

Dr. Jenner's Weekly Update

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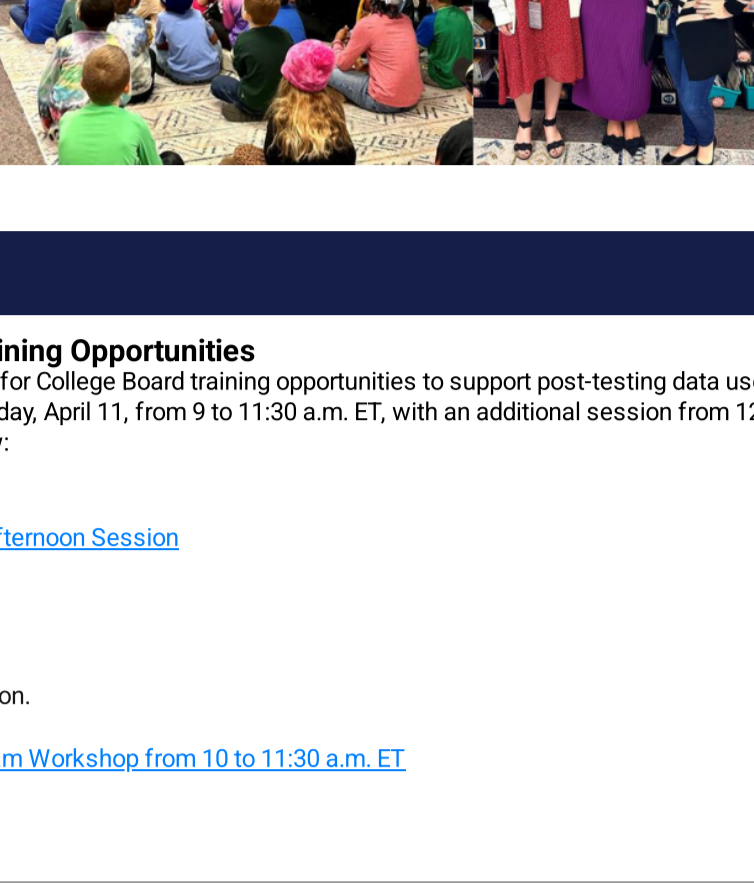
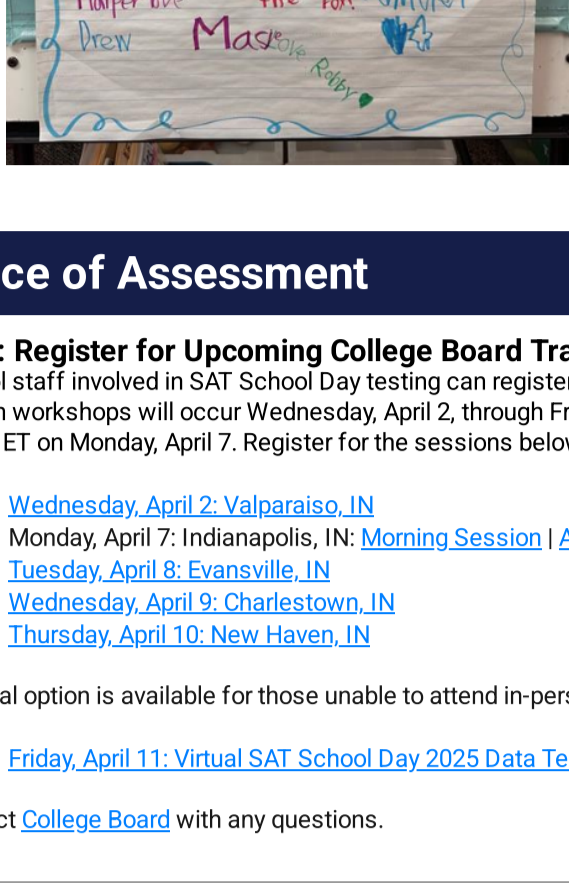
A Message from Dr. Katie Jenner

It's hard to believe that spring break week(s) are upon us, and we are almost turning the corner to head into the final quarter of the school year...let's gear up to finish strong!

