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Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

A Message from Dr. Katie Jenner

For many students (and educators!), the countdown is on. The regular academic year will be wrapping up in just a few short weeks, and while everyone is looking forward to some time off, summer is also the perfect time for students to continue their learning!

Thanks to the dedication of educators and community partners, there are numerous opportunities across the state for students to enhance their learning in literacy, math, and college and career readiness during the summer months…whether that includes tutoring through Indiana Learns, programming through the Student Learning Recovery Grant program, or another local opportunity!

Today, I'd like to highlight one specific opportunity available to Indiana high school students statewide. For the third consecutive summer, high schools across the state are partnering with our IDOE team, CHE, GWC, and higher education institutions to help more students earn a credential of value. Research shows that increased levels of educational attainment positively impact students' future quality of life, health, living wage, employment, and sustained earning.

If you aren't familiar with **Crossing the Finish Line**, here's what you need to know:

- Eligible students can receive **free tuition and books** at Ivy Tech or Vincennes University (fees are also covered!)!

- To qualify, students must be *just a few credits away* from earning the **Indiana College Core** or another **high-value credential** (associate degree, technical certificate, or another short- or longer-term credential).

- Over the past two years, **nearly 5,200 high school students** have participated, earning **nearly 2,100 total credential completions** and saving **over $3.9 million** in tuition, fees, and textbook costs.

- In 2022 alone, **over 335 Indiana high schools** participated!

- **Classes begin in June**, so thank you for continuing to work with Ivy Tech/Vincennes to help your students get started today!

To date, ***over 2,500 students*** have already registered for classes this summer…and this number continues to grow by the day! Here's a look at the **top 10 schools** across the state with students participating, in proportion to their overall student population.

1. **Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation Early College High School** (Evansville)

2. **Believe Circle City High School** (Indianapolis)

3. **Batesville High School** (Batesville)

4. **GEO Next Generation High School** (Indianapolis)

5. **Rising Sun High School** (Rising Sun)

6. **East Central High School** (St. Leon)

7. **Wapahani High School** (Selma)

8. **Columbus Signature Academy** (Columbus)

9. **Madison Grant High School** (Fairmount)

10. **South Dearborn High School** (Aurora)

In addition to this opportunity for students who are close to earning a credential, Ivy Tech is also offering *free courses to all Indiana high school students* this summer! Please share this incredible opportunity with all of your students and encourage them to check it out.

While there are multiple rewarding *opportunities for students* this summer, in the coming weeks, we will also share more about *opportunities for educators* to participate in free conferences, workshops, and training sessions! Thank you to the educators and counselors who are helping our students to "*cross the finish line…*" allowing them to maximize their success, and thanks for all of your work to finish this year strong!

Office of Accountability

NEW: Unknown Cohort Status Check

The 2023 cohort lock is fast approaching. Please check cohort reports and pay special attention to any students with an Unknown Cohort status. The Unknown Cohort status is a dropout status and counts against the grad rate. Many of the Unknown Cohort statuses can be fixed by the school/corporation via data entries. Specific details about the causes of the Unknown Cohort status and what to do about it can be found in the Unknown Cohort Status Video and the accompanying slides. The enrollment key for the Moodle community is "**AccountabilityCommunity**" case sensitive and one word. Contact the Indiana Department Education's (IDOE's) Office of Accountability with any questions.

REMINDER: School and Corporation Profile Amendment Window

The school and corporation profile amendment submission window for the 2023-2024 school year is now open. In order to ensure IDOE maintains accurate information, all schools and corporations must provide notice when changes are made that affect school openings, closures, and reconfigurations. Information on the submission process can be found here. Contact IDOE's Office of Accountability with any questions.

Office of Student Assessment

NEW: IREAD-3 Spring 2023 Results Now Available

Score results for the IREAD-3 Spring 2023 test administration are finalized within the Centralized Reporting System (CRS). Pass percentages (and other aggregated data) will be released publicly following the summer retesting window. This release will include final results from both spring and summer test administrations. Internal aggregate scores (e.g., total percent of students who passed) should not be shared publicly (e.g., on school websites) until IDOE releases this data. Reference pass percentage calculations guidance for more information. The Indiana Interpretive Guide for Statewide Assessments provides information on how to interpret data in Individual Student Reports (ISRs). Contact IDOE's Office of Student Assessment with any questions.

