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## Dr. Jenner's Weekly Update

Weekly Newsletter from the Indiana Department of Education

May 2, 2025

### A Message from Dr. Katie Jenner

As we kick off May in Indiana, many schools are heading into their final weeks of the 2024-2025 school year. While summer learning, vacations, and educator professional development opportunities are just around the corner, the end of the school year is a celebratory time and also a great opportunity to look back on our achievements...

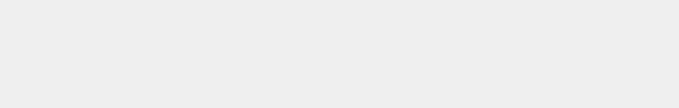
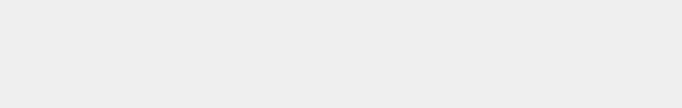
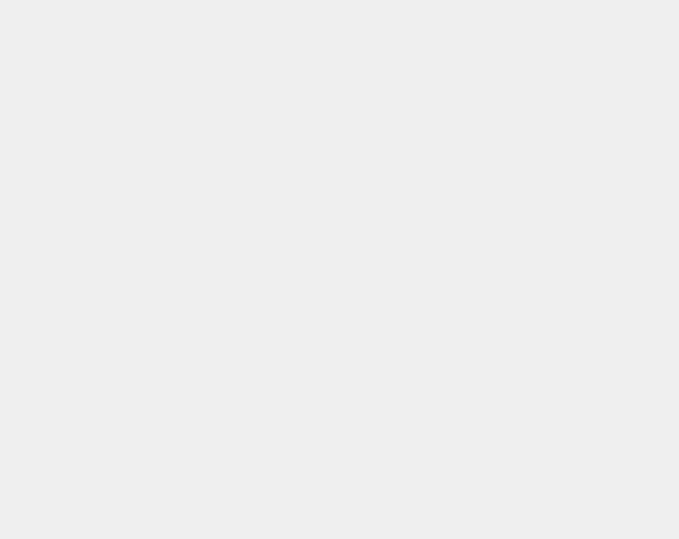
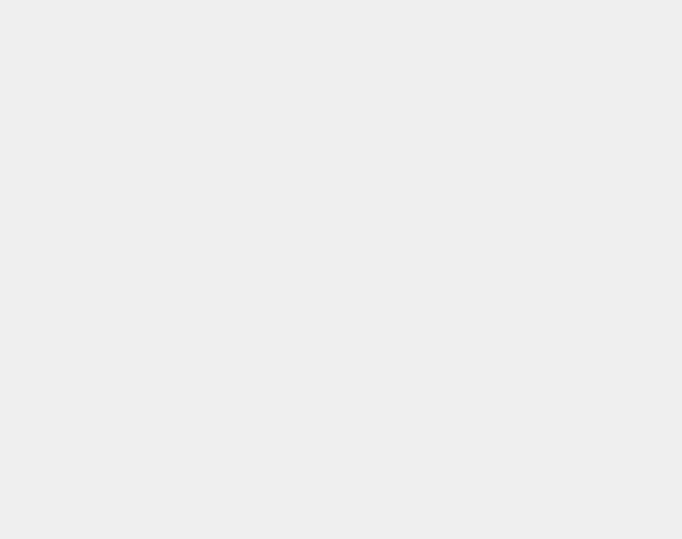
