

Illinois Principal Preparation Redesign Timeline

2005

August

Commission on School Leader Preparation convened by IBHE

- Comprised of leaders from K-12 schools, colleges and universities, business and professional education organizations, ISBE & IBHE

2006

August

Report presented to IBHE

- *School Leader Preparation: A Blueprint for Change*

Included 3 Major Goals:

- Recruit Strategically
- Focus Preparation Programs
- Improve Statewide Assessment & Coordination

2007

July

House Joint Resolution 66

- Resolved that ISBE, IBHE, and the Office of the Governor shall jointly appoint a task force to recommend a sequence of strategic steps to implement improvements in school leader preparations in Illinois, based on, but not limited to, the measures detailed in *Blueprint for Change*.

October-January

Illinois School Leader Task Force convened:

- Recommended *three primary instruments* for improving leadership
 1. **State Policies** that set high standards for school leadership certification and align principal preparation, early career development, and distinguish principal recognition with those standards;
 2. **Formal Partnerships** between school districts, institutions of higher education, and other qualified partners to support principal preparation and development;
 3. **Refocused Principal Preparation Programs** committed to developing to rigorously assessing in aspiring principals the

capacities that are most likely to improve student learning in PreK-12 schools.

2008

May

Two-day conference sponsored by ISBE and ISHE for the Illinois School Leader Task Force Report

- Stakeholders in higher education, professional organizations, and members of the Illinois School Leader Task Force attended to disseminate the Illinois School Leader Task Force Report.

August

Two-day conference for open discussions on the recommendations set forth by the Task Force report and to develop school leader redesign teams.

September

One-day meeting sponsored by ISBE and IBHE to convene the 5 School Leadership Redesign Teams.

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November

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2009

January

Invited representatives for parents, special education, early childhood education, English Language Learners, from around the State of Illinois, as

well as additional ISBE and IBHE staff to attend the 4th School Leader Redesign Team Meeting.

February

Brought together participants from the May and August conferences to present Draft recommended changes from School Leader Redesign Teams and Special Interest Representatives.

March

Leadership to integrate the Learning Continuum released its report, **Building a Seamless Learning Continuum, The Role of Leadership in Bridging the Gaps Between Early Childhood and K-12 Education Systems.**

- Recommended that the new principal endorsement span from preK-grade 12

Presented final draft Recommended Changes to the School Leader Advisory Council

April

Presented changes to the Illinois Certification Board and the Illinois State Board of Education

Informed Illinois Board of Higher Education of New Principal Preparation Model

2010

June

Legislation signed into law

Fall

Rules released for public comment

2011 ISBE rules passed by Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR)

2012 By September 1st, institution or not-for-profit entities may admit new candidates only to principal preparation programs that have been approved under new rules

2014 By June 1st, all programs for the preparation of principals must be approved under new program rules or cease operating