TELL YOUR STORY ABOUT INVESTMENTS & STUDENT OUTCOMES

# The 5Ws

The Illinois Report Card presents an opportunity for each school and district to tell its story. The 2019 Illinois Report Card kicks off the third year of Evidence-Based Funding, the second year of IL-EMPOWER, and the first year of site-based expenditure reporting. Each school and district has planned and invested to improve opportunities and outcomes for students. The Illinois Report Card invites us to tell this story behind the numbers.

# Who

#### All public schools

Every school will again receive an annual summative designation—a descriptor of how well the school is meeting the needs of all students. For the first time ever, summative designations will appear alongside expenditure data at the school level. The pairing of fiscal and academic information invites inquiry into how resources are allocated to improve opportunities and outcomes for students.

## What

#### Opportunity to tell your school's story

The Report Card displays a snapshot of student outcomes at a moment in time. No data or designation can fully communicate what your school has done and is planning to do to drive equity and continuous improvement. The Report Card provides a platform to share your story.

# Why

#### Support conversations about investments and student outcomes

The data on the Illinois Report Card are starting points for deeper conversations. School-level expenditures, Evidence-Based Funding, summative designations, and other Report Card data can help foster a better understanding of the relationship between financial investments and student outcomes.

# When

#### October 30, 2019

The embargo on 2019 Illinois Report Card data lifts on October 30, 2019. ISBE will communicate a specific time early in October. All districts review and certify their data prior to its publication.

## Where

#### IllinoisReportCard.com & in your community

The 2019 Illinois Report Card will publish online at **www.illinoisreportcard.com** and provide a platform for deeper conversations in your community.