

**2008-2009**  
**SPECIAL SERVICES UPDATES**

**FOCUSED MONITORING UPDATE**

Kirby District 140 continues to actively explore and implement instructional approaches that will increase the ISAT scores of students who receive special education services. The District's goal is to raise the number of students in the Meets or Exceeds categories, particularly in the area of reading. The District will continue to work closely with the Illinois State Board of Education in its efforts to meet this goal.

**EASYIEP IMPLEMENTATION**

In 2007-2008, the Department of Special Services introduced and began limited use of a new web-based IEP program, EasyIEP. This program will be the only IEP program used by staff during the 2008-2009 school year. As a result of this change, IEP paperwork will have a different layout and look. Parent information sessions will be scheduled throughout the 2008-2009 school year to familiarize parents with this new format. Any questions can be directed to the Department of Special Services at 708/532-8537.