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## An Update From the Indiana Department of Education for February 9, 2024



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Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

### A Message from Dr. Katie Jenner

In the past, I've shared with some of you about my Dad. Whether you've heard about him before or it's your first time, today I'd like to share a little more...and I'll get to "why" here shortly, but let me first tell you a little about him. My Dad is a soft-spoken, kind man, and he and my Mom raised my brother and me with a foundation built on faith and family (including friends who are like family). Kind of a random memory, but I remember nearly every day my Dad wore an old pair of blue jeans and he curiously always carried multiple pens in the pocket of his short-sleeved collared shirt, along with a calculator and a mini notebook (now that I think of it, there were no cell phones back then to easily calculate equations or make notes, so as a civil engineer, I guess that makes sense). My Dad didn't say a lot (I got my "talking genes" from my Mom's side), so when he spoke, we listened.



Nearly every day my Dad would say to my brother and me, "Tell me three good things."

Some days, we were quick to tell Dad the lineup of our good things...however, on the rough days, the challenging days, the frustrating and disappointing days, listing "three good things" seemed like an annoying chore.

It was on those rough days that my Dad held our feet to the fire the most. When we wanted to vent our frustrations, Dad would listen, then follow with, "okay, now, what are your three good things?" He would patiently wait (I didn't get his "patient genes" either, unfortunately!).

Looking back, I'm sure grateful that he had us do that...because he instilled in my brother and me that in those rough moments, ***your outlook and how you respond really becomes your superpower.***

Each of you (like me) have days when things go well...it may be that conversations with people were productive, you were able to help make someone else's day better, a supportive parent group brings delicious pizza to the faculty lounge for lunch...okay, you get my point. We also each have days or weeks that are rough...there's a student who is going through a tough time and the solution to help isn't clear, there's a person who is making negative, personal comments about your school, or you may have something rough happening in your personal life, but you still get up every day and go to school because you love your students and know many of them are counting on you.

Regardless of your week, good or tough, my challenge to you today is to identify, ***"what are your three good things?"***

One of the good things that keeps me energized week after week is seeing the impactful work happening in schools across Indiana. We have over 65,000 teachers serving over 1.13 million students at over 2,200 schools...and ***we must celebrate the good work happening!***

Last week, I highlighted [two Indiana high schools](#), and this week I'd like to highlight two more schools. Just before winter break, I had the opportunity to visit MSD of Martisville with President Pro Tem Rod Bray, including [Brooklyn STEM Academy](#) and [Martinsville High School](#)...and boy, did we have a great time!



NOTE: This picture was taken right before I beat Sen. Bray in a welding competition (I get my "competitive genes" from my Mom's side too).

The student-led tours in Martinsville (Sen. Bray's home district) underscored the opportunity that we must seize as educators to support students in finding their purpose, knowing their value, and understanding the possibilities for their life's path. In order to do this, we must ensure students have opportunities to explore, engage, and experience a range of potential career options. While several students shared their plans for the future, one student in particular talked extensively about the computer science opportunities at Martinsville High School and how it helped to open her eyes to the possibilities ahead.

At every turn, we witnessed students who were actively engaged in their learning, working together to solve problems, thinking creatively, and ultimately, finding their unique purpose. Check out the video below to see more of the tour and the incredible students and educators we met along the way.



Thank you to Brooklyn STEM Academy and Martinsville High School for hosting Senator Bray and me! As we close out another week, let's continue to focus on the good...remember, regardless of what is happening around us, **our outlook and how we respond really becomes our superpower**. Let's continue to share our success stories, and most importantly, let's continue to lead good work for our students!

## Office of Accountability

### REMINDER: 2023-2024 Petition to Seek Performance-Based Accreditation Submission Window

The submission window for non-public schools to submit a petition for performance-based (state) accreditation closes on Tuesday, April 30. A petition for accreditation must be completed and submitted to the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) prior to the school year for which accreditation would begin. The petition for performance-based (state) accreditation may be found [here](#). This petition only applies to non accredited non-public schools that want to apply for performance based (state) accreditation. Schools that already have performance-based accreditation or Freeway accreditation do not need to reapply. Direct questions or submit the completed petition to IDOE's [Office of School Accountability](#).