NEW: IREAD-3 Remediation Support Resources

IDOE developed remediation guidance to support next steps following IREAD-3 assessment results. This guidance provides information regarding scoring and results, remediation efforts, and how educators can help grade two and three students obtain foundational reading skills using valuable assessment data. Refer to IDOE's IREAD-3 webpage and the Process and Considerations for Issuing a Good Cause Exemption for additional post-testing support. Contact IDOE's Office of Student Assessment with any questions.

NEW: WIDA ACCESS Initial Results Available Today, Friday, April 28

The WIDA ACCESS initial results release of electronic reports and data files is today, Friday, April 28. This also includes printed reports, which will arrive in corporations on Monday, May 15. Data discrepancies identified and corrected by corporations and schools during pre-reporting data validation are reflected in the initial results. Please review initial results in a timely manner. Individual Student Reports may now be shared with students and families. Contact IDOE's Office of Student Assessment with any questions.

NEW: ILEARN 3-8 Additional Order Window Closes Today, Friday, April 28

The additional order window for accommodated paper-and-pencil testing materials closes today, Friday, April 28, for the ILEARN 3-8 administration. Refer to the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) User Guide for assistance with ordering materials, and contact the Indiana Assessment Help Desk with any questions.

NEW: Sign Up for June SAT Data Workshops

College Board and IDOE will host summer SAT Data Workshops to support schools and corporation teams with accessing and using their spring SAT data. Each school and/or corporation should bring a

team of educators who will review their data from the recent SAT administration and develop a plan for utilizing data in the 2023-2024 school year. Participants will also receive an introduction to the new digital SAT launching this fall. Register for sessions across the state [here]. Contact [College Board] with any questions.

NEW: June Schoolhouse.world SAT Student Bootcamps

Schoolhouse.world will host free June SAT Bootcamps for students beginning Friday, May 5, through Thursday, June 1, in preparation for the weekend SAT administration on Saturday, June 3. [Registration] for this SAT Bootcamp is open through Wednesday, May 3. Contact [College Board] with any questions.

Office of Communications and External Affairs

[Applications] for the 2023-2024 Purple Star Designation Program are now open through Friday, September 1. The Purple Star Designation Program recognizes Indiana schools for their significant display of commitment to our service members, veterans, and families connected to the nation's military. Purple Star designations are available for three years. Additional information regarding application requirements and the award notification timeline can be found [here]. Contact [Emily Black] with any questions.

Office of Educator Talent

NEW: Nominations Now Open for the 2023 Educational Excellence Awards

Up to $5 million will be awarded to schools across the state to celebrate their progress and achievement in supporting student excellence and growth. Award winners will be honored at the second annual Indiana Educational Excellence Awards Gala in Indianapolis on Friday, September 8. To be considered for an award, schools and educators can complete a nomination form [here] by Friday, June 9. For more information, contact the [Office of Educator Talent].

REMINDER: Nominations Open for Distinguished Educators Recognition

IDOE's Office of Educator Talent is looking for confidential recommendations of teachers representing the very best educators in Indiana. These emerging leaders must have between five and 15 years of experience, demonstrate leadership beyond the classroom, and positively impact school culture and student achievement. Superintendents and principals may submit recommendations [here]. Nominations must be submitted by Friday, May 26. Contact [Rebecca Estes] with any questions.

REMINDER: Nominations Open for the Indiana History Teacher of the Year Award

In partnership with IDOE, the [Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History] awards the Indiana History Teacher of the Year title each year in its effort to promote the study and love of American history. State winners are then considered for the National History Teacher of the Year award. For more information about the nomination process and to nominate an Indiana history teacher, click [here]. Nominations must be submitted by Sunday, April 30. Contact [Anne Marie Milligan] with any questions.

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.

Office of Information Technology

REMINDER: School Financial Reports Now Available Through EdData

Schools can now access seven school financial reports, including the *Summary of Receipts* and *Expenditures and Expenditures by Object* reports via IDOE's EdData platform. The reports are available under the Finance Dashboard tile. Please note, the content of these reports has not changed. Contact form9@doe.in.gov with any questions.

