491	84%	598	558	93%
Eastern Illinois University	1,292	1,108	86%	1,311	1,249	95%
Elmhurst College	625	542	87%	631	604	96%
Erikson Institute	37	35	95%	37	36	97%
Eureka College	142	128	90%	145	134	92%
Governors State University	647	513	79%	658	595	90%
Greenville College	422	333	79%	427	398	93%
Hebrew Theological College	9	--	--	9	--	--
Illinois College	113	84	74%	116	99	85%
Illinois Institute of Technology	6	--	--	7	--	--
Illinois State University	5,401	4,520	84%	5,454	5,214	96%
Illinois Wesleyan University	102	91	89%	102	99	97%
Judson University	136	115	85%	137	130	95%
Kendall College	65	45	69%	65	52	80%
Knox College	87	74	85%	91	84	92%
Lake Forest College	140	120	86%	140	132	94%
Lewis University	1,118	943	84%	1,131	1,075	95%
Lindenwood University	123	94	76%	124	112	90%
Loyola University Chicago	741	684	92%	756	735	97%
MacMurray College	26	23	88%	30	25	83%
McKendree University	537	456	85%	543	508	94%
Millikin University	304	250	82%	307	287	93%
Monmouth College	102	87	85%	108	101	94%

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Educator Preparation Program	August 2017 - July 2020					
	First Attempt			Cumulative Attempts		
	N	N Pass	% Pass	N	N Pass	% Pass
National-Louis University	3,517	2,950	84%	3,552	3,273	92%
New Leaders	284	215	76%	294	262	89%
North Central College	430	391	91%	431	425	99%
North Park University	497	389	78%	507	445	88%
Northeastern Illinois University	1,824	1,535	84%	1,846	1,722	93%
Northern Illinois University	2,450	2,099	86%	2,486	2,372	95%
Northwestern University	429	414	97%	432	425	98%
Olivet Nazarene University	677	591	87%	679	633	93%
Quincy University	178	144	81%	179	167	93%
Relay Graduate School of Education	603	509	84%	605	545	90%
Rockford University	244	195	80%	255	223	87%
Roosevelt University	473	405	86%	481	449	93%
Saint Xavier University	724	593	82%	743	665	90%
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	54	47	87%	55	53	96%
Southern Illinois U. at Carbondale	805	686	85%	817	792	97%
Southern Illinois U. at Edwardsville	1,329	1,118	84%	1,356	1,298	96%
The Chicago School of Prof. Psychology	53	41	77%	55	51	93%
The University of Chicago	272	260	96%	272	262	96%
Trinity Christian College	672	522	78%	697	609	87%
Trinity International University	148	133	90%	149	146	98%
U. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	2,047	1,898	93%	2,058	2,008	98%
University of Illinois at Chicago	1,581	1,315	83%	1,592	1,481	93%
University of Illinois at Springfield	361	292	81%	363	335	92%
University of Saint Francis	905	801	89%	917	873	95%
VanderCook College of Music	71	68	96%	73	71	97%
Western Illinois University	1,133	967	85%	1,139	1,081	95%
Wheaton College	292	284	97%	293	291	99%