## Office of Student Assessment

### NEW: SAT School Day Question and Answer (Q&A) Sessions

IDOE will hold two Q&A sessions in February in preparation for the upcoming SAT School Day administration.

- [Monday, February 19, from 3 to 4 p.m. ET](#)
- [Tuesday, February 20, from 8 to 9 a.m. ET](#)

Additional resources can be found on IDOE's [High School Assessment webpage](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Student Assessment](#) with any questions.

### **REMINDER: ILEARN Biology End-of-Course Assessment (ECA) Winter 2024 Testing Window**

The ILEARN Biology ECA Winter 2024 testing window is open through Friday, February 23. Students must participate in the assessment upon completion of the high school biology course. Information regarding participation can be found [here](#). Refer to the [ILEARN 2023-2024 Milestones](#) and [ILEARN Biology ECA Test Window Checklist](#) for an overview of deadlines. Contact IDOE's [Office of Student Assessment](#) with any questions.

### **REMINDER: IREAD-3 Grade Two Opt-In Opportunity Closes Saturday, February 10**

Schools may [opt in to administer IREAD-3 to grade two students](#) for the spring 2024 administration to provide an early indicator of reading proficiency through Saturday, February 10. More information on this opportunity can be found [here](#). Benefits of administering IREAD-3 to grade two students include reduced testing in grade three for students who pass and obtaining data to provide early reading support to students who need it. Refer to IDOE's [IREAD-3 FAQ resource](#) and [IREAD-3 webpage](#) for more information. Contact IDOE's [Office of Student Assessment](#) with any questions.

#### Office of Educator Talent

### **REMINDER: 2024 Educational Excellence Awards Nominations Open**

Up to \$5 million in awards will be granted to schools supporting the expansion of initiatives aimed at advancing opportunities for students and educators. Award winners will be honored at the third annual Indiana Educational Excellence Awards Gala in Indianapolis on Friday, September 6. Click [here](#) for a full description of the awards. To be considered for an award, schools can complete an application [here](#) by Friday, February 16. Contact the [Office of Educator Talent](#) with any questions.

### **REMINDER: Applications for Spanish Visiting Teacher Program**

Details for the 2024-2025 school year Spanish Visiting Teacher Program can be found [here](#), or to learn more about the responsibilities of being a host school please click [here](#). Districts can express interest by completing the application form [here](#). Priority will be given to applications completed by Sunday, March 31. Contact [Anne Marie Milligan](#) with any questions.

### **REMINDER: IDOE/Nimble Webinar Series**

Learn about the free offerings of the educator supply and demand marketplace on [Tuesday, February 20, at 1:30 p.m. ET](#) during the last webinar of this series. This webinar will provide an overview of posting jobs, a look at the complete Applicant Tracking System, highlight the Indiana Educator Supply and Demand Marketplace, and answer any questions. Contact [Rebecca Estes](#) with any questions.

### **REMINDER: Indiana STEM Educator Expansion Program (I-STEM) Registration Now Available**

The I-STEM partnership with the Educational Service Centers (ESCs) of Indiana provides support for both currently licensed teachers in non-STEM areas, and prospective teachers who are not licensed and hold a bachelor's degree, to become licensed to teach in a STEM content area. IDOE has identified eligible STEM content areas as life science, chemistry, earth/space science, physics, physical science, computer science, technology education, and mathematics. Click [here](#) for more information and to register. Contact IDOE's [Office of Educator Talent](#) with any questions.

#### Office of Information Technology

### **REMINDER: E-Rate Match for Fiber Construction Now Available**

IDOE is once again participating in the E-Rate Match Program for special fiber construction projects. Available to any Indiana public school for fiscal year (FY) 2024 (Monday, July 1, to June 30, 2025), the program increases the discount rate for special construction charges for high-speed broadband that meets the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) long-term connectivity targets up to an additional 10% to match the state funding on a one-to-one dollar basis. Full application details are available [here](#). Contact [Brad Hagg](#) with any questions.