This week (March 3-7) marked Read Across America Week, a celebration in many of our schools. On Monday, I was grateful to kick off the week with the students in **Mrs. Shona Kelly's** first grade class at **McCordsville Elementary School**. I took one of my favorite books, *Ada Twist, Scientist*, by Andrea Beaty, to share with the students. As every education leader knows, nothing beats a classroom visit to sit down with students and teachers and see the good work of our schools in action.

Thank you to **Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation**, superintendent **Dr. Jack Parker**, and McCordsville Elementary principal **Stephanie Miller** and assistant principal **Brady Edwards** for opening your doors to us this week.

And, thank you, as always, for all you do for our Indiana students!



Office of Assessment

NEW: Register for Upcoming College Board Training Opportunities

School staff involved in SAT School Day testing can register for College Board training opportunities to support post-testing data use. In-person workshops will occur Wednesday, April 2, through Friday, April 11, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. ET, with an additional session from 12:30 to 3 p.m. ET on Monday, April 7. Register for the sessions below:

- [Wednesday, April 2: Valparaiso, IN](#)
- Monday, April 7: Indianapolis, IN: [Morning Session](#) | [Afternoon Session](#)
- [Tuesday, April 8: Evansville, IN](#)
- [Wednesday, April 9: Charlestown, IN](#)
- [Thursday, April 10: New Haven, IN](#)

A virtual option is available for those unable to attend in-person.

- [Friday, April 11: Virtual SAT School Day 2025 Data Team Workshop from 10 to 11:30 a.m. ET](#)

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

REMINDER: SAT School Day & IREAD Monitoring

IDOE's Office of Student Assessment will conduct virtual and onsite monitoring visits during the [SAT School Day](#) and [IREAD](#) testing windows from Monday, March 3, through Friday, March 14, to ensure fidelity of test administration and test security requirements. Contact IDOE's [Office of Student Assessment](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: IREAD and SAT School Day Testing Continues Through Friday, March 14

The IREAD Spring 2025 testing window is open through Friday, March 14. Review the following reminders:

- Ensure all students have participated in the [practice test](#) prior to operational testing.
- Additional orders for paper testing materials close today, Friday, March 7, for new or updated student accommodations.
- Ensure student data is accurate within the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE), including the [Tested Grade](#) setting for grade four and five students.
- Ensure that test administration materials are prepared, including the [IREAD Test Administrator's Manual \(TAM\)](#), and accommodated scripts, as needed.

Refer to the [IREAD Milestones](#) for an overview of tasks. The SAT School Day testing window also continues through Friday, March 14. Cohort 2026 students must participate in the assessment, and schools are encouraged to administer the SAT School Day early in the window to ensure all students have time to complete testing. Refer to the [SAT School Day Milestones](#) and [SAT School Day Test Window Checklist](#) for an overview of preparation tasks. Contact IDOE's [Office of Student Assessment](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: Second IREAD Summer Retest Opportunity Added

Grade three students now have two opportunities to participate in the IREAD Summer Retest. Previously, students could only test once during the window. Two testing attempts allow students to participate, for example, before and after summer reading programming. Contact IDOE's [Office of Student Assessment](#) with any questions.

Office of Educator Talent & Literacy Center

REMINDER: Requirements for Schools Below 70% IREAD Proficiency

Pursuant to [Indiana Code \(IC\) 20-32-5.5](#), schools where fewer than 70% of students achieve a passing score on IREAD must implement specific requirements outlined in this [memo](#). Confirm your IREAD data following the 2024 administration [here](#). Contact IDOE's [Literacy Center](#) with questions.

