Illinois Principal Preparation Redesign Timeline

2001
Illinois State University Center for the Study of Education Policy received Wallace Foundation grant and established Illinois State Action for Education Leadership Project (IL-SAELP)

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 –
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*.

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 rigorously assessing in aspiring principals the capacities that are most likely to improve student learning in PreK-12 schools.

2008 – May

2008 - August
Two-day conference for open discussions on the recommendations set forth by the Task Force report and to develop school leader redesign teams.
2008 – September

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

- School Leader Redesign Team members consisted of 50 representatives of public and private institutions of Higher Education, the IPA, IFT, IEA, Illinois School Board of Assoc., Regional Offices of Education, ICPEA, IASA, the Illinois School Leader Task Force, and ISBE, and IBHE staff members

- 5 School Leader Redesign Teams researched and redrafted recommendations in alignment with the School Leader Team Charges.

2008 – October & November

One-day meeting in October and November sponsored by ISBE and IBHE to convene the 5 School Leadership Redesign Teams. (See September 2008 description above.)

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.

2009 - February

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

2009 - March


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

2009 – April

- Presented draft recommended changes to the School Leader Advisory Council
- Informed Illinois Board of Higher Education of New Principal Preparation Model
- HJR42 directed ISBE and IBHE to prepare legislative recommendations.


Eight regional meetings were held by ISBE and IBHE to gather feedback on draft Principal Preparation Model

2009 - September

Presented new draft requirements to Illinois Teacher Certification Board

2009 - October

ISBE and IBHE hold a legislative briefing on the Newly Defined Principal Preparation Program for Illinois for members of the General Assembly

2009 - November

Held one-day statewide conference to discuss next steps in planning principal preparation, as well as the review of the new Illinois Professional Teaching Standards.

2010 - March

One-day conference to provide update on the school leader preparation reform recommendations for Illinois.

2010 – June

Legislation signed into law—PA 096-0903, effective July 1, 2010

2010 – Sept.-Nov.

Rules released for public comment. Advance Illinois, Large Unit District Assoc., IBHE, ISBE, universities, and other stakeholder groups engage legislators in series of meetings to resolve questions about the rules.

2011

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

2012 - March

Principal Preparation Review Panel established in rules is convened
2012 - September  
By September 1\textsuperscript{st}, institution of higher education or not-for-profit entities may admit new candidates only to principal preparation programs that have been approved under new rules.

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