Dr. Jenner's Weekly Update

Weekly Newsletter from the Indiana Department of Education

January 24, 2025

A Message from Dr. Katie Jenner

Last week, over the course of two days, we had the opportunity to spend time with our state's leaders in the Indiana General Assembly with the prerogative of the Indiana Senate. Among many other things, we discussed our agency's budget, our work to drive student achievement and our efforts to fill the trust of our students.

In **Sarah Fisher's Junior High School**, one-to-one laptop grants have helped students and teachers alike. Sarah's students are using digital literacy skills to become a critical component of their instruction. Ivy Tech Community College's Kokomo campus is home to the Indiana Manufacturing Institute and Ground 2025 operated by the Indiana Manufacturing Institute. Students are learning how to use artificial intelligence and other technologies to ensure each of their students reach their potential during their middle school years. Sarah's students are learning how to use artificial intelligence to offer, solve and design problems that are digital grade versus paper. Students are using digital literacy skills to become a critical component of the type of high school. This is part of many examples of what Governor Mike Braun and I discussed with our legislators.

Then day 2 of Monday, Johnson County Superintendent Jeff Cox and I visited with students at the **Kelly's High School** gym as students were practicing and performing their hip hop routine for us. Students at Kelly's High School are using their time in school to practice and perform their choreographed routine. Accounting, personal finance and hip hop are just a few of the classes offered at Kelly's High School. Students are learning how to be successful in life, how to be a good citizen, how to make a difference, or whatever strategy works, and they support of their leaders. Kelly's High School is a school that is thriving because of the support of their teachers, their administrators, their parents, their community and their state. Kelly's High School is a school that is thriving because of the support of their teachers, their administrators, their parents, their community and their state.

Check out the video below to see just how wonderful Kelly's Junior and Senior Lions are. Johnson county is lucky that namely pronounced as Indiana's newest Million Dollar Education Award winners!

Whether it is a science fair winner, a guest from a local educational organization, a chandelier from a school, you from a school, or a student who is working to be the best version of themselves, we want to hear from you. We want to hear from our students, our teachers, our administrators, our parents, our community members. We continue to recognize the impact of an educator. We want to hear about it. We want to celebrate it.

As always, thank you for all that you do for our students!

Office of Accountability

REMINDER: Upcoming Accountability Instructional Webinar
We invite school leaders to attend a webinar to learn about Indiana's accountability system and how it impacts schools. The webinar will provide an overview of the accountability system, including how schools are rated and how the system supports school improvement. Attendees will also learn about upcoming changes to the system and how they may be affected by these changes. Please register for one of the following webinar options. Office of Accountability Contact: Office of Accountability Webinar Registration with any questions.

Office of Assessment

NEW: A Little Extra Time Will Go a Long Way: Accelerated Learning Opportunities
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Office of Educator Talent & Literacy Center

REMINDER: Learn About Hoosier Voting Teacher Pack Scam
Hoosiers in Crisis are confronted by a scam that targets educators in Spanish and Vietnamese. Scammers are using a fake website and text messaging to trick people into sharing personal information. Please share this information with your Spanish and Vietnamese speaking staff members. Office of Educator Talent & Literacy Contact: Office of Educator Talent & Literacy Scam Alert with any questions.

REMINDER: Recommendations Open for Distinguished Educators Recognition
IDOE's Office of Educator Talent is looking for outstanding recommendations of educators representing the core teaching subjects and special education. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Office of Educator Talent Contact: Office of Educator Talent & Literacy Contact with any questions.

REMINDER: Additional Opportunities to Recognize Indiana Educators
Indiana's Teacher of the Year program is now accepting nominations for Indiana's Teacher of the Year, Indiana's Teacher of Distinction, IDOE's Distinguished Educators, and IDOE's Distinguished Principals. Please share with your teachers and school leaders to recognize educators. To submit an educator recognition opportunity, visit Indiana Teacher of Distinction. Office of Educator Talent & Literacy Contact: Office of Educator Talent & Literacy Contact with any questions.

REMINDER: Call to Action: IDOE's Supply and Demand Marketplace
Indiana's Supply and Demand Marketplace is a tool to help school leaders and educators find available and training tools through Indiana's Educator Talent Hub. Please share this information with your teachers and school leaders. Office of Educator Talent Contact: Office of Educator Talent with any questions. Office of Educator Talent and Literacy Contact: Office of Educator Talent and Literacy Contact with any questions.