REMINDER: Individual Reading Plan Guidance and Template

[IC 20-30-7-13 \(d\)](#) requires all grade two students who earn "At Risk" on IREAD and grade three students who do not pass IREAD to participate in an individual reading plan aligned with science of reading for the following school year if they participate in less than 90% of the required summer reading program. IDOE has released [additional guidance](#) and [a template](#) to support schools in meeting this requirement. Contact IDOE's [Office of Student Assessment](#) for IREAD support, [Literacy Center](#) for the science of reading support, or [Office of School Finance](#) regarding summer school program support.

REMINDER: Early Literacy Endorsement Professional Development (PD) & Praxis Guidance

Educators who hold an Indiana professional educator license can register [here](#) for the flexible [Keys to Literacy options](#). Educators planning to earn Indiana's Early Literacy Endorsement can follow the process outlined [here](#) to submit a request to verify completion of the approved 80 hours and request a Praxis voucher, if needed. Educators using test vouchers (or any payment method) need to review the Registration and Essential Checklist before registering for the Praxis 5205 [here](#). Contact IDOE's [Literacy Center](#) or [ETS Praxis Customer Support](#) with questions.

Office of Information Technology

NEW: School Health Report Data Due Friday, April 25

Public school corporations, including charter schools, submit their vision and hearing data to IDOE via the School Health Report. The deadline for reporting is Friday, April 25. To have access to the report, staff must be assigned the "Student Health" role by their school data security coordinator. Find detailed instructions for completing the report [here](#).

Office of Policy and Government Affairs

NEW: U.S. Department of Education Civil Rights Compliance

On Saturday, March 1, the U.S. Department of Education released a [frequently asked questions document](#) in response to the [Dear Colleague Letter \(DCL\)](#) issued on Friday, February 14, regarding the nondiscrimination obligations of schools and other entities that receive federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Education.

On Tuesday, February 18, IDOE notified schools and advised school leaders to continue to work with their local legal counsel to ensure compliance with all state and federal laws, including those outlined in the DCL and any subsequent guidance. IDOE will continue to share with Indiana schools further guidance received by the federal government related to this DCL.

Office of School Building Physical Security and Safety

REMINDER: Curricular Materials Cost Visualization Now Public

The Curricular Materials Dashboard is now publicly available [here](#) following an embargo period where significant changes were made in response to feedback from the field. The Dashboard is also accessible from the LINK Portal. Contact IDOE's [Office of School Finance](#) with any questions.

Office of School Finance

NEW: Estimated Average Daily Membership (ADM) Data Requested

The window to submit estimated ADM data for fiscal year (FY) 2026 and 2027 is open through Friday, March 28. View [this memo](#) regarding how to submit. Contact IDOE's [Office of School Finance](#) with any questions.

NEW: Common School Loans

IDOE's Office of School Finance will accept applications for construction and technology common school loans from corporations, charter schools, and school corporation career and technical education schools through Friday, April 4. Petitions must be submitted to IDOE by Friday, April 4, to be considered. The application and details can be found in the [Public School Finance Community in Moodle](#) under Common School Funds -- Fall. Contact IDOE's [Office of School Finance](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: 2025 Summer School Information

The window to submit the [Estimated Cost Report for Summer School 2025](#) is now open. Review [this memo](#) for information regarding eligible courses, important dates, and financial provisions. Contact [Teresa Hemmerle](#) or [Alex Waite](#) with questions.

REMINDER: Membership Conflict Petition Process

Review [this memo](#) regarding the membership conflict petition process. Friday, March 14, is the deadline for a school corporation or charter school to file a petition. Contact IDOE's [Office of School Finance](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: Transfer Request Deadline Closes Friday, April 11

IC 20-26-11-32 requires public school corporations that accept out-of-district students to report the date that transfer requests must be received by the school corporation to IDOE using [this form](#) by Friday, April 11. More information can be found in [this memo](#). Contact State Attendance Officer, [Catherine Danylik](#), with any questions.

Office of School Support and Transformation

REMINDER: 1003 Flexibility Waiver Webinar

IDOE's Office of School Support and Transformation will host a webinar on [Wednesday, March 12, from 10 to 11 a.m. ET](#) on the 1003 Flexibility Waiver. Participants will learn about the requirements and processes for filing the waiver, with time at the end dedicated to attendee questions. Superintendents are encouraged to attend. Contact IDOE's [Georgia Watson](#) with any questions.