REMINDER: 2023 School Tech Plan Survey Due Next Friday, May 5

The 2023 School Tech Plan Survey is now open through next Friday, May 5, to be completed by all Indiana school corporations, charter schools, and optionally for non-public schools. Completion of this survey is a requirement for all public schools to qualify for the connectivity formula grant, the common school fund, and grants from IDOE's Office of Academics. While not required, non-public schools are encouraged to complete the survey to help other schools identify best practices. The survey can be found here. Previous year public data may be found in the Digital Readiness Dashboard or through EdData. Contact Brad Hagg with any questions.

REMINDER: EdData Releases New Student-level Reports

IDOE presents additional student-level reports available behind the LINK Portal via the IDOE's new EdData platform. These reports are available to superintendents, assistant superintendents, principals, assistant principals, counselors, and data administrators. In addition, security coordinators may assign the following roles to provide access: "School Administrator," "LEA Administrator," or "Data Viewer."

- **IREAD-3 and ILEARN Report -** This report displays IREAD-3 and ILEARN data for currently enrolled students.

- **WIDA Report -** This report displays WIDA data for currently enrolled students.

- **PSAT Report -** This report displays PSAT data for currently enrolled students.

The EdData platform is available for all authenticated users and also contains some publicly available reports as those that require secure authorization. Additional EdData reports will be released in the future. Contact your LINK Security Coordinator with questions regarding roles to access EdData reports. Security coordinators may email link@doe.in.gov for assistance. Contact IDOE's Office of Student Assessment with any questions regarding assessments.

REMINDER: Student Academic Record Collection

Changes implemented for reporting course enrollments (student academic record replacing course completion collection) 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 Indiana Graduates Prepared to Succeed dashboard, and to monitor Graduation Pathways progress. 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 Building Physical Security and Safety

REMINDER: National School Nurse Day is Wednesday, May 10

Wednesday, May 10, is National School Nurse Day – a day to honor school nurses as they consistently make a difference in the lives of students. As this school year comes to a close, please recognize and honor your school nurses for all of the extraordinary work they have done to care for your school community.

School Celebration Ideas

1. Recognize the school nurse with mementos of appreciation (i.e. - gift card, flowers, lunch).
2. Have students make cards for the school nurse.
3. Include information about School Nurse Day in school communications.
4. Have the school principal present the school nurse with a Certificate of Appreciation.
5. Provide year-round support to the school nurse for accessing professional development opportunities.

Office of School and Community Nutrition

REMINDER: Healthy Meals Incentives Grants for Small/Rural Schools

As part of a cooperative agreement to develop and implement the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Healthy Meals Incentives Initiative, Action for Healthy Kids is offering competitive grants (up to $150,000) for small and/or rural schools to support efforts to improve the nutritional quality of their school meals. The deadline for submitting a grant application is 5 p.m. ET, on Friday, May 26.

Eligibility Criteria:

- SFA Must participate in the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program
- SFA must meet the following definitions of small and/or rural:
  - Small SFA: SFA with an enrollment of less than or equal to 5,000 students.
  - Rural SFA: The majority of students within the SFA are enrolled in a rural school as defined by a locality code of 41, 42, or 43, according to the National Center for Education Statistics online tool.

Need assistance with writing or implementing this grant? The Healthy Schools Action Team (HSAT) would love to help schools using their network and resources. Reach out to the HSAT Chair, Elizabeth Sons.

Office of School Finance

REMINDER: Curricular Material Reimbursement

The Office of School Finance plans to distribute curricular material reimbursement on Friday, May 5. Please see this memo for estimated payment amounts by school corporation.
Contact doetextbooks@doe.in.gov with any questions regarding the payment

REMINDER: Application for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Indirect Cost Rates

The window to submit an application for FY 2024 Indirect Cost Rates closes Monday, May 1. School corporations and charter schools that provided Form 9 financial information for FY 2022 are eligible to apply for a restricted and unrestricted rate for FY 2024. New charter schools are eligible to apply but will be subject to the median rate. This memo includes the application instructions. Contact icr@doe.in.gov with any questions.