## REMINDER: National Cybersecurity Review (NCSR) Now Open Through February

A great way to assess the cybersecurity posture of your school/school corporation is to complete the [free annual NCSR](#) from Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC). As your team completes the survey, your information is secure and is only used to provide nationwide statistics and trending in aggregate. By completing the NCSR, you also have the option to review next steps at no cost during a meeting with a representative from MS-ISAC. You can also measure growth as you complete it each year. For a quick overview of the process, read this [document](#). Completing the NCSR is a mandatory service as part of the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP).

### Office of School Building Physical Security and Safety

## REMINDER: 2024 Eclipse Guidance

As was shared in a [memo](#) on October 13, 2023, schools across Indiana will experience the eclipse differently, depending on their geographic location, with portions of central and southern Indiana in the path of totality. Any determinations regarding instruction on the day of the eclipse will be a local decision, and local planning should be occurring now. Some schools will be in-person and holding special events this day, others will have virtual learning, and others have already extended spring break so they are not in session on this day. As a reminder, per Indiana Code (IC) 20 -24.2-4-2, schools are required to meet a [minimum instructional time threshold](#), and waivers will not be granted due to the eclipse.

### Office of School Finance

## NEW: Form 9 Financial Reporting for January to June 2024

Please read this [memo](#) regarding Form 9 accounting changes for January to June 2024. Contact IDOE's [Office of School Finance](#) with any questions.

## REMINDER: Honors Expenditure Tracking Memo

Please read this [memo](#) regarding 2023-2024 Honors expenditure requirements. Contact IDOE's [Office of School Finance](#) with any questions.

## REMINDER: Summer School Estimates

The window to submit the Estimated Cost Report for Summer School 2024 is now open. Please read this [memo](#) for information regarding eligible courses, important dates, and financial provisions. Detailed information about the summer school programs and how to report is included in this [presentation](#). Contact [Teresa Hemmerle](#) or [Alex Waite](#) with any questions.

### Office of School Support & Transformation

## NEW: Next Generation School Improvement Grant (Next Gen SIG)

Next Gen SIG is a competitive grant to aid in school transformation. Eligibility for this grant extends to all schools currently identified as Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) and Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) under Indiana's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Plan. Interested school officials can read more about the grant program in [this memo](#) and a list of eligible schools can be found [here](#). The Next Gen SIG application and rubric will be available in the coming weeks. Applications will open in March and finalists will be announced mid-summer. Contact IDOE's [Office of School Support and Transformation](#) with any questions.

## REMINDER: Annual 1003 Flexibility Waivers

IDOE's Office of School Support and Transformation is now [accepting applications](#) for 1003 flexibility waivers. Flexibility through waivers is offered to help support schools in their design efforts to improve student performance and outcomes, help to improve efficiency of school operations, and to help promote innovative educational approaches to student learning. Interested officials can read more about the opportunity in this [memo](#) and [Flexibility Guide for Indiana's K-12 Schools](#). Applications are now open and will be accepted on a rolling basis through Friday, April 5. Contact [Georgia Watson](#) with any questions.

### Office of Transportation

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## REMINDER: BUS EVACUATION DRILLS

Per IC 20-27-3-6.5, 575 IAC 1-10-1, and 575 IAC 1-10-2, the second bus evacuation drill is due soon; it must be completed within the first 45 school days of each semester. When that drill is completed, please report it through DOE Online. Contact [Michael LaRocco](#) with any questions.

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please report that completion in DOE Online. Last year only 53% of all school districts and other school transportation entities reported completion of the required evacuation drills and seat belt instruction for the 2022 – 2023 school year.

## Office of Student Pathways and Opportunities

### **NEW: Diploma Seals Order Form**

The online form to order diploma seals for the 2024 Cohort is now live. Please see [this memo](#) for additional information. Contact IDOE's [Office of Student Pathways and Opportunities](#) with any questions.

