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Dear Teacher:

Welcome back to The Stock Market Game™ (SMG) program. Our records indicate you are a veteran teacher to the SMG program. We look forward to working with you once again 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.

**Please note that for teams to be eligible to receive any awards, our funders require that teams contain between three and five students.** Award-eligible teams without a minimum of three students, or having more than five students, will be disqualified, and the next qualifying team moved up in rank. *If you need to add teams, or delete unused teams at any time during a session, please notify us and we will edit your registration and send you a revised team list.*

#### **SUPPORT RESOURCES**

Be sure to visit the list of resources found at each of the links listed below on the Econ Illinois website ([www.econed-il.org/icee/smg\\_res.shtml](http://www.econed-il.org/icee/smg_res.shtml)):

**Management Resources** - offers valuable support in integrating the program into your classroom; materials available in this section include: an advisor checklist, trading guidelines, FAQ's, sample letter to inform parents about the SMG program, student agreement, participation certificate template, team member assignments/roles and more!

**Educational Resources** - while the *Teacher Support Center* on the SMG website will be your primary source for lessons and educational activities, resources in this section will help you to teach about the stock market and the impact of current events; materials include: bulletin board ideas, understanding bonds and mutual funds, relating the news of the day to the SMG, student handouts for *Taking Stock* (in their daily lives), ticker symbols, dividends, buying on margin, selling short, and more!

Use your administrative ID to log in to the *Teacher Support Center (TSC)* on the SMG website: <http://stockmarketgame.org> (you will want to bookmark this address). The TSC is divided into 3 sections:

#### **Understanding SMG**

- The "Teachers Guide" link offers step-by-step hints on preparing for the simulation and organizing your class.
- The "Understanding Portfolios" link offers PowerPoint presentations that provide step-by-step instructions on how to enter a portfolio, read portfolio pages, conduct investor research and enter a trade and even includes a quiz to test your student's understanding of an SMG portfolio.
- The "Rules of the Game" link provides the national program rules.

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### Manage Student Portfolios

- Use the "View Rankings & Portfolios" link to view your students' portfolios, and print rankings reports.
- You can also change your password in this section.

### In the Classroom

- The "Lessons Sequence" link provides a recommended sequence of lessons based upon criteria selected for the grade of your students, your mastery level, and core subject.
- "Lessons & Activities" offers the ability to search for lessons either by topic or key word.
- View a chart of lessons as they relate to state standards by subject and grade.
- Additional projects and assessments can also be found in this section.
- The "Publications" link offers a list of additional resources for specific content. Refer back to these useful resources as you expand your SMG unit!

### INVEST WRITE

Looking for a way to challenge your student's critical thinking skills while reinforcing concepts learned in the classroom? **Invest Write**, the SMG program's teacher-designed national writing competition is the perfect companion to reinforce your student's newfound knowledge and skills. Participating in *Invest Write* is easy! Log on to [www.investwrite.info](http://www.investwrite.info) for more information. Ten prizes are awarded in each of three grade-level competitions at the national level. Some of the prizes include: laptops, trips, gift cards and classroom parties!

### 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, log on to: [http://www.econed-il.org/icee/prog\\_pd\\_w\\_stock.shtml](http://www.econed-il.org/icee/prog_pd_w_stock.shtml) to see a list of upcoming dates, times, and topics. Our Webinars are interactive online training sessions, presented by IL SMG Program Coordinator Marty Paul. Participants can log on from the comfort and convenience of their home or school, using their computer and a land-line phone, and have the option to take control of the computer screen for some hands-on learning and demonstrations. With bonds being a recent addition to the SMG program investment mix, many teachers will find the Webinar on *Bonds in the SMG* to be very helpful.

### CHICAGO TRIBUNE ON-LINE SUBSCRIPTION

ICEE shares SMG teacher registration information with the Chicago Tribune to facilitate on-line subscriptions for teachers who have registered three or more student teams (a Chicago Tribune requirement). Subscriptions run the same dates as the session for which you are registered, at one subscription per team. Upon notification of your registration, the Chicago Tribune's News in Education customer service dept. will email you information on accessing the online paper. For questions or concerns regarding your Tribune subscription, please call News in Education customer service dept. at 312.222.7800. If need be, leave a detailed message stating your name, school, and phone number and the best time to reach you, along with your question or concern.

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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