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Dear Teacher:

Welcome - or Welcome Back to The Stock Market Game™ (SMG) program! We look forward to working with you to bring this exciting simulation to your students. If at any time you have questions regarding the program, please feel free to contact our office.

You should have received your administrative login ID and password immediately upon completion of the registration process. Student team IDs are assigned the following business night, but no earlier than three weeks prior to the start of the session for which you registered. If the number of team ID's you receive is not correct, or does not match your needs, please contact us at your earliest convenience. We can add new teams, or delete unused ones.

GETTING STARTED

Use your administrative ID to log in and access the *Teacher Support Center (TSC)* on the SMG website: <http://stockmarketgame.org> .

You will want to bookmark this address. Your students will also log in to their accounts using this address. When they log in, they will find themselves on the Welcome Screen of their portfolio.

The TSC includes a teacher's guide, tutorials, rules (national and Illinois), access to the student portfolios and lessons, standards correlations and teaching resources, to help you teach your students about the stock market and wise investing practices. **On the Rules page, click "View Local Rules"** to become familiar with the special Illinois Rule.

!! !! Minimum Stocks Rule

Make sure you understand and implement this rule!

A two-page document showing the TSC and descriptions of the three main resource sections can be printed: www.econed-il.org/icee/docs/smg/tsc_flyer_teacher.pdf

Be sure to visit the list of resources available on the Econ Illinois web site. Start at: www.econed-il.org/icee/smg_res.shtml.

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TEACHER TRAINING

Onsite and Webinar trainings for the SMG program are available throughout the school year. If you have not yet participated in an SMG training session, go directly to:

www.econed-il.org/icee/smg_training.shtml

INVEST WRITE

The Invest *Write* teacher-designed national writing competition is the perfect companion to reinforce the knowledge and skills taught through the SMG program. Ten prizes are awarded in each of three grade-level competitions at the national level. Prizes include laptops, trips, trophies, gift cards and classroom parties! Participating in Invest *Write* is easy! Log on today to learn how you can challenge your students' critical thinking skills while reinforcing concepts learned in the classroom: www.investwrite.info.

In conclusion, Econ Illinois is pleased to bring you this comprehensive educational program, composed of curriculum, classroom materials and an engaging simulation. We hope you will contact us any time we can be of assistance. Best wishes in "the game."

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