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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Superintendent and Program Directors  
**FROM:** Robin M. Lisboa, Division Administrator for English Language Learning   
**DATE:** May 17, 2007  
**RE:** Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAO) District Improvement Plan Workshop

You have been selected to participate in a special ISBE workshop specifically designed to assist you with meeting the needs of your English language learners. Your school district did not meet the Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAO) for the last two years (FY05 & FY06). According to the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), your district is now required to develop a District Improvement Plan (DIP) to help ensure that it meets AMAOs in the future.

Guidance from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of English Language Acquisition further requires that your district submit a DIP to the Division of English Language Learning (DELL). Your DIP must be submitted no later than June 30, 2007. A template for the DIP is available as an e-plan at <http://iirc.niu.edu> on the Illinois Interactive Report Card website. However, if you do not want to use this template, you may use another format that complies with relevant federal and state laws.

To assist districts in developing a DIP the Division of English Language Learning, in conjunction with the Division of Federal Grants and Programs, is providing a joint workshop for you or your designee(s) who will be writing the DIP. As a courtesy to districts, ISBE is extending the deadline for submission of the Title I DIP to **June 30, 2007**, so that districts can complete the Title III DIP and Title I DIP together. The Title I and Title III DIP can be submitted electronically. However, districts are required to submit one copy of the Title III DIP along with their submission of the annual consolidated application for bilingual funds (TBE/TPI/LIPLEPS/IEP). The Title III DIP and the bilingual application for funding will be reviewed at the same time by the district's assigned consultant.

The joint Title I/Title III DIP workshop will be conducted by:

Carol Diedrichsen, Principal Consultant in Federal Grants and Programs  
Robin M. Lisboa, Division Administrator for English Language Learning  
Dr. Harvey Smith, Northern Illinois University, Illinois Interactive Report Card  
Josie Yanguas, Illinois Resource Center

The workshop will be conducted from 11:00 a.m. to 04:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 24, 2007 at:

Northern Illinois University, Naperville Campus  
**Room 105**  
1120 East Diehl Road  
Naperville, IL 60563

To register please fax your registration form(s) to Bill Garcia at 312-814-8636. There is no cost to attend, but registration is necessary to accommodate the appropriate number of attendees. Lunch will be provided. Since this technical assistance is required under NCLB, the attendance of participants will be documented. If you have any questions regarding registration, contact Bill Garcia at 312-814-3663 or at [wgarcia@isbe.net](mailto:wgarcia@isbe.net). School district AMAO determinations can be found at <http://www.isbe.net/bilingual/htmls/titleIII.htm>.