Office of Student Pathways and Opportunities

NEW: 2025-2026 Locally Created Pathway Applications Open Saturday, March 1

Schools may apply to develop Locally Created Pathways (LCPs) and related assessments for students to demonstrate college- and career-readiness. These LCPs augment the current list of Postsecondary-Ready Competencies already included in the established policy. Any districts seeking to submit an application for a new LCP beginning in the 2025-2026 school year should review the application process document, its rubric and scoring guide, as well as the approved current LCP list. Review the resource below:

- [New LCP Application](#)
- [LCP Application Rubric & Scoring Sheet](#)
- [Approved LCPs](#)
- [Adopting LCPs Guidance](#)
- [Adopting an Approved LCP Notification Form](#)
- [LCP Informational Webinar](#)

Contact IDOE's [Office of Student Pathways](#) with additional questions.

REMINDER: Diploma Seals Ordering Information

Each year, accredited Indiana high schools must report the total number of students expected to graduate with each diploma type to IDOE to receive diploma seals. Counts must be submitted [here](#) by Friday, March 14. Review [this memo](#) for more information and full instructions. Contact IDOE's [Office of Student Pathways and Opportunities](#) with additional questions.

Office of Student, School, and Family Engagement

REMINDER: Free In-Person Suicide Prevention Training Available

IDOE is offering in-person onsite suicide prevention training to school districts that have at least 10 school staff (may include school volunteers, bus drivers, cafeteria staff, teachers, principals, office staff and superintendent) willing to be trained. Individuals within the school building having contact with students in grades five through 12 are required by state law to have suicide intervention training once every three years. The course is a two-hour Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR) training and meets requirements of state law. Contact IDOE's [Jason Murrey](#) to schedule this training or with any questions.

Office of Special Education, English Learning, and Migrant Education

NEW: Statewide Individual Learning Plan (ILP) System - Transition to PowerSchool Resource Hub

IDOE has been working with [PowerSchool](#) to develop a new statewide platform for creating and managing ILPs for English learners (ELs). A transition will occur from the current statewide platform (Indiana ILP with Public Consulting Group) to the Special Programs platform hosted by PowerSchool, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year. While Indiana EL leaders will continue to receive direct information, all communication regarding training, preparing for the transition, and additional resources will be housed in the [Indiana EL Moodle Community](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of English Learning and Migrant Education](#) with any questions.

NEW: Changes to Monitoring Procedures

IDOE's Office of Special Education is updating its monitoring procedures for local educational agencies (LEAs) due to changes in federal guidance. Effective immediately, IDOE will shift to a new monitoring schedule where approximately 70 LEAs will be reviewed annually. The monitoring cycle will follow a six-year cohort schedule, with adjustments based on an annual risk assessment. Each LEA will be monitored at least once during this six-year cycle. All LEAs will be monitored annually through a risk assessment and a self-assessment process to ensure all LEAs are meeting compliance standards.

These changes are necessary to maintain compliance and ensure that students receive high-quality services. IDOE will provide resources and guidance to support LEAs through this transition. Further details regarding the updated process, including guidance on self-monitoring and the risk assessment, will be shared in the coming weeks. Contact IDOE's [Office of Special Education monitoring team](#) with additional questions.

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

NEW: Artificial Intelligence (AI) Learning Lab Professional Development (PD) Continues

AI Insights for Educators continues on Wednesday, March 19, at 4 p.m. ET with AI for Instant Feedback in the Classroom with Holly Clark, author of *The AI Infused Classroom*. Previous sessions are available in the [Indiana Learning Lab](#). This series builds on [Indiana's AI Guidance](#). Register to attend [here](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Digital Learning](#) with any questions.

