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District 108 has Six School Named to the ISBE Illinois Honor Roll

Pekin, IL – Pekin Public Schools is proud to announce that the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has recently identified six district schools as members of the Illinois Honor Roll as a result of students' performance on the 2007 Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT).

To be named to the Illinois Honor Roll, the Illinois State Board of Education considers factors such as school demographics, the school's past performance, and improvement trends. ISBE recognizes schools that have a significant percentage of students meeting or exceeding the Illinois State Learning Standards. The Illinois Honor Roll consists of three categories (1) Spotlight Award, (2) Academic Improvement Award, and (3) Academic Excellence Award.

District 108 Schools recognized with Spotlight Awards include: Dirksen Primary (93.2%), Jefferson Primary (79.6%), Starke Primary (95%), Willow Primary (86.2), and Wilson Intermediate (82.2%). Schools recognized with Academic Improvement Awards include: Dirksen Primary (93.2) and Broadmoor Junior High (85.2%) These schools are among 1111 other schools across the state receiving recognition in these two categories.

Pekin District 108 is one of the largest elementary school districts in the Central Illinois region. The district consists of eleven attendance centers serving four thousand students in grades pre-school through eighth grade. District 108 has been recognized for numerous awards including several National Blue Ribbon School Awards, Illinois Spotlight School Awards, Illinois Academic Improvement Awards, and the Lincoln Award for the Achievement of Excellence.

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