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An Update From the Indiana Department of Education for January 27, 2023

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Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

A Message from Dr. Katie Jenner

Our first snowfall of the year, forecasted to impact the entire state, occurred this week...while some counties received less than predicted, school leaders were not short on logistical preparations and weather calls to be made. Thank you for being nimble...and prepared this week *and* as we continue through the winter season.

One of our most important shared focuses is literacy. And, while, as educators, we focus on this mission everyday, on Wednesday it's World Read Aloud Day. I encourage anyone reading today's newsletter to take some time to read aloud to a child on Wednesday! If you're a teacher, you do this daily...but if you're a school staff member, parent, or community leader—consider taking some time to read to a child or join a classroom of children. I plan to stop in some schools and do the same!

We have an aggressive, statewide literacy goal...and in order to get there, we all (educators, parents, community leaders) have a part to play. Because we know...research shows that students who pass IREAD-3 (which measures foundational reading skills) are roughly 35% more likely to graduate high school. Yet today, one in five Indiana third



grade students is not able to read at this important milestone...what an opportunity WE have to change this trajectory and get them there!

At the state and local level, we continue to work urgently to help more students become proficient readers. This includes...

- Our [ongoing work](#) to recognize schools and teachers that **improve students' passing rate on IREAD-3** and provide additional support for schools and **students in greatest need of literacy support**;
- Our partnership with [Lilly Endowment, Inc.](#) – the **state's largest-ever financial investment in literacy** – which is laser focused on helping schools deploy science of reading strategies;
- A number of resources in the [Indiana Learning Lab](#), specifically designed to help **parents** as they support their students in learning foundational literacy skills;
- And in the next couple of weeks, we look forward to announcing a **new pilot program** that will expand our current literacy focus to middle school students as well!

As we push forward, *together*, towards our statewide goal of **95 percent of students passing IREAD-3 by 2027**, I cannot thank you enough for your leadership. Reading changes lives...your work changes lives...and I am honored to work alongside each of you!

Office of Student Assessment

NEW: ILEARN Practice Tests & Practice Test Scripts

Practice tests will open in the Test Delivery System for ILEARN 3-8 and the Biology and U.S. Government End-of-Course Assessments (ECAs) on Monday, January 30. Test Administrators (TAs) must administer the practice test to students prior to the operational assessment. Practice test scripts for Biology and U.S. Government ECAs are available in Appendix A of the [ILEARN Biology Test Administrator's Manual \(TAM\)](#) and the [ILEARN U.S. Government TAM](#), respectively. Practice test scripts for ILEARN 3-8 assessments are available as individual files on the Indiana Assessment Portal, separated by subject ([Mathematics](#), [Science](#), [Social Studies](#), and [English/Language Arts](#)). Please contact the [Indiana Assessment Help Desk](#) with questions.

NEW: Spring 2023 SAT School Day Test Manuals Now Available

The Spring 2023 SAT School Day test manuals are now available on College Board's [Indiana Resources Google Drive](#). School Test Coordinators (STCs) must download, review, and refer to these resources in preparation for testing. STCs should ensure that proctors and other designated staff review the necessary testing manual(s).

- The [Digital SAT School Day Coordinator Manual](#) includes information for STCs regarding test-day setup, preadministration, irregularity reports, and returning materials.
- The [Digital SAT School Day Standard Testing Manual](#) contains testing scripts and information for proctors regarding standard timing.
- The [Digital SAT School Day Accommodated Testing Manual](#) includes testing scripts and information for proctors regarding the accommodated administration.

Contact [College Board](#) with any questions.

