

Lt. Governor Simon's Classrooms First Commission tackling the school consolidation issue is holding a local meeting/hearing.

November 3, 2011

3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Oakton Community College

1600 E. Golf Road Des Plaines, IL 60016

Main Building, Room 1604

Doors open at 2:30 p.m. Parking will be available in parking lots C, D, and A, in that order. Any persons wanting to give public comment will need to sign-in and are encouraged to bring written testimony. The public comment period will be limited to 90 minutes, with 5 minutes maximum given to each speaker. Speakers will be given time on a first-come first-served basis.

About the Commission

HB 1216 creates a commission charged with recommending ways Illinois school districts can improve student learning opportunities and reduce duplicative administration costs.

Simon's Classrooms First Commission will examine spending that is far removed from students, to cut bureaucracy and redirect tax dollars toward students. The goal is for parents and children to see greater educational options, while services are streamlined in the back rooms of district administrative centers.

The commission will review factors such as academic offerings, performance, financial stability and enrollment in its analysis. Its recommendations are due to the Governor and General Assembly by July 1, 2011

The commission is chaired by Lt. Governor Sheila Simon with the guidance of Dr. Lynne Haeffele, a research associate from Center for the Study of Education Policy at Illinois State University. Comprised of parents, teachers, administrators and policymakers from rural, suburban and urban areas, the commission will collect local opinions online and at public hearings.

If you are interested in reading more about the Classrooms First commission, please follow the below link:

<http://www2.illinois.gov/ltgov/Pages/ClassroomsFirstCommissionOverview.aspx>