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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LETTER

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"Helping You Keep Your Board Informed"

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Dear Trustee,

You expect ICCTA to be there for you. Here are some things that ICCTA has done for your board during the last month.

- ✓ Developed legislative support for Governor Edgar's 5.4% operations increase recommendation for community college operations -- about one percent higher than his recommendation for universities
- ✓ Asked the Governor's budget director to add \$3 million for adult education to this year's supplemental appropriation
- ✓ Pressed for an increase of \$9 million in adult education funding by FY99
- ✓ Testified on behalf of SB 1566, Tax Increment Finance reform!
- ✓ Succeeded in bringing HB 3749, summer MAP grants, out of committee
- ✓ Forwarded a white paper with community college issues to gubernatorial candidates Poshard and Ryan
- ✓ Provided board retreat leadership for three community college boards
- ✓ Moved a "new industrial jobs training" bill, SB 1220, out of Senate Executive Committee
- ✓ Offered testimony to an IBHE committee on behalf of reasonably priced graduate and upper division level courses on or near community college campuses
- ✓ Asked the Human Resource Investment Council to encourage Private Industry Councils and school boards to cooperate with community college boards
- ✓ Offered a seminar for trustees on ways boards can improve relationships with unions
- ✓ Lobbied each member of the Illinois Congressional delegation on behalf of the Higher Education Act and Hope Scholarship reporting requirements relief
- ✓ Offered a seminar for trustees on workforce training in Illinois. Members of the Illinois Human Resource Investment Council and the Governor's staff made presentations
- ✓ Helped host an Grand Opening celebration at our new headquarters in Springfield
- ✓ Gave trustees an opportunity to interact with Dr. Keith Sanders, the new Executive Director at the Illinois Board of Higher Education

This is only one month's worth of work! In the meantime, our little five person staff has prepared great opportunities for you at this year's May 5-6 Lobby Day and June 18-20 Annual Convention. Both events will take place in Springfield. Past participants will tell you that both events inspire trustees and carry the message of local boards to those who can help our students. Make your calendars and plan to attend!

In the meantime, use our 1-800-454-2282 toll free number to request assistance and information. The same number can connect you to ICCTA's nifty "Fax-on-Demand" service. All you need is your fax number (including area code if you are outside the 217 area.) You can get registration forms, calendars, reports, and legislative updates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Give it a try!