Office of School Support and Transformation

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 in the Flexibility Guide for Indiana's K-12 Schools document. Additionally, a recording of the informational webinar can be found here, and answers to frequently asked questions can be found here. Applications are now open and will be accepted on a rolling basis through Friday, June 2.

Applications will be reviewed in three rounds:

	Review period	Request for information timeline	Recommendation sent to the State Board of Education
Round One	Friday, February 10, through Friday, March 17	Monday, March 13, through Wednesday, March 29	May
Round Two	Monday, March 20, through Friday, April 28	Monday, April 24, through Wednesday, May 10	June
Round Three	Monday, May 1, through Friday, June 2	Tuesday, May 30, through Wednesday, June 14	July

Contact Georgia Watson with any questions.

Office of Student Pathways and Opportunities

NEW: Partnership to Support High Ability Coordinators

IDOE has partnered with Ball State University and East Central Educational Service Center to provide an opportunity for active district High Ability Coordinators. This program will include paid tuition, university fees, books for a three-credit-hour graduate-level course focused on high ability learners, one-on-one support sessions during the 2023-2024 school year, and stipends for the creation of high ability resources.

Detailed information is included in this [program description](). Superintendents can recommend a candidate through the registration process by completing page 3 of the [application](). This opportunity is limited to 20 seats for the introduction course and 20 seats for the advanced course. Applications are due by Monday, May 8. Contact [highability@ecesc.k12.in.us]() with any questions.

NEW: American Rescue Plan-Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) Remaining Balance

As the second anniversary of the $800M set-aside from ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund for Homeless Children and Youth approaches, please remember:

- Funds appropriated under the ARP-HCY I & II will be available for obligation until September 30, 2024.

- The deadline for drawdown of the obligated ARP-HCY I & II funds is 120 days, or January 30, 2025 (*see* 2 C.F.R. § 200.344(b)).

- As of January 25, 2023, Indiana shows an available ARP-HCY balance of $11,230,750.17, which is 86% of the total Indiana's ARP Homeless I and II allocations combined.

- Indiana school districts must report your expenditures monthly in order for IDOE to maintain accurate reporting of dollars spent and dollars available.

Contact [McKinneyVentoPOC@doe.in.gov]() with any questions.

NEW: May Graduation Pathways Webinar

IDOE's Student Pathways and Opportunities team will host the final Graduation Pathways webinar of the 2022-2023 school year on Thursday, May 25, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. ET via Microsoft Teams. The topic of this important meeting is Graduation & INTERS End of Year Reporting requirements and deadlines that you must know to ensure your data is accurate and your school is compliant. Please bring questions to the meeting for the IDOE Accountability and Student Pathways Teams and the Office of CTE. Please use this [link]() to join. Contact [DOEGradpathways@doe.in.gov]() with any questions

REMINDER: FY 2024 High Ability Program Grant

High Ability Program Grant applications for FY 2024 (school year 2023-2024) will open on Thursday, June 1, and will close Saturday, July 1. Applicants must include their High Ability Program Plan Template, as well as two SMART goals, based upon high ability program elements. All grant budget requests must align with the goals set. Contact [studentpathways_highability@doe.in.gov]() with any questions.

REMINDER: May McKinney-Vento Liaison Webinar

IDOE's Student Pathways and Opportunities team will host the May McKinney-Vento webinar on Tuesday, May 9, from 11 a.m. to noon ET via Microsoft Teams. Please use this [link]() to join. The topic of May's webinar is End-of-Year Reporting. Information that was originally planned to be shared at the April webinar will also be included in the May webinar. Contact [Mckinneyventopoc@doe.in.gov]() with any questions.

REMINDER: May High Ability Webinar

IDOE's Student Pathways and Opportunities team will host the May High Ability webinar on Wednesday, May 10, from 3 to 4 p.m. ET via Microsoft Teams. Please use this link to join. The topic of May's webinar is End-of-Year Reporting. Information that was originally planned to be shared at the April webinar will also be included in the May webinar. Contact Studentpathways_highability@doe.in.gov with any questions.