NEW: Schoolhouse.World SAT Bootcamp

The peer-to-peer tutoring organization Schoolhouse.world is offering free four-week SAT bootcamps to prepare students for upcoming SAT administrations. [Registration](#) is open Monday, January 30, through Wednesday, February 8. Sessions begin on Friday, February 10. Note that the statewide SAT School Day primary testing window is Wednesday, March 1, through Friday, March 3, so juniors will have only two-and-one-half weeks of the bootcamp prior to statewide testing. Students may also prepare with the free [Official SAT Practice with Khan Academy](#), as outlined in [this webinar](#). Contact the [Schoolhouse.world help desk](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: ILEARN and I AM Released Items Repository (RIR) Refresh

The [RIR](#) refreshed with new ILEARN and I AM test items for the 2022-2023 school year on Tuesday, January 17. Students may access the RIR via the [Indiana Assessment Portal](#) to review past and new test items. Refer to the [RIR Scoring Guides webpage](#) and the [RIR Quick Guide](#) for additional information. Contact the [Indiana Assessment Help Desk](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: ILEARN Handscoring Applications Open

Educators are invited to apply to score open-ended student responses for the ILEARN assessments this spring. This opportunity will be remote and will occur from Monday, April 17, through Friday, May 19, during the ILEARN handscoring window. [Applications](#) must be submitted by Thursday, March 16. More information can be found in the [frequently asked questions document](#) and [webinar](#) on the Indiana Assessment Portal. Contact the [Indiana Assessment Help Desk](#) with any questions.

Office of Educator Talent

NEW: Applications for Spanish Visiting Teacher Program

Details for the 2023-2024 school year (SY) Spanish Visiting Teacher Program can be found [here](#), or districts can express interest by completing the application form [here](#). The application deadline is Friday, March 17. For more information, contact [Rebecca Estes](#).

REMINDER: Additional Opportunities to Recognize Indiana Educators

Throughout the year, numerous opportunities arise nationwide to acknowledge the incredible work of Indiana educators. IDOE's Office of Educator Talent has developed [this document](#) which will be updated periodically with external opportunities to recognize educators. To submit an educator recognition opportunity not listed, contact [Anne Marie Milligan](#).

REMINDER: Educator Recruitment and Applicant Tracking System (ATS)

Indiana superintendents or human resources directors interested in the next opportunity to opt-in to the full Nimble ATS may complete this [JotForm](#) by Friday, January 27. This free upgrade for schools currently utilizing the job posting only feature is designed to significantly enhance local capabilities around educator recruitment. The initialization for new ATS users will take place in late February. Additional information about the statewide partnership with Nimble can be found [here](#). Contact [Rebecca Estes](#) with any questions.

NEW: School Health Report

The new School Health Report application can be accessed via the [LINK portal](#). Once in the portal, navigate to the **School Health Report** tile. Note that beginning Monday, February 6, in order to have access to the School Health Report tile, a **School Health** role is required. Please work with your Security Coordinator to make sure that this role is configured for the nurses who will need access to the School Health Report. For more information on how to access the school health report via the LINK Portal, click [here](#). Please note that the legacy School Health Report from DOE Online will be discontinued as of Monday, January 30. Contact link@doe.in.gov with any questions regarding assigning necessary roles. Contact [Jolene Bracale](#) with any questions about the school health report.

UPDATE: Student Information System (SIS) Vendor Status

A complete list of vendors working to become Indiana Ed-Fi certified can be found on the [Data Exchange webpage](#).

The following vendor is now badged for August and October of 2022:

- Pearson (Connexus)

Contact the [Data Exchange Team](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: Your Input is Needed

IDOE and our partner, Resultant, are seeking educators, school administrators, and interventionists to complete a short survey regarding student performance data and how they are used locally. The information gathered via this survey will help IDOE in the development of an innovative Early Warning Indicator tool that can predict and identify students at risk of not graduating high school on time or achieving postsecondary success. You can access the survey [here](#).

In addition to this survey, IDOE is hosting a series of virtual, one-hour focus groups throughout January. If you would like to participate, please sign up [here](#). If you wish to participate but cannot make any of the scheduled times, please reach out to mthielmeyer@resultant.com to schedule a meeting.

