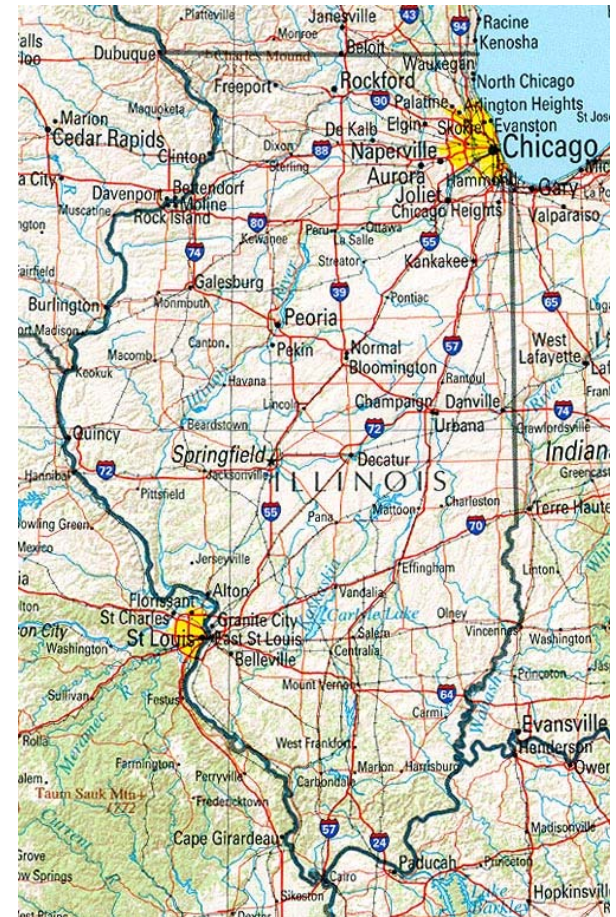


# Sustainable Schools Symposium

- Regional Meet and Greet
- 1:00 pm to 1:45 pm
- Moderator: Jon Zirkle,  
Office of Governor Pat Quinn



# Goals for this Session

- ◆ Learn what schools in different parts of the state are doing to protect the environment
- ◆ Stimulate new ideas
- ◆ Encourage partnerships between schools
- ◆ Identify regional leaders

**Regional  
Group  
Breakouts:  
5 Groups**



# Regional Group Questions

- Introductions – name, school, community
- Name one environmental issue your school is currently addressing.” (energy use, waste, transportation, etc)
- Name one tip that is helping your school or district address this environmental issue. (2-3 min)
- Name one barrier to addressing this issue your school or district has encountered. (2-3 min)
- How can schools in your region work together to achieve environmental concerns? (2-3 min)
- Contact list – pass around and complete

# Regional Responses

- **One environmental issue your school is addressing**

Chicagoland: Recycling - Stevenson High School; Geothermal - CPS

North/West: Integrating sustainability into curriculum - IL Math and Science Academy

Gen/East: Solar panel installation - Springfield

- **One tip that is helping your school or district address this environmental issue**

Chicagoland: Education – posting photos of recycling bins around school, sending out newsletters about recycling, incentive program

North/West: Created energy center – within classroom and outside partners

Gen/East: Baseline energy use through an energy audit; volunteer education

- **Name one barrier to addressing this issue your school or district has encountered**

- Funding
- Communication
- Man power
- Territorial issues
- Bureaucracy

- **How can schools in your region work together to achieve environmental concerns?**

Current Examples:

- Grant Middle School in Springfield is collaborating with University of Illinois - Springfield, installing CFLs in classroom and tracking data
- Collaborating with local businesses to install monitoring equipment (lighting controls) to track energy usage in classrooms
- Career fair or energy fair - reaching out to students and community (Andrew High School + Bloom High School now planning a joint energy fair on April 25)

Information from this and other sessions will be posted at:

<http://www.GreenSolutions.il.gov>

Want to connect with other schools in your region?

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