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Three things you need to know about

NEW ILLINOIS LEARNING STANDARDS

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1 The clear, consistent and higher expectations of the new Illinois Learning Standards in English language arts and math are transforming the way teachers engage and challenge their students by focusing on concept mastery, critical thinking and real-world application.

2 Teachers and administrators, who continue to write local curricula and lesson plans for their own classrooms, show strong support for the new standards. According to results from Scholastic's Primary Sources Survey of Illinois teachers last fall, a majority of educators believe the new standards will improve **students' ability to lead, focus and connect with ongoing initiatives** to improve the quality of education in our state.

3 Parental involvement is crucial to student's success in meeting these higher expectations. Numerous resources are available online to help parents understand the new standards and learn how best to prepare and support their children.