REMINDER: May Alternative Education Webinar

IDOE's Student Pathways and Opportunities team will host the May Alternative Education webinar on Thursday, May 11, from 10 to 11 a.m. ET via Microsoft Teams. Please use this link to join. The topic of May's webinar is End-of-Year Reporting. Information that was originally planned to be shared at the April webinar will also be included in the May webinar. Contact studentpathways_alted@doe.in.gov with any questions.

Office of Student Support and Accessibility/Special Education

NEW: Participation in Statewide Assessments for Students with Education Scholarship Accounts

All students with disabilities must participate in statewide assessments. Indiana complies with guidance pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requiring all students with disabilities to participate in testing with appropriate accommodations as indicated in their Individualized Education Program (IEP), Service Plan, or Choice scholarship education plan. Additional information can be found here. Contact IDOE's Office of Special Education with any questions.

NEW: Dual Language Program Grant Application Opens Monday, May 1

Applications for the 2023-2024 Dual Language Program grant will be open from Monday, May 1, through Friday, May 19. This competitive grant is intended for corporations or charter schools interested in starting a pilot or expanding an existing dual language program. The grant now includes two different application types: one for newer programs (implementation year through grade two), and one for established programs (grades three and above). For additional information on program requirements, funding amounts, and how to apply, see IDOE's Indiana Dual Language webpage. Contact IDOE's Office of English Learning and Migrant Education with any questions.

NEW: WIDA Standards Implementation Workshop on Thursday, May 11

Join IDOE for a virtual workshop focused on implementing the WIDA Standards, 2020 Edition, on Thursday, May 11, from 3 to 5 p.m. ET. This session is a part of level III of the Indiana WIDA Standards Rollout and is intended for both English learner (EL) and content-area educators with any level of WIDA Standards knowledge. Educators will test actionable approaches to enhancing language and content instruction using the WIDA Standards. Registration is not required, and access to the meeting can be found on the Indiana EL PD Opportunities Calendar. Participants are encouraged to bring a colleague and a favorite lesson plan to work from. Contact IDOE's Office of English Learning and Migrant Education with any questions.

NEW: Indiana ILP System Training on Thursday, May 18

A virtual training on the Indiana ILP system for both new and experienced users will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. ET on Thursday, May 18. The training will include a general overview of the system, a review of

helpful tools, implementation tips, and a question and answer session. No registration is required, and access to the training can be found on the [Indiana EL PD Opportunities Calendar](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of English Learning and Migrant Education](#) with any questions.

UPDATE: IDOE Technical Assistance (TA) Office Hours

IDOE's Office of Student Support and Accessibility hosts [TA Office Hours](#) from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. ET on the first Thursday of each month for targeted support on specific needs or issues. Join the upcoming session on Thursday, May 4, to discuss the Special Education Toolkit created to help assist special education programs. Please contact IDOE's [Office of Student Support and Accessibility](#) with any questions.

UPDATE: Special Education Excess Cost (SEEC) May Office Hours

IDOE's Office of Special Education will continue to hold office hours to support schools navigating the SEEC fund. This is an opportunity for schools to ask questions regarding excess cost procedures or situations specific to their district. No registration is needed, and you may join either of the sessions below.

- [10:30 to 11:30 a.m. ET on Wednesday, May 17](#)
- [10:30 to 11:30 a.m. ET on Wednesday, May 31](#)

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

REMINDER: Educator & Parent Stakeholder Group Meetings for Special Education Graduation Rate, Dropout Rate, and Transition IEPs

IDOE's Office of Special Education will hold two sessions of stakeholder meetings to analyze data and identify improvement strategies for Graduation Rate (Indicator 1), Dropout Rate (Indicator 2), and Transition IEPs (Indicator 13). Participants may choose one session either on [Tuesday, May 9, from 10 to 11 a.m. ET](#) or [Thursday, May 11, from 2 to 3 p.m. ET](#). A separate meeting will also be held specifically for parents to analyze Indicators 11, 12, and 13, as well. This meeting will be held on [Monday, May 15, from 6 to 7 p.m. ET](#). There is no registration required for these meetings. Contact IDOE's [Office of Special Education](#) with any questions.

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

NEW: May Professional Development (PD) with IDOE

IDOE has new sessions for May PD with IDOE beginning with *Integrating ISPROUT, Curriculum and Standards.* View a full list of the May 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 to log in. Contact IDOE's [Office of Digital Learning](#) with any questions.