REMINDER: State Ed-ID Portal Now Available for New Student Test Numbers (STN) and School Personnel Numbers (SPN)

The transition to the new Ed-ID portal is now complete. Ed-IDs for students (also known as STNs) as well as Ed-IDs for staff (also known as SPNs) can now be requested through the portal. This process replaces the old approach to generating IDs for educators and students and allows for more versatility in the generation and use of IDs. It will also improve the management of IDs through a centralized service. More information is available in this [memo](#). Details are now posted on the [Ed-ID website](#). Contact link@doe.in.gov with any questions.

REMINDER: E-Rate Match for Fiber Construction Now Available

IDOE is participating in the E-Rate Match Program for special construction projects. Available to any Indiana public school for fiscal year (FY) 2023 (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024), the program increases the discount rate for special construction charges for high-speed broadband that meets the 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: Important Data Reporting Change - Student Academic Record Collection to Replace Course Completion Collection

These changes being implemented for reporting course enrollments and outcomes will impact all schools that report course level data to IDOE. These updates are occurring to improve the completeness of academic records for each student, to support metrics on the Graduates Prepared to Succeed dashboard, and to monitor progress on Graduation Pathways. The full memo is available [here](#) and the related frequently asked questions (FAQ) document is available [here](#). Contact IDOE's [Data Exchange Team](#) with any questions.

Office of School Finance

REMINDER: Financial Transparency Portal

Please remember to upload July to December 2022 financial transparency data into the portal. A presentation is available in [Moodle](#) finance for reference. Contact form9@doe.in.gov with any questions.

REMINDER: February Membership Count Date

The spring membership count date of pupils enrolled in each school corporation and charter school is Wednesday, February 1. IDOE will use [membership data](#) to determine January to June 2023 Basic Grant distributions. Please refer to the [Data Exchange](#) for additional guidance concerning membership for enrollment and membership for adult learners. 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 2023 will open on Wednesday, February 1. Please read this [memo](#) and [frequently asked questions \(FAQ\) document](#) for information regarding eligible courses, important dates, and financial provisions. Detailed information about the summer school program and how to report is included in [this presentation](#). Contact [Teresa Hemmerle](#) or [Joe Engelstad](#).

REMINDER: Form 9 Financial Data Submission

Tuesday, January 31, is the deadline to submit Form 9 financial data for the period of July to December 2022. The Form 9 application can be accessed via the [LINK Portal](#). Once in the portal, the financial administrator will navigate to the "Form 9 Financial Data" tile. Please review the [Form 9 Overview](#) for instructions. Additional guidance can be found in the Public School Finance Community on [Moodle](#). Contact form9@doe.in.gov with any questions.

REMINDER: Full-Time Teacher Benefit Survey

Please read [this memo](#) regarding collection of full-time teacher benefit data between Friday, December 16, and Friday, February 17, for inclusion in the fiscal year (FY) 2023 Full-Time Teacher Salary and Benefits Report. Contact IDOE's [Office of School Finance](#) with any questions.

NEW: February High Ability Webinar

IDOE's Student Pathways and Opportunities team will host the February High Ability webinar on Wednesday, February 8, from 3 to 4 p.m. ET via Microsoft Teams. Please use this [link](#) to join. Contact studentpathways_highability@doe.in.gov with any questions.

NEW: February Alternative Education Webinar

IDOE's Student Pathways and Opportunities team will host the February Alternative Education webinar on Thursday, February 9, from 10 to 11 a.m. ET via Microsoft Teams. Please use this [link](#) to join. Contact studentpathways_alted@doe.in.gov with any questions.

NEW: Indicator 13 Proposed Secondary Transition Checklist Change

IDOE's Office of Special Education requests feedback on proposed changes to language within the checklist used to monitor Transition Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). The proposed changes would allow for coursework, Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathways, and other similar activities to be allowable as stand alone Transition Services and Activities within an IEP. Please complete the short [Jotform](#) to submit your feedback by Friday, February 10. Contact IDOE's [Office of Special Education](#) with any questions.