## Office of Special Education, English Learning and Migrant Education

### **NEW: Aspiring Statewide Special Education Teacher (ASSET) Cohort 3 Applications Now Open**

ASSET is an approved alternative licensure program for educators who hold an initial license under the Transition to Teaching umbrella. Teachers can add the Mild or Intense Interventions endorsement to their current license by completing the ASSET program successfully and passing the relevant licensing tests. [Applications are now available](#) for Cohort 3 of this program, and additional information can be found on the Indiana Council of Administrators of Special Education (ICASE) [ASSET webpage](#). Contact [Dr. Jay Arthur](#) with additional questions.

### **NEW: Special Education Technical Assistance (TA) Stakeholder Convening**

IDOE seeks stakeholder input regarding the state's process for identifying and providing targeted TA and professional development. Stakeholders may complete this [form](#) to submit their interest in participating in two, one and a half hour virtual meetings in March and April. Special educators, general education teachers, administrators, parents and other interested stakeholders are invited to apply by Monday, February 26. Daytime and evening sessions will be available to accommodate schedules. IDOE staff will contact applicants directly. Contact IDOE's Office of Special Education [TA team](#) with any questions.

### **REMINDER: Alternate Diploma February Office Hours**

IDOE will host four office hours sessions to discuss Indiana's Alternate Diploma. This will be a time for attendees to ask questions, as there will be no formal presentation. Attend the sessions below:

- [Friday, February 16, from 9 to 10 a.m. ET](#)
- [Friday, February 16, from 2 to 3 p.m. ET](#)
- [Friday, February 23, from 9 to 10 a.m. ET](#)
- [Friday, February 23, from 2 to 3 p.m. ET](#)

Contact IDOE's Office of Special Education [monitoring team](#) with any questions.

### **REMINDER: Virtual English Learner (EL) Leadership Meeting on Thursday, February 22**

IDOE's Office of English Learning and Migrant Education will host the next EL Leadership Meeting virtually from 10 to 11:30 a.m. ET on Thursday, February 22. This interactive meeting is intended for Indiana K-12 EL leaders and administrators and will cover a variety of topics, including EL data, Individual Learning Plans (ILPs), WIDA ACCESS updates, and more. Registration is not required. Visit the [Indiana EL professional development opportunities calendar](#) for the meeting link. Contact IDOE's [Office of English Learning and Migrant Education](#) with any questions.

## Offices of Teaching and Learning, Digital Learning, and Kindergarten Readiness

### **NEW: High-Quality Curricular Materials Advisory List Now Available - K-5 Reading & Early Learning**

IDOE has [published approved advisory lists high-quality curricular materials](#) for K-5 reading and early learning aligned to the 2023 Indiana Academic Standards and Early Learning Standards. Information regarding the process of review, requirements, and more can be found in this [FAQ resource](#). Cost sheets for approved vendor curriculum are available on IDOE's [High-Quality Curricular Materials Advisory Lists webpage](#). Contact IDOE's [Literacy Center](#) with questions regarding the K-5 reading advisory list and [Office of Kindergarten Readiness](#) for questions regarding the early learning advisory list.

### **NEW: Science of Reading Experts Explain Series Continues Thursday, February 15**



Join IDOE and The Reading League Indiana from noon to 1 p.m. ET on Thursday, February 15, for *Teacher Voice for Structured Literacy: A Case Study of District Change*, with Julie Brown and Jennifer Stainton. The [Experts Explain Series](#) features nationally-renowned reading experts to support schools in shifting instruction toward evidence-based reading and writing instruction. Register for the sessions [here](#), and view previous sessions on-demand in the [Indiana Learning Lab](#). Contact IDOE's [Literacy Center](#) with any questions.

### **NEW: Digital Learning Day - Thursday, February 15**

Join us for a Digital Learning Day celebration on Thursday, February 15, at 4 p.m. ET in the Indiana Learning Lab. Educators from across the state will be sharing digital learning projects, tools, and ideas that have been successful in their classrooms. [Register here](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Digital Learning](#) with any questions.

### **NEW: Early Learning High-Quality Curricular Materials Grant**

Indiana's Early Learning High-Quality Curricular Materials Grant provides funding support to early care and education programs for approved instructional materials to increase [standards-aligned](#), research-based instructional practices and enrich learning for all children. More information, including eligibility and an interest form, can be found [here](#). Curricular materials meeting all required evaluation criteria as affirmed by committee consensus can be found [here](#). FAQs are [available here](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Kindergarten Readiness](#) with additional questions.