NEW: March PD with IDOE Continues

March PD with IDOE begins on Wednesday, March 12, at 4 p.m. ET with *Teaching Modernized Algebra II Using the 2023 Indiana Mathematics Standards* presented by Dr. Mike Steele, Math Education Consultant, Ball State University. View a full list of March 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.

NEW: On-Demand PD with IDOE

Throughout the school year, IDOE hosts PD with IDOE on a variety of topics. February's workshops are all available on demand:

- [The Virtual Speaker: Bring The Expert To Your Students](#)
- [AI Guidance for Parents and Families Workshop](#)
- [The Gratitude Connection: Learning Through Relationships](#)
- [Assessment Accommodations: What to Know](#)

Attend [future live sessions](#) and view other [on-demand content](#) in the Learning Lab. Contact IDOE's [Office of Digital Learning](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: Teaching Modernized Algebra II Using Indiana Academic Standards

The 2023 revision of the Indiana Academic Standards for Algebra II marked a fundamental shift in how the content and processes of Algebra II are organized and taught. The strong focus on mathematical modeling, function families, and data revitalizes Algebra II and increases its relevance for students. Join Dr. Mike Steele on Wednesday, March 12, at 4 p.m. ET, as he provides an overview of the organization of the standards and direct hands-on support to help you make the standards come alive in your Algebra II classroom and get your students excited! Register for this session in the [Indiana Learning Lab](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Teaching and Learning](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: Higher Education Institutions - Apply to Become Indiana Course Access Portal (iCAP) Providers

IDOE is seeking to partner with state educational institutions or approved postsecondary educational institutions (as defined in IC 21-71-3-6(a)) to provide online access to the Indiana College Core through iCAP. [Applications](#) for institutions who are interested in becoming iCAP providers are open Saturday, March 1, through Wednesday, April 30. Frequently asked questions can be found [here](#). Contact IDOE's [iCAP specialists](#) with additional questions.

REMINDER: Fall 2025 Opt-In Early Learning Assessment System - Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) and ISPROUT

As part of Indiana's [system to measure and support kindergarten readiness](#), Indiana's KRA will be available to all public, charter, and non-public schools as an opt-in assessment for fall 2025 kindergarten students. The [opt-in window is now open](#) through Friday, April 25. ISPROUT will continue to be required for children in special education for ages three through five, but the [opt-in window for all three through five students](#) for fall 2025 is also open, as well. If you participated in the KRA or ISPROUT in 2024, you must still complete a form for 2025. Contact IDOE's [Office of Kindergarten Readiness](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: Deadline Extended for Instruction on Internet Safety Provider List

Pursuant to Indiana Code (IC) 20-30-6.1-4, IDOE will publish an approved list of high-quality, age-appropriate internet safety curricula that schools may use to support their internet safety instruction by Tuesday, July 1. The application deadline has now been extended for providers seeking to be included on IDOE's [Instruction on Internet Safety list](#). Potential curriculum providers can [apply here](#). See [this memo](#) for additional information, and contact IDOE's [Office of Kindergarten Readiness](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: Early Childhood Educator Registered Teacher Apprenticeship Program (ECE RTAP) Accepting Schools

Indiana's [ECE RTAP](#) provides entry opportunities and career pathways for students interested in early childhood education through related instruction, on-the-job training, and direct employment. Related instruction for Indiana's ECE program aligns with the Next Level Programs of Study Early (NLPS) Childhood Education career pathway and includes a combination of high school courses, dual credit, and dual enrollment. School corporations interested in beginning an ECE Registered Teacher Apprenticeship program can view the [Learning Lab collection](#) for information on starting, funding, and sustaining. Those interested in participating in Fall 2025 should [complete the form](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Kindergarten Readiness](#) with any questions.

Office of Title Grants and Support

REMINDER: Title Grants and Support Summer School Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

IDOE's Office of Title Grants and Support has developed guidance for LEAs using federal grants to support summer school programming. Review the FAQ document [here](#). Contact your Federal Grants Specialist with any questions.