NEW: Indiana Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) Random Moment Time Study (RMTS) Webinars

Register for upcoming webinars for information to assist school staff participating in the Indiana MAC RMTS in obtaining a better understanding of how the quarterly time studies work and how best to ensure responses comply with the timeliness requirements.

- [Indiana Mac RMTS Help Session #1: Thursday, February 9, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. ET](#)
- [Indiana Mac RMTS Help Session #2: Tuesday, February 14, from 2 to 3 p.m. ET](#)

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

NEW: Technical Assistance & Special Education Toolkit PD Sessions

IDOE's Office of Student Support and Accessibility will host the *Technical Assistance/English Learner (EL) Program Evaluation Toolkit* session on Wednesday, February 15, for an overview of what technical assistance (TA) is offered at no cost from IDOE and details on the [EL Program Evaluation Toolkit](#). On Wednesday, February 22, the *Special Education Toolkit* session will provide an overview of [this resource](#) and an opportunity for questions. [Register for both sessions here](#) by creating a free Learning Lab account by visiting the [LINK Portal](#) or the [Indiana Learning Lab](#) directly and using your school email to log in. Please contact IDOE's [Office of Student Support and Accessibility](#) with any questions.

NEW: PATINS Project Opportunities and Resources for Indiana Educators

The PATINS Project offers opportunities and resources for educators across the state to access Accessible Education Materials. View new opportunities and resources [here](#). Contact the [PATINS Project](#) with any questions.

NEW: IEP TA Center Special Education Directory and Upcoming Live Workshops

The IEP TA Center, formerly known as the Indiana IEP Resource Center, updated their Indiana Special Education Directory. The [directory](#) can be accessed via the [IEP TA Center webpage](#). In addition, a [downloadable PDF](#) is available. [February workshops are now available](#) via the [training catalog](#). Register [here](#) for upcoming workshops. Contact [Felicia Houston](#) from the IEP TA Center or IDOE's [Office of Student Support and Accessibility](#) with any questions.

NEW: Certificate of Multilingual Proficiency (CoMP) Informational Meeting

Learn more about Indiana's CoMP on Wednesday, February 1, from 4 to 4:30 p.m. E.T. Join IDOE Office of English Learning and Migrant Education for an informational webinar on participation, implementation, and updates to the certificate. Register now on the [Indiana Learning Lab](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of English Learning and Migrant Education](#) with any questions.

NEW: Save the Date - Virtual English Learner (EL) Leadership Meeting on Thursday, February 16

IDOE's Office of English Learning and Migrant Education will host the next virtual EL Leadership Meeting from 10 a.m. to noon. ET on Thursday, February 16. This interactive meeting intended for Indiana K-12 EL leaders and administrators will cover a variety of topics from WIDA ACCESS to funding and programming resources. Registration is not required. Visit the [Indiana EL Professional Development Opportunities Calendar](#) for the link. Contact IDOE's [Office of English Learning and Migrant Education](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: Monthly Technical Assistance Office Hours

IDOE's Office of Student Support and Accessibility will host [Technical Assistance Office Hours](#) from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. ET on the first Thursday of each month for targeted support on a need or issue. Sessions begin Thursday, February 2. The first 20 minutes will cover a relevant topic of choice, and remaining time will be available for questions and discussion. Contact IDOE's [Office of Student Support and Accessibility](#) with any questions.

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

NEW: Indiana PRIME Math Course Informational Session: Monday, January 30

Have you wanted to learn more about the Indiana PRIME math course available to Indiana students? Do you have a need for a fourth-year math course within your high school? Join IDOE in the [Indiana Learning](#)

[Lab](#) on Monday, January 30, at 4 p.m. ET for an overview of the Indiana PRIME math course and the value it holds for your students. Register for the session [here](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Teaching and Learning](#) with any questions.