REMINDER: Early Literacy Endorsement Professional Development (PD) and Private Voucher Program
Educators are invited to attend a professional educator course on reading. Go to the Big Reading Educator Academy website, complete the course and receive a $100 gift card. Also, educators can earn a free Kindle Fire tablet by completing the Private Voucher Program. Office of Educator Talent & Literacy Contact: Office of Educator Talent & Literacy Contact with any questions.

REMINDER: Phonics 5205 Tool Kit Home Guidance
Educators across Indiana have shared our parent-centered resource tool kit. Organizations like Reading and Essential Practice better know how to support their students and families. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Office of Educator Talent and Literacy Contact: Office of Educator Talent and Literacy Contact with any questions. Office of Educator Talent and Literacy Contact: Office of Educator Talent and Literacy Contact with any questions.

Office of Information Technology

REMINDER: Identity Wave SSO/LDP Support Ended by Friday, February 7
Identity Wave Single Sign On (SSO) and Lightweight Directory Protocol (LDP) support ended on January 31. Educators Employee Digital Identity (EEDI) and Office 365 are the only supported SSO and LDP options. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Office of Information Technology with any questions.

- **What's Needed:** Security coordinators must identify up to two individuals for this new role by Friday, February 7. These individuals will receive access to the new EEDI Security Center to manage their organization's EEDI environment.
- **Accepting the Role:** Individuals who accept the EEDI Security Center responsibilities can be found on your

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REMINDER: Power-School Data Breach
Data from Power-School was breached in a large-scale cyber-security incident. Ohio Power-School is managing incident response and has provided information to affected customers. Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) is working with Ohio Power-School to understand the impact to Indiana students. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Office of Information Technology Contact: Office of Information Technology with any questions.

REMINDER: Fall 2024 Public Computer Contractors Report Now Available
Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) has published the Fall 2024 Public Computer Contractors Report. The report shows the percentage of public school students in each school corporation who are taught by a teacher who is employed by a technology solutions provider (TSP) or a school technology solutions provider (STSP) in the school corporation. Contact IDOE's Office of Information Technology with any questions.

REMINDER: 2024-2025 Enrollment Data Now Available
Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) has published student enrollment data for Indiana's public schools. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Contact IDOE's Office of Information Technology with any questions.

REMINDER: Registration Open for Indiana Trusted Learning Environment (TLE) Cohorts
We invite school leaders to participate in a six-week opportunity to improve their student data privacy practices and data governance. Participants will receive a Data Governance Toolkit, guidance on implementing a data governance program, and a certificate of completion. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Contact IDOE's Office of Information Technology with any questions.

REMINDER: Updated Data Request Process
Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) has updated its data request process, which includes detailed forms tailored to the type of data being requested. Contact IDOE's Office of Information Technology with any questions.

REMINDER: Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR) Now Open
Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) is participating in the Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR) and Cybersecurity Grant Program. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Contact IDOE's Office of Information Technology with any questions. Contact IDOE's Office of Information Technology with any questions. Contact IDOE's Office of Information Technology with any questions.

REMINDER: No Cost Cybersecurity Services Now Available Through ISTI/SLCGP
Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) has partnered with the Indiana Office of Technology (IOT) to provide no-cost cybersecurity services to Indiana's public school corporations. Services include vulnerability management, phishing simulations, and other cyber preparedness services. Please share with your teachers and school leaders.

- Schedule an IOT cyber assessment. Provides access to vendor phishing exercises with staff and other cyber training and assessments.
- Attend an IOT cyber preparedness webinar. Provides access to comprehensive cyber services, including cyber assessments, IT certification, leadership development, office suite, and project management courses.

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Office of School Building Security & Safety

REMINDER: Upcoming Reporting
Pursuant to Indiana Code (IC) 20-34-3-1, incidents must report school bullying, threats, and gang data for each school to the Department of Education (IDOE) by the 15th of each month. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Office of School Safety Contact: Office of School Safety with any questions. Contact IDOE's Office of Information Technology with any questions. Contact IDOE's Office of Information Technology with any questions.

