Robert Schiller, Illinois' state superintendent of schools, will visit the Rock Island Milan School District today.

Mr. Schiller vowed last summer to visit all Illinois school districts at least once as part of his "continuing approach" to the task of improving the state's education system.

Mr. Schiller chose to visit Rock Island because five of its schools participate in the student-achievement program called Project Achieve. The program is supposed to help schools meet federal academic standards set by the No Child Left Behind Act, an initiative spurred by President Bush.

The Rock Island schools include: Thurgood Marshall Learning Center, Washington Middle School, Edison Junior High School, and Lincoln and Longfellow elementaries.

"We're looking forward to having the state superintendent," said Rock Island-Milan School District Superintendent David Markward. "We are very pleased to be included in the Project Achieve program. We think it will help our students achieve significant progress in the classrooms and in the classrooms."