UPDATE: Unlocking the Transformative Role of School Librarians Series

Join the Indiana Library Federation to celebrate National Library Month with a three-part series on building leaders and corporation administrators. The conclusion of this series, *Indiana School Librarians: Positive Impact & Innovation*, will be held from 4 to 4:30 p.m. ET on Thursday, May 4. Access the [Indiana Learning](#)

Lab to view Part I and II on-demand to learn more about the impact a librarian can have on student literacy and achievement. Contact IDOE's Literacy Center with any questions.

REMINDER: Virtual Learning in Kindergarten

Join kindergarten teachers from Lawrenceburg Community School Corporation on Monday, May 1, at 2:30 p.m. ET for a session discussing virtual learning days in kindergarten. These educators will share how they prepare kindergartners and their families, types of assignments, and ways they have improved their virtual learning days. Contact IDOE's Office of Digital Learning with any questions.

REMINDER: STEM Certification Office Hours

IDOE continues office hours to support schools seeking STEM Certification. Join IDOE specialists next week to learn more about the Integration of Computer Science on Monday, May 1, and the new Crosswalk to STEM Certification on Thursday, May 4. Contact IDOE's Office of Teaching and Learning with any questions.

Office of Title Grants and Support

Reminder: Title Grants and Support Quarterly Meeting

On Wednesday, May 10, at 10 a.m., the Title Grants and Support Team will host the fourth Quarterly Meeting to provide updates on federal grants. Use this link to participate. Contact TitleI@doe.in.gov with any questions.

News From Our Partners

NEW FROM THE AMERICAN INSTITUTES FOR RESEARCH: Register Now for Expect, Engage, Empower - Successful Transitions for All

The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) will host *Expect, Engage, Empower: Successful Transitions for All* on Wednesday, May 10, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. ET. The event will address how to improve transition services for youth with disabilities and their families through prioritized and collaborative efforts. This event is open to all, and additional information can be found on the event webpage. Contact the planning team with any questions.

NEW FROM THE INDIANAPOLIS INDIANS: Teacher Appreciation Night at Victory Field

Join educators from across the state of Indiana as the Indianapolis Indians celebrate teachers! Tickets are only $10 for teachers, school leaders, and those who support students and teachers outside of the classroom. Educators are welcome to buy as many tickets as they like to bring friends and family. Tickets can be purchased here. Contact IDOE's Office of Educator Talent with any questions.

NEW FROM THE EDUCATION SERVICE CENTERS OF INDIANA AND KEEP INDIANA LEARNING: #VirtuallyDifferent Summer Conference is back

This year, the theme is Strengthening The Core. Join us Tuesday, June 13, and Wednesday, June 14, for four impactful keynotes, three strands of breakout sessions, and two days of virtual learning at one can't-miss conference. Registration for the conference includes one year of access to all recorded sessions, so you can access the resources when you need them, perfect for professional learning communities. Sign up today! Contact Marti Hoofer with any questions.

NEW FROM THE COMPUTER SCIENCE TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONS: Indiana Computer Science Professional Development (CSPD) Week is Monday, June 26, through Friday, June 30

Indiana's second annual CSPDWeek, brought to you by the National Computer Science Teachers Association (CSTA), the Indiana CSTA Chapter, Nextech, and IDOE has openings for middle and high school teachers. Click here for more information about professional development opportunities at Indiana CSPD Week. Contact in.cspdweek@gmail.com with any questions.

NEW FROM THE CROSSROADS OF AMERICA COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA: Now Hiring Part-Time Program Leaders

Interested in serving your local community through Scouting? The Crossroads of America Council, Boy Scouts of America is seeking Cub Scout program leaders to serve in either an in school or after school capacity. View this flyer or contact npearce@crossroadsbsa.org for additional information.

NEW FROM THE CROSSROADS OF AMERICA COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA: Lange Innovation Center Now Hiring Part-Time Employees

Interested in supporting Indiana students through robotics programming, 3D printing, engineering, and much more? The Lange Innovation Center is now hiring part-time staff members to support school programming for central Indiana Scouts and community members. View this flyer or contact rtankers@scouting.org for additional information.

