ISBE to hold another PERA webinar at 4 p.m. Thursday

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is holding the third in a series of webinars at 4 p.m. Thursday, and also is creating a "Joint Committee space" that will allow educators to connect with one another through discussions, blogs and resource sharing.

Thursday's webinar will introduce the new "Joint Committee space" and Dr. Jason Helfer, ISBE's Assistant Superintendent for Educator Effectiveness, will field questions. The webinar is designed to assist early implementers of student growth under the Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA), but also will be helpful for all Illinois administrators as every school district is required to implement student growth in their evaluation process by the 2016-17 school year. The dial-in number for the webinar is 888-494-4032 and the access code is 4427097158#.

A fourth webinar is scheduled for 4 p.m. October 23 and will cover information of the Joint Committee.

The "Joint Committee space" is through the Ed Leaders Network (ELN) in partnership with the Illinois Principals Association (IPA), ISBE and the Illinois Center for School Improvement. This space will be to allow joint committee members to participate in discussions, blogs and resource sharing in a secure environment. It will be an invitation only community and all activity will be visible only to members of the joint committee.