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## **MEMO**

Date: 2/15/18

To: Dr. Ed Condon, *Superintendent*

From: Dr. Alison Hawley, *Director of Curriculum & Instruction*

RE: Illinois Science Assessment Results 2016 and 2017

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### **Background**

In April of 2016, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) released the inaugural Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) for students in Grades 5 and 8. Due to previous budgetary uncertainty at the state level, the scoring process for these assessments was delayed. The Illinois State Board of Education does not anticipate delayed reporting of student results for the ISA in the future.

The results for both the 2016 and 2017 ISA have been finalized by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). District 90 aggregate results indicate a strong overall performance. ISA summary results are attached for Board review.

The ISA is intended to assess student performance relative to the Illinois Learning Standards in science, which mirror the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). The assessment represents Illinois' commitment to preparing all students for college and careers, including the high-demand science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.

### **Next Steps**

The 2018 Illinois Science Assessment will be administered to Grade 5 & 8 Roosevelt Middle School students in March. Notification of testing will be sent to parents one week prior to its administration.