

Listserv Email: October 15, 2010

ISBE Budget Hearings: As done every year, the State Board of Education is hosting its budget hearings around the state. You can access the schedule at: <http://isbe.net/news/2010/oct4.htm>
This is our chance to testify in support of resources for leadership, including restoring funding for new principal mentoring and providing adequate resources for principal preparation and continued support. If you are available and would like to give testimony at any of these hearings, please get in touch with me at elhunt@ilstu.edu

Principal Preparation Redesign Article: The Chicago Catalyst released a news story on the new principal preparation redesign rules. You can access the article at: http://www.catalyst-chicago.org/notebook/index.php/entry/846/State_issues_draft_of_new_rules_for_principal_preparation_programs?tr=y&auid=7148242

CAYL Institute - Strengthening Communities Through Developmentally Appropriate Practices for Young Learners Conference: The new state principal preparation redesign work reforms the current Type 75 certificate into a PK-12 principal endorsement. As such, principal preparation programs will be required to integrate content of early learning, special education, and ELL into their programs. The Community Advocates for Young Learners ([CAYL Institute](#)) in Massachusetts hosts the The CAYL Principals Fellowship in Early Care and Education, which works with elementary school principals in Massachusetts with pre-kindergarten programs in an effort to align standards, curriculum, instruction, expectations and assessment. Each year they hold a conference directed at K-12 principals. For more information on the conference, go to: <http://www.cayl.org/principalsconf2011>

Catalyst Policy Luncheons: The Catalyst is hosting a series of policy luncheons in November and December. Attached is the schedule and descriptions of the luncheons.

George W. Bush Leadership Initiative: Leadership is gaining increased recognition nationally, including the launch of a new initiative for principals, the [Alliance to Reform Education Leadership](#), by the George W. Bush Institute. For more information on this, go to: http://www.boston.com/news/education/k_12/articles/2010/09/29/bush_institute_launches_initiative_for_principals/

Enticing Effective Leaders to Take on Worst Performing Schools: A recent Newsweek article highlights how one North Carolina school district found success with getting its best principals to take over its worst-performing schools by offering a 10% raise and the chance to turn around a failing school using a team of the principal's choice and with fewer obstacles from the district. To access the article go to: <http://www.newsweek.com/2010/10/12/how-one-district-fixed-its-failing-schools.html>