Agency Initiatives/Responsibilities related to
School Safety/Violence Issues:

ISBE – Safe and Drug-Free Schools Statewide Partnerships 2008- Present

The following partnerships continue to build and enhance safe and drug-free schools coalitions with the ISBE. Below are a number of examples of the initiatives that staff across the Agency are involved with either through grants, task forces, committees, some in collaborative with other agencies.

- **Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG)** –
  The Illinois SPF SIG recipients must work in collaboration with local school district(s), CBOs, and other community coalitions with addressing community needs. The Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) program is one of SAMHSA's infrastructure grant programs. SAMHSA's infrastructure grants support an array of activities to help grantees build a solid foundation for delivering and sustaining effective substance abuse and/or mental health services.

- **Illinois Youth Survey (IYS)** – ISBE works with the Chestnut Health Center to support the use of the IYS for Illinois school districts. The IYS survey instrument provides districts with trend addressing violence, alcohol, drugs and other socio-emotional issues.

- **Drug Alcohol Substance Abuse (DASA)** Advisory Committee – The DASA Advisory Committee aims to develop and enhance direct services for youth in Illinois' schools. Summer 2009, the committee worked in concert to develop a parent and student handbook for school districts and parents.

- **Illinois Task Force for The Condition of African American Male** – This partnership has proven to be a huge success with highlighting the needs of African American males in the state of Illinois who are significantly disproportionately. ISBE is an integral stakeholder at the table with other community, state, CBOs, and others. The task force is presently establishing phase II for the 2009-2010 school year.

- **Illinois Safe School Alliance (ISSA)** – Ensuring safety for all students in Illinois is "first and foremost." However, a certain subgroup of students is often underserved and unprotected in Illinois' schools. ISBE works with ISSA to establish policy, practices, and procedures to address GLBT students' issues.

- **Restorative Justice in Illinois Schools** – The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority sponsors annually five trainings aimed to educate school districts and the entire learning community about the need to utilize alternative restorative options. ISBE needs to expand and initiate statewide policies and practices which will better enable African American and Hispanic students, who are adversely impacted.

- **Maintaining District bullying policies** – The Educator and School Development Division collects policies from each district.

- **Access to public health issues** – The IDPH and CDC works with ISBE to ensure access to public health issues as they relate to schools.

- **School Incident Reporting System (SIS)** – USBE is a contact for programmatic issues.

- **School Safety Web Link** – ISBE maintains this website.

- **Illinois Emergency Operations Plan (IEOP)** – ISBE provides the lead on emergency response for school issues at the State Emergency Operations Center as acting as official ISBE representatives at the facility. Staff assist in the direction of ISBE duties during an emergency per the Illinois Emergency Operations Plan (IEOP).

- **State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) Team** – SHIP provides policy recommendations to a wide array of public bodies in the areas ranging from nutritional guidance to violence prevention.

- **Illinois Taskforce's Pandemic Flu Workgroup** – ISBE provides representation on the Illinois Terrorism Taskforce's Pandemic Flu Workgroup and chair the School Closures Subcommittee of the group.

- **Campus Security Taskforce** – ISBE has representation on this Taskforce.

- **Student Behavioral Threat Assessment – An education leadership opportunity sponsored by the Illinois Terrorism Task Force and Illinois State Board of Education –** The purpose of this one day seminar is to provide increased understanding of the framework and application of student behavioral threat assessment in schools. The target audience and student threat assessment process is a multi-disciplinary team approach comprised of school administration, key faculty, counseling/psychological services, **local law enforcement/school resource officers**, local community services/mental health agencies and school legal counsel.

- **Ensuring Success in Schools Task Force** – ISBE supports this Taskforce (report being completed now) related to policies, procedures, and protocols to be adopted by school districts for addressing the educational and related needs of children and youth who are parents, expectant parents, or victims of domestic or sexual violence to ensure their ability to stay in school, stay safe while in school, and successfully complete their education.

- **Committee of Cooperative Services** – Educator and School Development Division. This Committee is to advise the State superintendent of Education on the statewide development, implementation, and coordination of alternative learning opportunities programs and make recommendations to the heads of the various State entities represented on the Committee to improve educational outcomes of students at risk of academic failure through the coordinated provision of education, health, mental health, and human services.

- **Persistently Dangerous Schools** – the Agency collects data to identify these schools per School Code.

- **Homeless Education** – the Agency works with districts and Regional Superintendents on issues related to Homeless children.

- **Title IV Safe and Drug Free Schools Grants** – ISBE has grants that 860 schools districts participate in these funds (for some districts is small amount).

- **Prevention First Grant** – money for clearing house for school districts to order materials for drug, alcohol, school safety, bullying etc. Link to clearing house catalog: https://www.prevention.org/EducatorsAndSchools/Clearinghouse/Default.asp

- **SEA Title IV activities for Safe and Drug Free schools**. Limited grant programs.