REMINDER: Registration Now Available for TitleCon2025

Registration is now open for [TitleCon 2025: Learning from Yesterday, Planning for Tomorrow](#), which will be held in Plainfield from Tuesday, April 15, through Thursday, April 17. Learn more and register for this free conference [here](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Title Grants and Support](#) with any questions.

News From Our Partners

NEW FROM WABASH VALLEY EDUCATION CENTER (WVEC) Spring Multilingual Mini-Conference K-12

Join WVEC for a mini-conference on all things best practices for multilingual learners (MLs) on Wednesday, May 7, in West Lafayette! From explicit learning, math for MLs, and quick best practices, there is something to take away for everyone! Details and registration can be found [here](#). Contact [Kierston McKinley](#) with questions.

NEW FROM THE INDIANA SUPREME COURT: Judges Speakers Bureau

The Indiana Supreme Court has a [Judges Speakers Bureau](#) with contact information of over 300 judicial officers. These volunteer judges are willing to speak to K-12 classrooms in their respective counties about courts and the law. They can assist in promoting an understanding of the purpose and structure of Indiana's judicial system. Contact a judicial officer on the list and ask them about speaking to your group!

NEW FROM THE INDIANA SUPREME COURT: Attending Oral Arguments

The Indiana Supreme Court oral arguments are open to the public, streamed live, and archived for later viewing. Arguments are typically held in the historic courtroom at the Statehouse. For most arguments, each side has 20 minutes, and the justices ask questions during that time. See a [visitor's guide for attending oral arguments](#) for more information, including a calendar of upcoming arguments and a form to submit requesting attendance.

NEW FROM THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP OF LEARNING (CELL): Expanding Pathways to Careers and Postsecondary for High School Students (P-CAP)

Applications are now open for rural high schools to join the next P-CAP grant-funded cohort. P-CAP transforms the future success of students who need a different kind of academic program to thrive with hands-on, real-world learning, preparing them for future success. Applications are due Friday, April 11. Learn more and apply [here](#). Contact [CELL](#) with additional questions.

REMINDER FROM THE INDIANA BAR FOUNDATION: Register Now for the 2025 Indiana Civics Summit

Registration is now open for the annual, one-day [Indiana Civics Summit](#), which will be held on Thursday, April 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET at Ivy Tech Conference Center in Indianapolis. This year's keynote speaker will be Jeffrey Rosen, President and CEO of the National Constitution Center. Seating is limited to the first 200 registrants, and the deadline to register is Monday, April 7. Learn more and register [here](#).

REMINDER FROM INDIANA FAMILY, CAREER AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICAN (FCCLA): Register for Be A Teacher Day

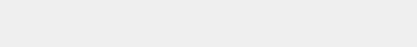
Join Indiana FCCLA for Be A Teacher Day, which will take place on Tuesday, April 1, at the Fishers Event Center. This event allows students interested in a future in education or early childhood education to connect with numerous college programs around the state. Learn more about this event and register [here](#) by Monday, March 17. Contact [Allyson McIntyre-Reiger](#) with any questions.

REMINDER FROM CAREERVIEWXR: Production Grant

CareerViewXR is seeking remarkable education and industry partnerships to expand the CareerViewXR library. Grant awardees will receive a one-year CareerViewXR subscription for their organization, two VR headsets, and a field trip will be created with an industry partner in their community! A one-to-one matching grant opportunity is also available. The application deadline is Saturday, March 15. Find full details and the application form [here](#).

REMINDER FROM THE INDIANA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION (APWA): 2025 Scholarship Opportunity for Indiana High School Seniors

The scholarship is awarded to a high school senior who would pursue a degree program in a public works related field including civil engineering, environmental engineering, parks and recreation, municipal planning, public administration, public works/municipal operations and fleet management among others. The degree may be through a university or technical school course of study and awards \$1000 annually for four years provided that the student demonstrates continued progress toward a public works field degree. A paid annual membership to the American Public Works Association is included with the award. Additional information can be found [here](#). The application deadline is Friday, April 18.



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