REMINDER: School Staff Injury Reporting Requirements
IC 20-19-2-12 Section 2. All school boards, schools, or boards of school employees injury information to IDOE if the employee is injured while performing the duties of the employee's employment. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Office of School Safety Contact: Office of School Safety with any questions. Contact IDOE's Office of Information Technology with any questions. Contact IDOE's Office of Information Technology with any questions.

Office of School & Community Nutrition

NEW: America's Healthiest Schools Award
America's Healthiest Schools Award recognizes school nutrition programs across the nation for their efforts to promote the health and well-being of students through nutrition, physical activity, and other wellness initiatives. Applications are open now and are due by Tuesday, April 15. Please share the second resources to help you with your application.

- America's Healthiest Schools Award
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for America's Healthiest Schools Award

Office of School Finance

NEW: 2025 Summer School Information
Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) invites Indiana's public school corporations and charter schools to attend a webinar on February 27 to learn about the 2025 Summer School Grant Program. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Office of School Finance Contact: Office of School Finance with any questions.

REMINDER: Form 9 Submissions Now Open
Form 9 submissions for the period of July 2024 through December 2024 are now due to IDOE by Friday, January 31. Contact: Office of School Finance with any questions.

REMINDER: Indirect Cost Rates for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026
Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) reminds Indiana's public education agencies (LEAs) eligible to receive FY 2026 Title funds that they must submit their indirect cost rate proposals for review and approval. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Contact IDOE's Office of School Finance with any questions. Contact IDOE's Office of School Finance with any questions.

Office of School Support and Transformation

REMINDER: Annual 1003 Flexibility Waivers
Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) invites Title I schools to complete applications for 1003 Flexibility Waivers. Feasible Flexibility Waivers will be approved on a rolling basis. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Office of School Support and Transformation Contact: Office of School Support and Transformation with any questions. Office of School Support and Transformation with any questions. Office of School Support and Transformation with any questions.

REMINDER: Prioritized Expert Partnerships
Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) invites Indiana's public school corporations to apply for Prioritized Expert Partners. Prioritized Expert Partners are organizations that have demonstrated evidence of improvement in student outcomes and have a strategic and actionable approach to implementation. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Office of School Support and Transformation Contact: Office of School Support and Transformation with any questions.

Office of Student Pathways and Opportunities

NEW: Graduation Pathways Office Hours
Graduation Pathways Office Hours are scheduled for January 27 and February 3 from 10:00-11:00 ET. Participants will learn about Graduation Pathways, ask questions, and share best practices. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Office of Student Pathways and Opportunities Contact: Office of Student Pathways and Opportunities with any questions.

REMINDER: 2024-2025 School Year Graduation Pathways Webinar
This January Graduation Pathways webinar will take place on Thursday, January 30. The link for this webinar is included here: Graduation Pathways Webinar. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Office of Student Pathways and Opportunities Contact: Office of Student Pathways and Opportunities with any questions.

Office of Special Education, English Learning, and Migrant Education

NEW: Virtual English Learner (EL) Leadership Meeting on Wednesday, February 12
Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) invites English learner (EL) leaders to participate in a virtual meeting from 1:00-2:30 p.m. ET on Wednesday, February 12. This meeting is intended for Indiana K-12 leaders and administrators and will consist of presentations, discussions, and Q&A. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Office of Special Education, English Learning, and Migrant Education Contact: Office of Special Education, English Learning, and Migrant Education with any questions.

NEW: Special Education Training Catalog
The IDOE Training 2025 Training catalog is now available. This training schedule offers a robust listing of workshops prepared to support Indiana's K-12 schools, educators, and families. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Office of Special Education, English Learning, and Migrant Education Contact: Office of Special Education, English Learning, and Migrant Education with any questions.

NEW: Semi-Annual IDEA Part B Monitoring Reports
Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) has published the semi-annual reports for FY23-FY24 and FY24 data flow. Jenner, Dr. Any FY23 first reports that were not submitted by January 15 are due to IDOE and need to be submitted by Friday, January 31 and resubmitted by Friday, February 28. Please share with your teachers and school leaders.

REMINDER: 2024-2025 Certification of Multilingual Proficiency Participation Registration Open
Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) invites Indiana's public school corporations and charter schools to participate in the Certification of Multilingual Proficiency. Participation in this program will allow students who have demonstrated proficiency in two or more languages to receive the Seal of Biliteracy. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Office of Special Education, English Learning, and Migrant Education Contact: Office of Special Education, English Learning, and Migrant Education with any questions.