NEW: Adolescent Literacy Series in the Indiana Learning Lab

IDOE hosts the Indiana Adolescent Literacy Series throughout 2023 in the Indiana Learning Lab to discuss topics geared toward cultivating strong adolescent literacy skills in schools. Join expert presenters as they dive into detail through targeted live events to support adolescent students in their reading and writing journeys. The first session is *Building a Culture of Literacy* at 4 p.m. ET on Monday, February 27. View [upcoming sessions here](#). Contact IDOE's [Literacy Center](#) with any questions.

NEW: February Professional Development (PD) with IDOE

New sessions are scheduled for PD with IDOE for the month of February. Next week kicks off the month with *Certificate of Multilingual Proficiency: Celebrating Student Languages*. View a full list of the 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 website](#) directly and use your school email to log in. Contact IDOE's [Office of Digital Learning](#) with any questions.

NEW: Celebrate World Read Aloud Day and Global School Play Day

Wednesday, February 1, is World Read Aloud Day and Global School Play Day. World Read Aloud Day is dedicated to the art and practice of reading aloud and the act of oral storytelling to promote literacy. Global School Play Day elevates the importance of unstructured play. Resources for both topics can be found in the Indiana Learning Lab: [World Read Aloud Day](#) and [Global School Play Day](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Kindergarten Readiness](#) with any questions.

NEW: #INLovesReading Through Purposeful Play

Join IDOE in the Indiana Learning Lab for [#INLovesReading Through Purposeful Play](#), a kindergarten readiness series from January through March. The next session is Tuesday, January 31, from 4 to 5 p.m. ET with Purdue speech pathologists Anne Grit and Kaylie Standish. This series explores principles for the science of reading through purposeful play in early learning environments. A full schedule can be found in the [Indiana Learning Lab](#). Please plan to join this live event to learn more about the brain, comprehension, phonics, vocabulary, writing, and diverse learners and their families. All sessions will be recorded for later viewing. Contact IDOE's [Office of Kindergarten Readiness](#) with any questions.

UPDATE: Designing for Impact Next Level Computer Science Grant Now Available

IDOE's Office of Teaching and Learning launched the Designing for Impact Next Level Computer Science Grant to eligible entities providing PK-12 professional development in computer science to expand access to engaging and empowering computer science education for students. Answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) can be found [here](#) to assist applicants in considering the scope and development of proposed grant activities. See [here](#) for [grant guidelines](#) and the [online application](#). The application deadline is Friday, February 3. Please contact IDOE's [Office of Teaching and Learning](#) with questions.

REMINDER: Kindergarten Readiness Community Coming to the Learning Lab

The Kindergarten Readiness Community will launch in the [Indiana Learning Lab](#) on Wednesday, February 1. This group will support educators and administrators in preparing children birth to age five in all domains of early learning. Contact IDOE's [Office of Kindergarten Readiness](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: Parent and Family Resources in the Learning Lab

The [Indiana Learning Lab](#) is a fantastic tool for parents and families. This [flyer](#) can be sent to parents and families to support their students with literacy, mathematics, digital tools, and more. A [Spanish version](#) is also available. Educators fielding questions from parents and families can also access vetted resources to share. Contact IDOE's [Office of Digital Learning](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: Indiana Course Access Portal (iCAP) Reimbursement

IDOE's Office of Digital Learning is offering an opportunity for schools to receive reimbursement for students enrolling in the Indiana Course Access Portal (iCAP) for the 2023-2024 school year. [Indiana Code 20-30-16](#) currently offers over 180 course options from seven course providers. [Applications are open](#) through Friday, March 3. Please see this [memo](#) for more information. Contact IDOE's [Office of Digital Learning](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: Week of the Young Child (WOYC) Public Visual Photography and Artwork Display

In recognition of the WOYC Saturday, April 1, through Friday, April 7, IDOE's Office of Kindergarten Readiness is organizing a public, visual display at the Indiana Statehouse reflecting the work of early learning educators and students across the state. Find out more about participating [here](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Kindergarten Readiness](#) with any questions.