### **NEW: Early Learning Curriculum Support & Guidance Webinar**

The release of the Indiana Early Learning Standards provided common language and expectations for early childhood educators. Join IDOE on [Tuesday, February 20, from 1 to 1:45 p.m. ET](#) in the Indiana Learning Lab for a discussion on considerations when determining curricular materials for early learning. Contact IDOE's [Office of Kindergarten Readiness](#) with additional questions.

### **NEW: Blended Learning Series with Dr. Catlin Tucker**

Dr. Catlin Tucker, a renowned expert on blended learning strategies, will present the next of her [thirteen sessions](#) exclusive to Indiana educators on Monday, February 12, at 4 p.m. ET in the Indiana Learning Lab. [Shifting Feedback & Assessment into the Classroom](#) will explore ways to make feedback timely and actionable using blended learning strategies. Previous sessions are available in a [Learning Lab collection](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Digital Learning](#) with any questions.

### **REMINDER: Personal Financial Responsibility Course and Career Planning and Coaching Standards - Guidance for Schools**

Pursuant to Indiana Code (IC) 20-30-5-19, IDOE [defined guidance](#) to support schools in the implementation of the recently legislated personal financial responsibility course. Pursuant to IC 20-30-5-24, the Indiana State Board of Education (SBOE), in collaboration with the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE), adopted career planning and coaching standards for a career awareness course. Contact IDOE's [Office of Teaching and Learning](#) with any questions.

### **REMINDER: Public Comment for Draft Content Connectors Closes Today, Friday, February 9**

Pursuant to Indiana Code (IC) 20-31-3-1 requiring the streamlining and prioritization of the Indiana Academic Standards, IDOE convened committees of general and special educators to review proposed revisions to Indiana's alternate standards, known as Content Connectors. New and updated Content Connectors for five content areas (English/language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and integrated STEM) are available for public comment through Friday, February 9. Contact IDOE's [Office of Teaching and Learning](#) with any questions.

### **REMINDER: PRIME Math Webinar for Interested Teachers on Wednesday, February 21**

IDOE and the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) will host a live webinar for teachers interested in offering the Postsecondary Ready Investigative Mathematics Experience (PRIME) Math course for seniors. Register now for the [teacher session](#) on Wednesday, February 21, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. ET. Contact IDOE's [Office of Teaching and Learning](#) with any questions.

### **REMINDER: Support Workshops - Integrated STEM and Indiana Academic Standards**

In partnership with IDOE, the Educational Services Centers of Indiana (ESCI) will present a full-day workshop to include exploration of hands-on activities for deeper academic impact using the 2023 Integrated STEM Standards and Indiana Academic Standards. Join the Future-Focused Learning Series for the *Integrated STEM Standards School Year Support Workshop* on Tuesday, February 13, to explore integrated STEM concepts across content areas and the Future-Focused Learning Series for the

*Leadership, Coaching, and Effective Teaming School Year Support Workshop* on Tuesday, February 27, designed to help teachers translate standards into practice. All are invited to register for these opportunities at no cost via the [Future-Focused Learning Series webpage](#). Contact [ESCI](#) or IDOE's [Office of Teaching and Learning](#) with any questions.

### **REMINDER: 2024 Digital Learning Grant Application Open**

Applications for the 2024 Digital Learning Grant are now open through Friday, March 15, at 5 p.m. ET. This competitive grant opportunity is available to all public school corporations and charter schools who have completed the 2023 School Tech Plan Survey. Refer to [this memo](#) for more detailed information regarding grant priorities and important dates. To view previous grant projects and implementations, view our [Digital Learning Grant Success Stories](#) session in the Indiana Learning Lab. Contact IDOE's [Office of Digital Learning](#) with any questions.