REMINDER FROM INDIANA FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (FSSA): Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (PEBT) Eligibility

Families who meet certain income requirements and have chosen home or virtual school for their children due to the COVID-19 pandemic may be eligible for PEBT (federal food assistance), but they must act quickly. Families must apply for this benefit before Monday, May 15. Families who meet the qualifications below are encouraged to visit FSSA's PEBT webpage to apply. (Scroll down the page to find the green button to apply.) The PEBT Home or Virtual School Program provides benefits for:

- Students in kindergarten through grade two
    - Who are attending home or virtual school for COVID-related reasons
    - Who are determined to be eligible for free/reduced price meals due to their family's income
- Students in grades three through 12
    - Who were enrolled at an NSLP (free/reduced lunch) eligible school and switched to home/virtual school after the Federal Public Health Emergency began on January 27, 2020, and

- Who are attending home or virtual school for COVID-related reasons
- Who are determined to be eligible for free/reduced price meals due to their family's income

Families can find the application and other information about PEBT here. More information about FSSA and all its divisions and programs is available at www.IN.gov/FSSA.

REMINDER FROM FSSA: Child Care Expansion Grant Applications Now Open

FSSA's Child Care Expansion Grant program is now open through Friday, May 12, to help early education providers expand access to high-quality early education for Hoosier families. This opportunity extends to all school districts, with priority consideration given to those serving children on child care and development funds (CCDFs) or planning to. A currently licensed or regulated CCDF program may apply for "existing program expansion." Any district wishing to create a new program may apply for "new program creation," with the expectation that the early learning program will be on Paths to Quality Level 3 in 18 months or sooner. This grant opportunity includes intensive support to achieve the goals of the application for all recipients. This is a competitive grant, and not all who apply will receive funding. An overview of the grant opportunity, including supporting resources and links to the application and upcoming informational webinar, is available here. For questions or support, contact the SPARK Help Desk via phone at (800) 299-1627 or via email.

REMINDER FROM THE INDIANA YMCA YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT CLUB: Scholarships Available for the 2023-2024 School Year

The Indiana YMCA Youth and Government Club is a civic engagement student-led program that provides realistic simulations that help students better understand Indiana state government and the democratic process. The Lilly Grant in partnership with the YMCAs of Indiana will be offering scholarships up to 75% off conference fees for schools with students in grades six through 12 to participate in the Indiana YMCA Youth and Government Club. See this flier and this brochure for more details. Interest forms for the 2023-2024 fall semester are due by Thursday, August 31. Interested educators can complete the form here. Contact Iesha Grove at (252) 626-7754, or iesha@indianaymcas.org with any questions.

REMINDER FROM THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEACHER INVESTMENT PROGRAM (AP-TIP): 2023 Summer Institute

AP teachers are invited to register for the AP Summer Institute sponsored by the University of Notre Dame's Advanced Placement Teacher Investment Program (AP-TIP). At AP-TIP's Summer Institute, teachers will engage in hands-on workshops and labs focused on exemplary instructional strategies ready to be implemented in their own classrooms. The 2023 AP Summer Institute will be held Tuesday, July 11 through Friday, July 14, at Pike High School in Indianapolis. Sessions will be held daily from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET. To view the full list of sessions and to register, click here. Contact Karen Morris with any questions.

REMINDER FROM THE SOCIETY OF INDIANA PIONEERS: Grant Opportunities for the 2023-2024 School Year

The Society of Indiana Pioneers offers $500 field trip grants and $1,000 classroom activity grants to encourage the study of Indiana pioneer-era history. Applications for field trip grants for the fall semester are due on Thursday, June 1, and activity grant applications for the 2023-2024 school year are due on Saturday, September 30. Educators may submit a grant request on behalf of any public, private, or charter

school, and any not-for-profit organization. Teachers of Indiana history, U.S. History, Indiana Studies, and pioneer-related content in any discipline (literature, music, art, etc.) are encouraged to apply. Contact Andrea Neal at (317) 440-7844, or email Sally Fadely with any questions.

REMINDER FROM THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF FOUNDATION: Support for Future Educators

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