Office of Title Grants and Support

NEW: Quality Counts - Charter School Program (CSP) Innovation Funding

IDOE will be releasing the application and additional details about Innovation Funds for Quality Counts programming on Monday, January 30. This supplemental funding is intended to maintain alignment with the goals and purposes of previous Quality Counts Programs with an emphasis on utilizing funding to serve historically underserved populations. Funding will only be available to previous Quality Counts awardees. Contact CharterPrograms@doe.in.gov with any questions.

REMINDER: Charters Facility Incentive Grant (CFIG)

CFIG applications are due by end of day Friday, February 3. Please note these funds are intended for charter schools that have been in operation with students for at least one academic school year and have not previously been awarded CFGF funds. Contact CharterPrograms@doe.in.gov with any questions.

REMINDER: Title Grants and Support Quarterly Meeting

The IDOE Title Grants and Support Team will host its third quarterly meeting for federal program administrators on Wednesday, February 8, at 10 a.m. ET. Topics will include important updates and resources regarding equitable services process, ESSER data reporting, and Title Con 2023. Please join the meeting using [this link](#). Contact title@doe.in.gov with any questions.

REMINDER: Title Con 2023 - Requests for Questions from the Field

One of Title Con's keynote sessions will include a moderated discussion and those planning to attend Title Con are encouraged to submit questions they have for IDOE in areas such as academics, finance, student pathways and opportunities, and technology. The Title Con planning committee will include a selection of these questions for the moderated discussion. Please submit questions to title@doe.in.gov.

News From Our Partners

NEW FROM LILLY ENDOWMENT, INC. AND INVESTED: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Filing Help at College Goal Sunday

Financial aid professionals from across Indiana will be volunteering at [37 sites](#) to help collegebound students and their families open the door to financial aid during College Goal Sunday on Sunday, February 26, at 2 p.m. local time. FAFSA is required for students to be considered for federal and state grants, scholarships, and federal student loans at most colleges, universities, and vocational/technical schools nationwide. The FAFSA **must** be filed by the state of Indiana priority deadline of Saturday, April 15, to guarantee state aid for those that qualify. A checklist of items that will aid in filing the FAFSA can be found [here](#). Find a College Goal Sunday location near you [here](#). Contact [Bill Wozniak](#) at INvestED with any questions.

NEW FROM THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (IDOH) AND THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION: Radon School Poster Contest

In order to spread the message about radon's health hazards, the American Lung Association along with IDOH host the annual statewide Indiana Radon Poster Contest, an educational opportunity for students ages nine through 14. The top three winners will receive cash prizes of \$100, \$150, and \$200 respectively. Posters must be received by Friday, March 10, and will be judged in April by a group of state panelists. Additional information regarding the poster content, including the 2023 Radon Poster Contest "starter kit" and the official contest entry form can be found [here](#). Contact [David Morgan](#) at the American Lung Association with any questions.

NEW FROM THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: New and Improved Indiana Career Explorer

Indiana Career Explorer is still free to all schools, but is now more user friendly and easier to onboard students. [Learn more](#) about all the useful new features, including student case management, and a digitized graduation plan, on Thursday, February 16, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. ET at the Indiana Career Explorer Onboarding Webinar. Secure your spot today by registering [here](#). Contact INCEHelp@dwd.in.gov with any questions.

NEW FROM COLLEGE BOARD: Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science Female Diversity Award

College Board has honored seven Indiana schools with the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award. Schools receiving the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award have achieved either 50% or higher female exam taker representation in one of or both AP computer science courses, or a percentage of female computer science exam takers that meets or exceeds that of the school's female population. The Indiana Schools receiving this award are:

- Burris Laboratory School
- Gibson Southern High School
- Oak Farm Montessori School
- Park Tudor School
- South Putnam Middle School High School
- Tri-West High School
- Whiting High School

The full list of all schools who have received this award can be found [here](#). Contact the [AP Program](#) with any questions.

