**Myth Busters: Student Data Privacy**

**MYTH:** ISBE sends student-level data to the federal government.

**FACT:** The federal government does not have access to the student-level data housed in secure state data systems. We only share aggregate data.

**MYTH:** ISBE is selling student-level data to third parties.

**FACT:** Data is only shared with contracted companies for educational purposes with the proper legal and security controls in place.

**MYTH:** ISBE is collecting and sharing an inappropriate amount of student data.

**FACT:** States do not have access to the full assortment of data collected and maintained by districts and schools. The state collects a limited amount of student information to help in reporting aggregate data (data about a large group of students) on academic progress.

**MYTH:** The PARCC will provide student-level data to the federal government.

**FACT:** The PARCC will NOT provide student-level data to the federal government. Only aggregate data will be reported, no personally identifiable information.

**MYTH:** Common Core is used to collect data about individual students.

**FACT:** Common Core is not a mechanism for federal or state data collection. The Common Core are a set of learning standards that establish guidelines for what student should know and be able to do.