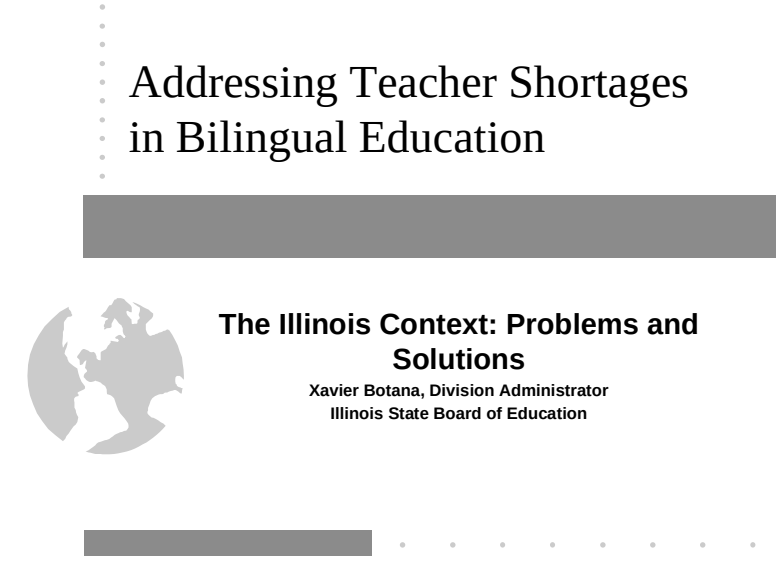
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Addressing Teacher Shortages in Bilingual Education

The Illinois Context: Problems and Solutions

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anguages in Illinois Schools

	Language	State Total	Chicago	%
1	Spanish	97,615	54,984	56%
2	Polish	6,298	4,147	66%
3	Arabic	1,879	976	52%
4	Urdu	1,835	1,104	60%
5	Gujarati	1,443	280	19%
6	Cantonese	1,349	1,022	76%
7	Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian	1,305	891	68%
8	Korean	1,291	213	16%
9	Vietnamese	1,245	730	59%
10	Russian	1,112	406	37%

Addressing Teacher Shortages in Bilingual Programs

The Problem: Balancing a Shortage of Qualified teachers with the Need for High Quality Instruction

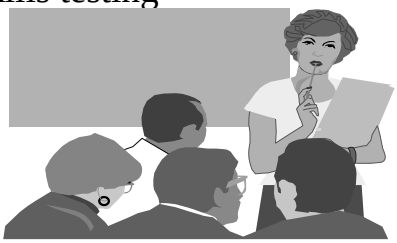
Illinois Reform Context

- **Standards & Accountability**
- **Improving Teaching and Learning**
- **Teacher Preparation**



Teacher Preparation: Background

- **Temporary Certification (Type 29)**
- **Problems**
  - 8 years without accountability
  - Failure to Pass Basic Skills testing



Next Steps

- **Teacher Exchanges**
- **Intensify Teacher Licensure Requirements**
  - New Teacher Preparation Standards
  - Teachers of English as a New Language
  - "Regular" teachers
- **Accountability for Temporary Certificated Teachers**
  - 2 Year Renewals
  - Basic Skills after 2 Years