### **REMINDER: February Professional Development (PD) with IDOE - Eclipse Edition**

PD with IDOE for the month of February focuses on supporting educators as they prepare for the April 2024 Solar Eclipse. On Wednesday, February 14, at 4 p.m. ET, IDOE's Office of Teaching and Learning will present *It's a SOLARbration of Three-Dimensional Learning*. View a full list of February sessions [here](#). To register for workshops, or view on-demand sessions, create a free Learning Lab account by visiting the [LINK Portal](#) or the [Indiana Learning Lab](#) directly and use your school email address to log in. Contact IDOE's [Office of Digital Learning](#) with any questions.

### **REMINDER: Register Now for Digital Learning Coach Camp on Friday, March 8**

Digital learning coaches are invited to attend the Digital Learning Coach Camp on Friday, March 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET at CIESC. This professional learning opportunity, specifically for those in educational technology coaching and leadership roles, is a round-table style, one-day conference. This event is free, and participants will break at lunch. Register for this opportunity [here](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Digital Learning](#) with any questions.

### **REMINDER: Establishing On-Site Childcare for School Employees Webinar**

Explore the logistics involved in bringing on-site childcare to fruition for school employees on [Wednesday, March 6, from 1 to 2 p.m. ET](#) in the Indiana Learning Lab. From planning to budgeting, staffing, and enrollment, this session provides insight into how one Indiana school district is making this supportive initiative a reality. Contact IDOE's [Office of Kindergarten Readiness](#) with additional questions.

### **REMINDER: Registration Open - Early Learning Standards Workshop**

Join the Future-Focused Learning Series for the Early Learning workshop on Thursday, March 7, to explore the new 2023 Early Learning Standards. This full-day workshop will include hands-on activities demonstrating the standards in action and a chance to talk with other early childhood providers. [Register for free today](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Kindergarten Readiness](#) with additional questions.

## Office of Title Grants and Support

### **NEW: TitleCon 2024 Vendor Interest Form**

The [Vendor Interest Form](#) for TitleCon 2024 is live. There is no fee associated with being a vendor. A limited number of vendor spaces are available. Vendor requests will not be accepted after Friday, March 1. Contact [Katie Lehman](#) with any questions.

### **NEW: Register for TitleCon 2024**

TitleCon 2024 will be on Wednesday, April 10, and Thursday, April 11, in Plainfield. This year, there is an optional pre-conference on Tuesday, April 9, to provide an overview of the new eCivics grants management system. The morning and afternoon sessions of the pre-conference will be identical. Please [register here](#). We will share further information regarding the conference app and hotel blocks in the coming weeks. Contact [Gabriela Escoto](#) with any questions.

## News From Our Partners

### **NEW FROM THE INDIANA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: New Civics Bee Deadline Extended**

Young Hoosiers in grades six through eight now have until Monday, February 19, to take part in the first-ever [Indiana Civics Bee](#). To do so, a student must submit a 500-word essay to a [participating local chamber](#) outlining their ideas for improving their community and demonstrating their enthusiasm for civics. The top three winners from each local event will advance to compete in the Indiana Civics Bee on Friday, August 23, at the Indiana Statehouse. The program is hosted by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and

IDOE. The state finalist with the highest cumulative score will be named the first place winner, receive \$1,000, and have the opportunity to compete this fall in Washington D.C. at the [National Civics Bee](#) championship organized by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

### **NEW FROM THE INDIANA COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH (ICTE): Register for the 2024 ICTE State Conference**

The 2024 ICTE Spring Conference will be at Arsenal Technical High School in Indianapolis on Saturday, March 9. Designed by English teachers for English teachers, this conference will feature interactive workshops, networking opportunities, and practical strategies to refresh your classroom practice. Participants will explore new methods, hear from award-winning authors, and return to your schools and classrooms ready to reimagine literacy habits for you, your students, and your school community. [Learn more and register here.](#)

### **NEW FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (ED): Apply to Attend the Teach to Lead Summit**

ED is excited to invite teams of educators to apply to join the upcoming Teach to Lead Summit, a three-day, in-person convening Friday, April 12 through Sunday, April 14, in San Diego, California. Participants will engage in learning sessions and facilitated activities with motivated colleagues, peer teams, subject matter experts, and representatives from ED to address persistent problems of practice related to the event theme, *Leading for the Future: Improving the Educator Experience and Expanding Opportunities to Elevate the Profession*. Teams of four to five members, including at least one practicing teacher, are encouraged to apply. All accepted teams receive free registration and lodging (for Friday and Saturday). Learn more [here](#) and join one of the following virtual office hours for more information:

- Monday, February 12 at 2 p.m. ET – [Register via Zoom](#)
- Wednesday, February 14, at 4 p.m. ET – [Register via Zoom](#)
- Tuesday, February 20, at 2 p.m. ET – [Register via Zoom](#)

### **NEW FROM ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEACHER INVESTMENT PROGRAM (AP-TIP): AP Summer Institute**

The 2024 AP Summer Institute sponsored by AP-TIP will be on Tuesday, July 9, through Friday, July 12, in Indianapolis. Training in a wide array of subjects across disciplines will be offered. AP Capstone sessions, Research, Seminar, and Seminar ELA, will be available at this location, as well. Learn more about this College Board-endorsed event and register [here](#).

### **REMINDER FROM THE PATINS PROJECT: Assistive Technology in Individual Education Programs (IEPs)**

Join the [PATINS Project](#) for a five-part training series on assistive technology in relation to IEPs. These 30-minute sessions cover questions about including assistive technology in IEPs and how to navigate collaboration, funding, transitions, and more. Register for the sessions below:

- [Getting the Money \(Funding\)](#)
- [Boots on the Ground \(Collaboration with IT\)](#)
- [What Happens at the Table \(IEP Meetings\)](#)
- [Bringing Them In \(Collaboration with the Assistive Technology Team\)](#)
- [Making it Stick \(Transitioning Student\)](#)

Contact the [PATINS Project](#) with any questions.

### **REMINDER FROM AP-TIP: Remote Teacher Collaboratives**

AP-TIP will host the next round of Remote Teacher Collaboratives on Thursday, February 15. Remote Teacher Collaboratives are live, discussion-based professional workshops. Here, participants delve into high-impact practices that facilitate the instruction of AP content and empower all students. Registration for the February sessions is open. Learn more about Remote Teacher Collaboratives, review the topics by subject, and register [here](#).

### **REMINDER FROM COLLEGE BOARD: Advanced Placement Summer Institute (APSI) Scholarships**

The deadline to apply for a College Board 2024 APSI scholarship is Monday, February 12. This year, College Board is allowing greater opportunity for teachers by offering three competitive programs: AP Fellow Scholarship, AP Rural Fellows Scholarship, and AP Capstone Fee Waiver. Visit the [APSI Scholarships homepage](#) to learn more about each scholarship and how to apply. Please contact [College Board](#) with any questions.



## REMINDER FROM COLLEGE BOARD: Opportunity for Free Pre-AP Courses

College Board is offering all Pre-AP courses free of charge to any school offering AP Computer Science Principles, AP Seminar, or AP African American Studies, to students in grades 10 and up, or AP Precalculus to students in grade 12. Interested schools can complete this form by Thursday, February 29, to be able to place an order for free Pre-AP courses for the 2024-2025 school year. Please contact [College Board](#) with any questions.

## REMINDER FROM TEACH INDY: Register for the 2024 TEACH Indy Educators Conference

Join the TEACH Indy Team at the 2024 TEACH Indy Educators Conference at the Ivy Tech Community College Culinary and Conference Center on Saturday, March 2. Join us to enhance teachers' expertise, share best practices, and network. All current and aspiring educators are welcome! Register [here](#). Contact [TEACH Indy](#) with any questions.

## REMINDER FROM AP-TIP: 2024 Mock Exam

AP-TIP will host the 2024 Mock Exam in Indianapolis on Thursday, March 7, Friday, March 8, and Friday, April 12. The Mock Exam is AP-TIP's highest-rated professional event and provides full-length practice exams (using previously released AP Exams from the College Board) to implement training on scoring in a format similar to an AP Reading. The Mock Exam reflects the full workload of the AP Exam, giving students an idea of the pacing and endurance required for the AP Exam, offering each student practice with testing mechanics, and providing teachers with information on student strengths and areas of growth. Registration is now open. Learn more, review the dates and logistics by subject, and register [here](#).

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