DATE: October 19, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable John J. Cullerton, Senate President
    The Honorable Christine Radogno, Senate Minority Leader
    The Honorable Michael J. Madigan, Speaker of the House
    The Honorable Tom Cross, House Republican Leader

FROM: Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D. [Signature]
State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: House Joint Resolution 24 Special Education Funding Task Force

House Joint Resolution 24 ("HJR 24"), adopted by the 95th General Assembly, charged
the Illinois State Board of Education with facilitating the HJR 24 Special Education
Funding Task Force. The HJR 24 Task Force Report, attached hereto as Attachment A,
was approved by a majority of the HJR 24 Task Force members, in compliance with HJR
24's mandate to study current special education funding needs and to make
recommendations as to how the State can increase special education funding and ease
the financial burden on school districts.

In addition to the HJR 24 Task Force Report, enclosed please find a listing of the HJR
24 Task Force membership, attached hereto as Attachment B. Additional documents,
attached hereto as Attachments C-F, are submitted for your review on behalf of
individual Task Force Members.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Elizabeth Hanselman, Assistant
Superintendent for Special Education and Support Services, at 217-782-4870.

cc: The Honorable Pat Quinn, Governor
    Jillayne Rock, Secretary of the Senate
    Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House
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