REMINDER: Non-Public School Consultation Requirements - Submit by Friday, February 7
Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) reminds Indiana's public school corporations that the consultation with non-public schools is due by Friday, February 7. Please share with your teachers and school leaders.

- Written affirmation of timely and meaningful consultation (January to 34-CFR§300.134) signed by representatives of LEAs and private school officials to ensure such consultation took place and was meaningful and timely.
- Written affirmation signed by the officials participating in consultation that the consultation complied with the requirements of the private school provision of services under ESEA, including the requirements of timely and meaningful consultation, and the provision of services to eligible private school students, teachers, and other private school personnel.
- If no such consultation took place, a statement signed by each of the appropriate private school officials to that effect.

Contact IDOE's Part B grant team with additional questions.

REMINDER: Required Part B Proportionate Share Offer Memo
Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) reminds Indiana's public school corporations that the Proportionate Share Offer Memo is due to IDOE by Friday, February 7. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Contact IDOE's Part B grant team with any questions.

NEW: Learning Lab Professional Development (PD) Sessions with Mott Miller
Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) invites Indiana's public school corporations to attend Learning Lab with Mott Miller's Professional Development (PD) sessions. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Office of Special Education, English Learning, and Migrant Education Contact: Office of Special Education with any questions.

REMINDER: January PD with DDE
Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) will host a K-5 ELT with Mott Tues Nov Nov, Tech Tips for ESS presented by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) on Tuesday, January 28 at 2 p.m. ET. To register for upcoming Learning Lab sessions, please visit the Learning Lab Professional Development (PD) Calendar. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Contact IDOE's Office of Special Education with any questions.

NEW: Early Childhood Education (ECE) Registered Teacher Apprenticeship Program (RTAP) Information Session
Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) invites Indiana's public school corporations to attend an informational session on the Early Childhood Education Registered Teacher Apprenticeship Program (RTAP) on Wednesday, February 5 at 2 p.m. ET. The Early Childhood Education Lead pathway and provides a combination of high school coursework, on-the-job training, and college coursework to prepare participants for a career in Early Childhood Education. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Office of Special Education, English Learning, and Migrant Education Contact: Office of Special Education, English Learning, and Migrant Education with any questions.

Office of Title Grants and Support

NEW: Microcredential Program for Spring 2025
Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) invites Indiana's public school corporations to participate in the Microcredential Program. Participation in this program will allow teachers to earn a stipend and a Microcredential. Teachers will be selected by attending one hour of meet and one microcredential and at no cost. Two optional discussions will be provided for teachers to discuss their Microcredential. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Office of Title Grants and Support Contact: Office of Title Grants and Support with any questions. Office of Title Grants and Support Contact: Office of Title Grants and Support with any questions.

REMINDER: Submit Form 24 for Other Non-Instructional Activities
All Title grants administered by IDOE must be completed by the 2024-2025 school year. You, Jenner, Dr. Any. The deadline to apply for Other Non-Instructional Activities is Friday, February 28. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Office of Title Grants and Support Contact: Office of Title Grants and Support with any questions. Office of Title Grants and Support Contact: Office of Title Grants and Support with any questions.

REMINDER: Quarterly Meeting Schedule for 2024-2025 School Year
Title Grants and Support invites Indiana's public school corporations to participate in the following federal grants. Meetings will be held on the following dates:

- Quarter Meeting
- Quarter Meeting

Contact IDOE's Title Grants and Support with any questions.

REMINDER: Save the Date for TitleCon 2025
TitleCon 2025 will bring together hundreds of Indiana educators, including superintendents, principals, program administrators, teachers, and other school leaders, for a day of learning, sharing, and connecting. This year's TitleCon will be held on Tuesday, April 29 at Indianapolis Northwest High School. Participants will have the opportunity to attend breakout sessions focused on topics such as Title I, Title II, Title III, Title IV, Title V, Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, and more. This year will also feature a pre-conference on Tuesday, April 15, in which participants will receive learning opportunities regarding student data privacy, cybersecurity, and data governance. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Office of Title Grants and Support Contact: Office of Title Grants and Support with any questions.

