

## **"Please Don't Leave Our Children Behind" DAY**

Springfield, **April 18, 2007.**

This notice is provided to the ROEs/ISCs/Districts in order that school officials may be informed about plans that are being developed throughout the state to call attention to the needs of gifted children. Regional Superintendents may advise district Superintendents, who may advise their schools' principals, who may advise their teachers, etc. Different levels can decide if they want to participate. This would be a valuable educational excursion for students at all grade levels.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for "Please, Don't Leave Our Children Behind" Day in our state Capitol. See law-making in action, meet your local legislators, join together for a picnic lunch with other families of gifted children from across the state, visit historic sites, tour the new Lincoln Library, and more! Join many gifted children, their parents and their teachers on a **visit to Springfield**, our state capital. The objectives of this visit are twofold. First, we want our children to experience democracy in action, see how laws are made, meet their local representatives and visit the new Lincoln Library or local historic sites. Second, we want state lawmakers to see that many of their constituents are interested in educating gifted children. This is the chance for our children to learn about law-making by seeing it in action and for our legislators to learn about gifted children by seeing some of them in action! Individuals, families, parent groups, and school groups are all encouraged to participate.

**Show gifted children that their needs are important. Bring them to Springfield on April 18, 2007!**

- This announcement is posted on The ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED CHILDREN website <http://www.iagcgifted.org/CHILDRENBEHIND.html>
- Please check out the **Organizer's Guide** <http://www.iagcgifted.org/IAGCspring.pdf> for the "Please Don't Leave Our Children Behind Day".
- For up-to-date information on the plans, including a schedule of activities, and to view a color photo of students who went last year, go to <http://geco.hinsdaleinfo.net/springfield.htm>

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- Illinois State Board of Education: Advisory Council on the Education of Gifted and Talented Children  
<http://www.isbe.net>

- Illinois Association for Gifted Children <http://www.iagcgifted.org>: Co-chairman, Parent Affiliates; member, Advocacy Committee; Consultant - Communications, Media, Membership, and Website

- Boone/Winnebago Counties Regional Office of Education: KIDS Advisory Board <http://4roe.org/> and <http://www.kidsroe.org/>

- Chicago Area Mensa: Gifted Children Committee <http://www.chicago.us.mensa.org/>

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