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Dear Dr Theresa Saunders:

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA 2004), Section 616, requires all states to make determinations on the performance of their local districts with regard to the provision of special education and related services. The Illinois State Board of Education has reviewed the following data from the 2007-2008 school year. Based upon these data, the Illinois State Board of Education has determined that East St Louis SD 189 has received the designation of **Needs Assistance** in implementing one or more of the following requirements of IDEA. **Since the district has received the designation of Needs Assistance for Two or More Consecutive Years, the district is designated as NA2.**

State Performance Plan Indicator	Data	Score	Determination
<i>Indicator 9:</i> Disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services that is a result of inappropriate identification.	District does not have disproportionate representation due to inappropriate identification in any racial/ethnic group receiving special education and related services.	4	Meets Requirements
<i>Indicator 10:</i> Disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in specific disability categories that is a result of inappropriate identification.	District does not have disproportionate representation due to inappropriate identification in any specific disability category.	4	Meets Requirements
<i>Indicator 11:</i> The percent of children with parental consent to evaluate, who were evaluated within the 60 school day timeline as defined by the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/14-8.02).	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Indicator 12:</i> Percent of children referred by Part C prior to age 3, who were found eligible for Part B, and who have an IEP developed and implemented by their third birthdays.	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Indicator 13:</i> Number of youth aged 16 and above with an IEP that includes coordinated, measurable, annual IEP goals and transition services that will enable the student to meet the post-secondary goals.	100% of youth aged 16 and above had an IEP that included coordinated, measurable, annual IEP goals and transition services that will enable the student to meet the post-secondary goals.	4	Meets Requirements
<i>Indicator 15:</i> Timely, Correction of Identified Noncompliance	District has no uncorrected noncompliance from the 2006-2007 school year.	4	Meets Requirements

<i>Indicator 20: Timely, Valid, and Reliable Data</i>	Late Submission of End of Year Report. Due: 8/15/2008. Repeated failure to respond to Indicator 4 data verification process.	1	Needs Substantial Intervention
<i>Audit Findings</i>	District has no audit findings for the 2007-2008 school year.	4	Meets Requirements
	OVERALL DETERMINATION	3.50	Needs Assistance

In accordance with Section 616(e) of IDEA and 34 CFR 300.604, ISBE must take one or more enforcement actions if a district is determined "Needs Assistance" for two consecutive years, thus receiving the designation of "NA2". Such actions include advising districts of available sources of technical assistance that may help them address the area(s) in which they need assistance, directing the use of funds on the area or areas in which the district needs assistance or identifying the district as a high-risk grantee and imposing special conditions on the district's IDEA Part B grant award. ISBE has chosen to advise districts of available sources of technical assistance that may help them address the Indicator area(s) in which they need assistance. Your district has been designated as "NA2", and is therefore required to utilize technical assistance resources, and to complete Section II of the District Improvement Plan (DIP) stating how you will be implementing these technical assistance resources in your district. Please refer to page 8 of the enclosed document, *How the Illinois State Board of Education Made Local Determinations under Section 616 of the Individuals with Disabilities Act for 2007-2008 School Year* under the heading, "Required Follow-Up Activities", for the steps your district will take when completing the required section of the plan.

The DIP must be submitted to Paula Stadeker no later than July 1, 2009, via the Illinois Interactive Report Card e-Plans website. Your district will need to contact Paula Stadeker via e-mail once the DIP has been completed. Your DIP will then be reviewed for approval. Districts do not have to seek local board approval or complete Section IV (Local Board Action) to complete the LEA Determinations process.

Please refer to the enclosed document, *How the Illinois State Board of Education Made Local Determinations under Section 616 of the Individuals with Disabilities Act for 2007-2008 School Year*, for further information on determination criteria and changes to the LEA Determination process from previous years. Districts wishing to appeal their determination must submit a written appeal and supporting documentation by June 1, 2009, to Paula Stadeker, Illinois State Board of Education, Special Education and Support Services, 100 North First Street, N-253, Springfield, IL 62777. Refer to page 10 of the enclosed document, *How the Illinois State Board of Education Made Local Determinations under Section 616 of the Individuals with Disabilities Act for 2007-2008 School Year*, prior to the submission of an appeal.

ISBE has gathered several resources for districts regarding LEA Determinations, including an audio presentation explaining this process. These resources may be accessed from the LEA Determinations link located at <http://www.isbe.net/spec-ed>. If you have further questions about the above information, please contact Paula Stadeker at pstadeke@isbe.net or 217-782-5589.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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