NEW FROM THE INDIANA BLACK EXPO: Performing Arts Academy

The Indiana Black Expo Performing Arts Academy encourages students to enroll in the Elevating Education Through Artistic Expression program. The program utilizes performing arts to connect passion and purpose with the goal of improving academics and helping students to realize their greater possibilities. The following subject areas are available to middle and high school students in Indianapolis:

- Dance
- Music Production
- Videography/Photography
- Acting

These subject areas include weekly classes that provide academic support and infusion of Black History. The 10-week program runs from Saturday, February 4, through Saturday, April 22, and [enrollment](#) is now open. Call (317) 925-2702 with any questions.

NEW FROM THE INDIANA MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (IMLEA): IMLEA Conference

The IMLEA Conference will be held on Saturday, March 4, at the Christel House Academy South in Indianapolis. Nationally-renowned speaker for middle level education, Jack Berckemeyer, will be the keynote speaker at the event. Sessions include updates for mathematics, the new grade six civics standards, exploring professional learning communities (PLCs), science standards updates, and more. Registration and additional information can be found [here](#). Contact [Susie Highley](#), Executive Director for IMLEA, with any questions.

NEW FROM THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEACHER INVESTMENT PROGRAM (AP-TIP): Mock Exam Training

AP-TIP's annual mock exam training will be held on the campus of IUPUI Thursday, March 9, Friday, March 10, and Friday, April 14. The event provides mock exams (using previously-released AP exams

from the College Board) to implement training on scoring in a format similar to the College Board AP Scoring. AP teachers can read about event procedures and view their subject's mock exam training dates [here](#). Registration is available [here](#). Contact [AP-TIP](#) with any questions.

REMINDER FROM THE INDIANA COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION: Application Deadline for Teacher Scholarships Approaching

Students in high school or college who are planning to teach or work in school administration in the state of Indiana have until Tuesday, January 31, to apply for three scholarships – [Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship](#), [Earline S. Rogers Student Teaching Scholarship for Minorities](#), and [Student Teaching Scholarship for High-Need Fields](#). The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is encouraging students to act quickly, as there is limited funding available. All three financial aid opportunities can be applied for at [ScholarTrack.IN.gov](#). For questions about state financial aid, students can contact the Indiana Commission for Higher Education by phone at 888-528-4719 or via email at awards@che.in.gov.

REMINDER FROM THE INDIANA HEAD START STATE COLLABORATION OFFICE: Feedback Requested from K-12 Head Start Collaborators

The Indiana Head Start State Collaboration Office distributes an annual needs assessment, as federally required. Anyone in K-12 education who works with Head Start is encouraged to complete the survey to help the office better understand successes and challenges with collaboration and transition. Complete the brief survey [here](#) by Friday, February 10, to promote collaboration that supports Hoosier families and children. Please contact [Tonia Carriger](#) with the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration with any questions.

REMINDER FROM TEACH INDY: 2023 Educators Conference

To ensure high-quality educators continue to receive the support and recognition they deserve, Teach Indy is proud to present the 3rd Annual Teach Indy's Educators Conference taking place Saturday, February 25, at Butler University from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. ET. The past few years have transformed education in many ways, and it is essential for educators to have the space to collaborate, learn, grow and bring real-world solutions back to their classrooms. Leaders in education across Indianapolis will be joining together at #TeachIndyEdCon23 to discuss the future of #IndyEducation. Learn more about #TeachIndyEdCon23 [here](#). Contact [Sara Marshall](#) at Teach Indy with any questions.

REMINDER FROM AP-TIP: Remote Teacher Collaborative

The Advanced Placement Teacher Investment Program (AP-TIP) at the University of Notre Dame invites AP teachers to attend the next round of Remote Teacher Collaboratives on Thursday, February 16, at 7:30 p.m. ET. These one-hour, online sessions offer a convenient space for AP math, science, computer science, English, and history teachers to connect, share, and learn from AP leaders. Learn more, see the full schedule, and register online [here](#). Contact [AP-TIP](#) with any questions.



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