

Illinois Report Card Project

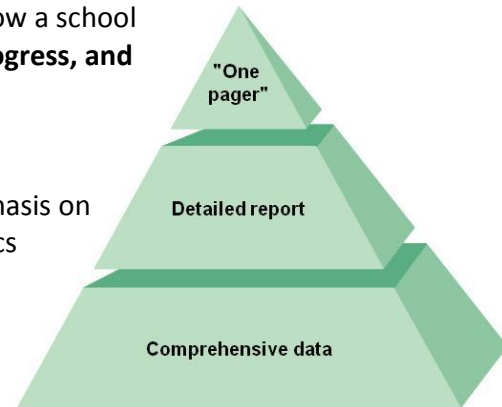
Just like all students, every school and every district in Illinois gets a report card. Unfortunately, over time that report card has become so cluttered as to be useless to most audiences. In 2011, with support from the Boston Consulting Group (BCG), the P-20 Council has worked to develop a breakthrough new report card for Illinois schools and districts.

The new report card is packed with relevant new information and designed to be readable and user-friendly.

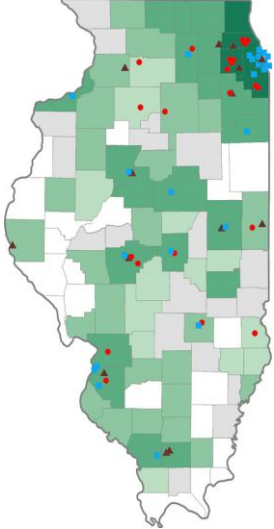
The New Design. The new report card is organized to help parents understand how a school or district is performing in three key areas: **(1) student outcomes, (2) student progress, and (3) the school environment.**

The committee used a three-tier pyramid logic in designing the report card.

- **The One-Pager:** Designed for use by the broad community with an emphasis on parents and a focus on the simplest, highest-value outcome-driven metrics
- **The Detailed Report:** Publicly available but for use by district and school leaders with performance breakdowns by demographic subgroup and additional information
- **Comprehensive data:** Longitudinal information for use by educators and researchers



Focus group locations



Public Response. To ensure the report card is helpful to the public, the committee conducted nearly 60 focus groups with key stakeholder groups across Illinois: administrators and principals, teachers, and families and community members.

Each discussion sought to “pressure test” the draft report card developed by the committee and resulted in changes to the report’s substance or design. More generally, feedback from the focus groups on the overall value of the new report card was overwhelmingly positive.

- **90% of participants said they are likely to use the new report card.**
- **80% to 90% of participants found the report card to be easy to understand.**

Committee & Methodology. In the course of developing a new Report Card, the P-20 Council assembled a widely inclusive group of stakeholders to oversee and advise the work, including:

- Advance Illinois
- Chicago Public Schools
- Ed-Red
- Federation of Community Schools
- Illinois Association of School Administrators
- Illinois Association of School Business Officials
- Illinois Education Association
- Illinois Federation of Teachers
- Illinois Board of Higher Education
- Illinois Business Roundtable
- Illinois Community Colleges Board
- Illinois Interactive Report Card team
- Illinois Math & Science Academy
- Illinois PTA
- Illinois State Board of Education
- ISU/Center for Education Policy
- LEND/SCOPE
- LUDA
- Ounce of Prevention
- P-20 Council
- SAGE Campaign
- Stand for Children
- Voices for Illinois Children

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Our goal is to provide useful information in a way that is easily understood. This updated Illinois State Report Card will better equip parents to make informed choices to support their child's education.

The P-20 Council has worked closely with stakeholders and community leaders around the state. Supporters of the Illinois Report Card Project include the following:

Advance Illinois

**Central Pointe Community Services – Bloomington
Community Foundation of Kankakee and River Valley
DeKalb County KEYS Initiative
ED-RED
Federation of Community Schools
Greater Effingham Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Hands That Help – Rockford
Illinois Association of Realtors
Illinois Association of School Business Officials
Illinois Chamber of Commerce
Illinois Education Association
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Illinois Interactive Report Card Team
Illinois P-20 Council
Illinois PTA
Illinois State Board of Education
Large Unit District Association
Dr. Max McGee, IMSA
Mothers Opposed to Violence Everywhere – Chicago
Neighbors United – Oak Lawn
Ounce of Prevention Fund
Peoples Community Development Association of Chicago
SAGE Campaign
Stand for Children
Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation – Effingham
TARGET Area Development Corporation
Voices for Illinois Children
Youth with a Positive Direction – Decatur**