REMINDER: Save the Date - Cohort 3 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Request for Proposals (RFP)
The FY24 21st CCLC RFP will open on Friday, February 28, and close on Friday, August 31. 21st CCLC is a competitive grant program that provides funding to rural, urban, and suburban public schools or community-based organizations to partner with schools to provide students with academic enrichment opportunities, and eligible to apply, providing they meet eligibility criteria. Please share with your teachers and school leaders.

News From Our Partners

NEW FROM THE INDIANA STATE LIBRARY: Educator Feedback Requested by Friday, January 31
Hoosier educators are invited to share their feedback on the Indiana State Library's Hoosier Digital Library (HDL). Your feedback will assist us in ensure we are using what we know about how students use the HDL. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Contact Indiana State Library with questions.

NEW FROM PURDUE EXTENSION: Statewide Indiana 4-H Innovation Convention Program and Competition
Indiana 4-H is changing youth conference to a more technology, engineering, and math (STEM) focus under their new name, Innovation Convention. Indiana 4-H Innovation Convention is a statewide opportunity for youth to develop and implement a STEM project, learn about STEM careers, and connect with other students who are interested in STEM. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Contact Indiana 4-H with questions.

REMINDER FROM THE INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS & INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS
Attention Business Officials and Business Office Staff! Mark your calendars for the Indiana Association of School Business Officials (IASBO) and the Indiana Association of Public School Business Officials (IAPSBO) Winter Conference, February 5-7, 2025, at the Indianapolis Marriott East. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Contact IASBO with questions.

REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS (OSEP): New Resources
Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Contact Office of Special Education Programs with questions.

- Supporting Students with Disabilities Who Are Experiencing Homelessness: Strategies for Educators and Service Providers
- Resources to Children with disabilities who experience trauma and are provided with evaluations to help research and improve practices

REMINDER FROM KEEP INDIANA LEARNING: Inspiring Writers Workshop Series
Keep Indiana Learning invites Indiana's public school corporations to participate in the Inspiring Writers Workshop Series. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Contact Keep Indiana Learning with questions.

REMINDER FROM EMPLOY INDY: Spring Professional Development Opportunities
Employ Indy invites Indiana's public school corporations to participate in the Spring Professional Development Series at the Greene County Career Center. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Contact Employ Indy with questions.

REMINDER FROM COLLEGE DALE SUMMIT: FAFSA Support Available Sunday, February 23
On Sunday, February 23, College Dale Summit will host a workshop across Indiana. Join our financial aid experts who will walk you through the FAFSA, ask questions, and get your questions answered. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Contact College Dale with questions.

REMINDER FROM THE CENTRAL INDIANA SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICE CENTER (CISSC): Teacher Industry Experiences in Indiana (TIE-IN) - Bridging Classrooms and Industry
Teacher Industry Experiences in Indiana (TIE-IN) is a statewide initiative that connects educators with real-world industry experiences, fostering partnerships between schools and local businesses. This program aims to enhance student learning by providing teachers with hands-on experiences in various industries, ensuring that students are prepared for future careers. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Contact Central Indiana School Support Service Center for more information. Contact Central Indiana School Support Service Center with questions.

REMINDER FROM THE PARAMOUNT HEALTH DATA PROJECT: All Indiana Students Survey
The Paramount Health Data Project invites Indiana's public school corporations to participate in the All Indiana Students survey to address Ohio's challenge by expanding student access to sexual and reproductive care. To gather our efforts, we need your students to complete a survey that will provide us with data on their experiences with sexual and reproductive health care. Please share with your teachers and school leaders. Contact Paramount Health Data Project with questions.

REMINDER FROM TEACH BEST: Register for the 2025 Educators Conference
Join the Teach Indy Team at the 2025 Educators Conference at the Tech Community College Campus and Conference Center. Hear from Indiana's Teacher of the Year, Dr. Jenner, Dr. Any, and other Indiana education leaders. Learn about Teach Indy's new Teacher Leadership and Technical Assistance (TLTA) Service. Connect with other Indiana teachers and leaders. Contact Teach Best with questions.

REMINDER FROM COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION: Newsletter Sign Up
Sign up for the Commission for Higher Education's (CHE) newsletter. Contact Commission for Higher Education and Technical Education (CHE) Service Center with questions.

Weekly Updates

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