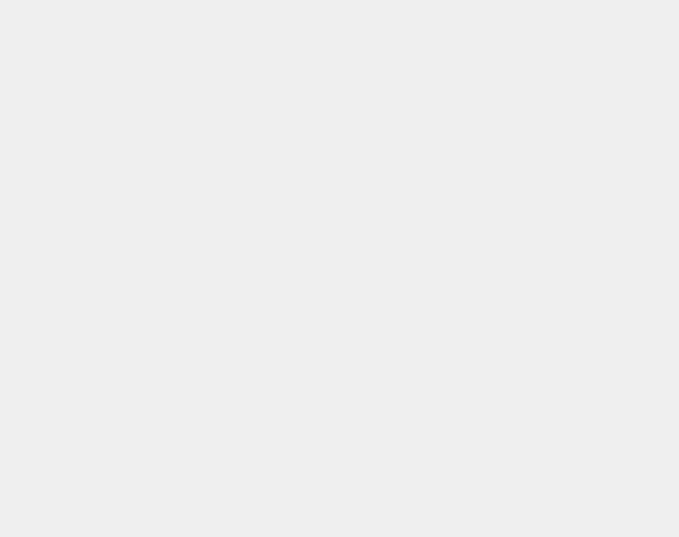
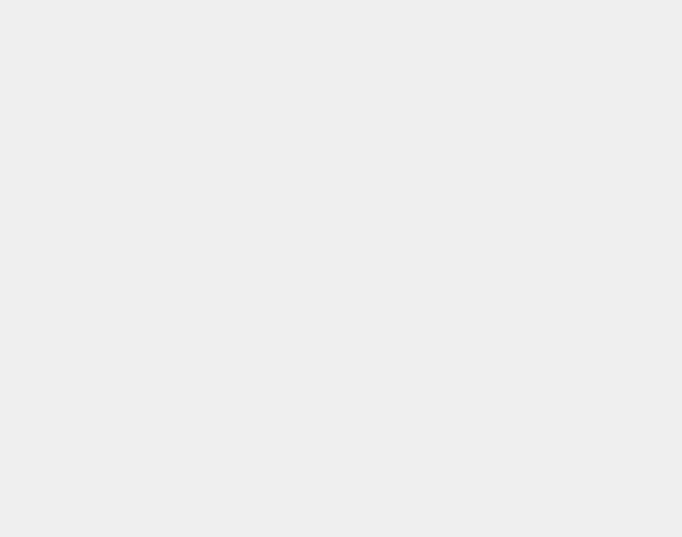
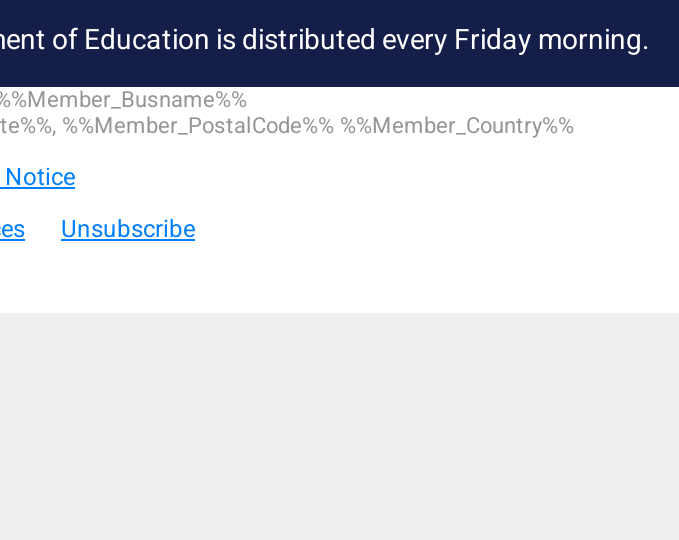
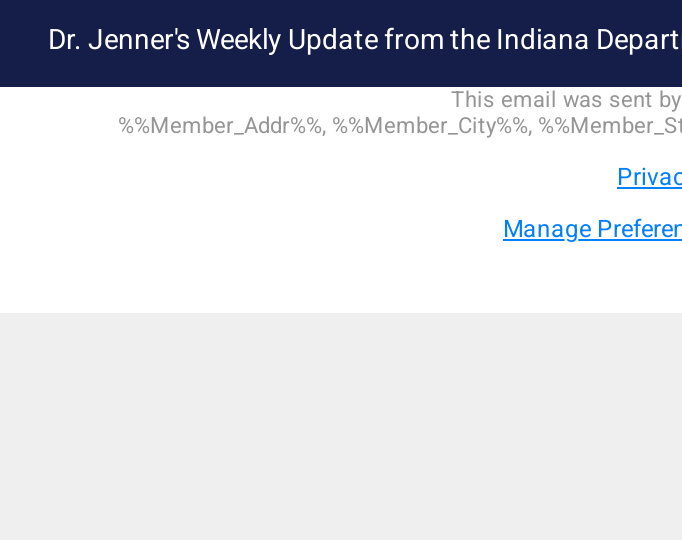
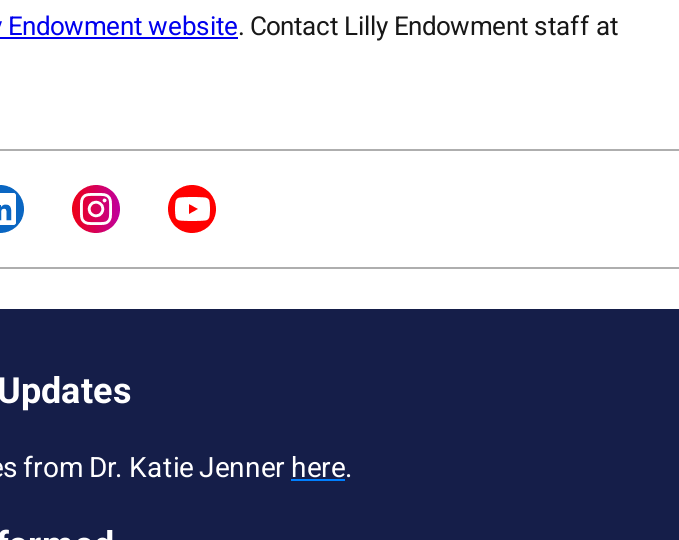
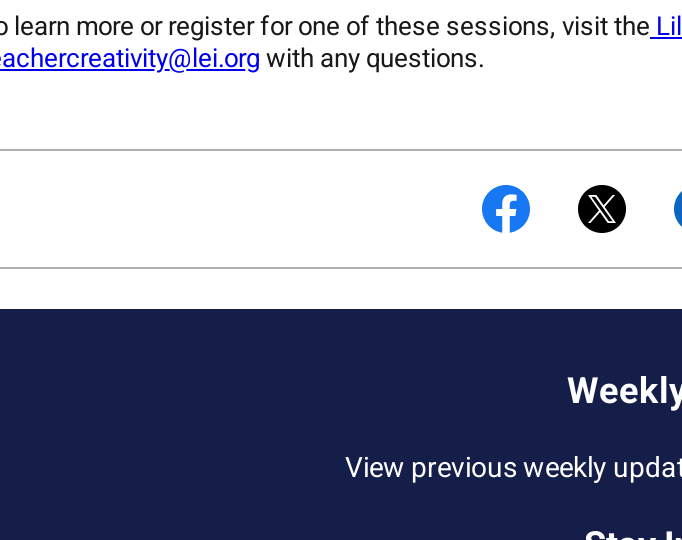
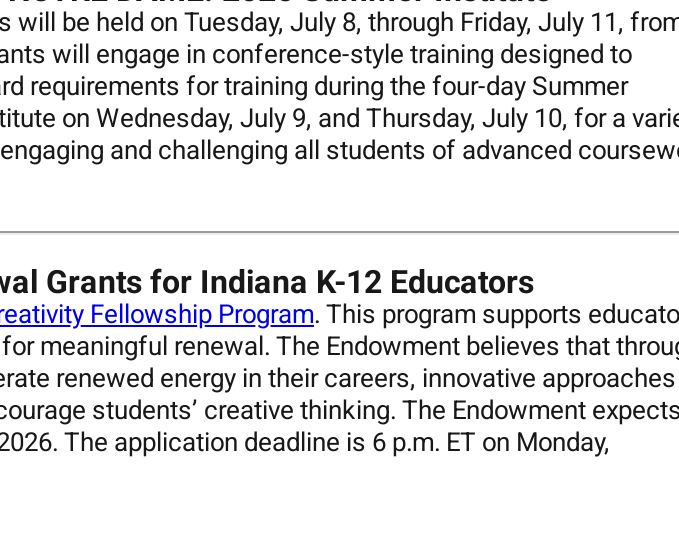
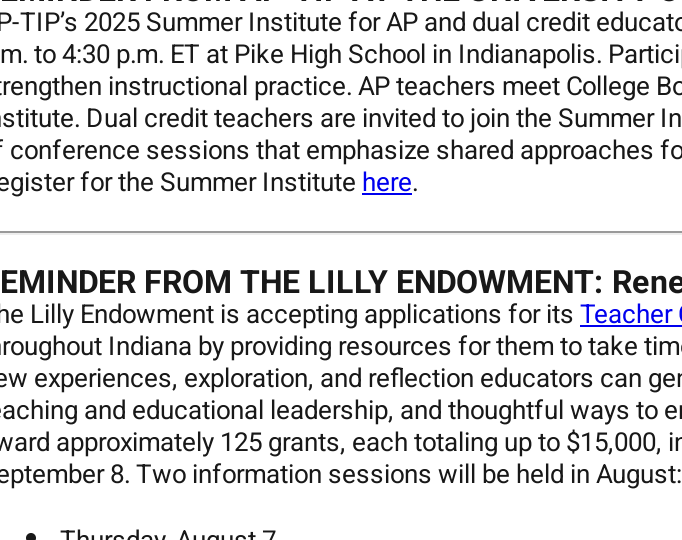
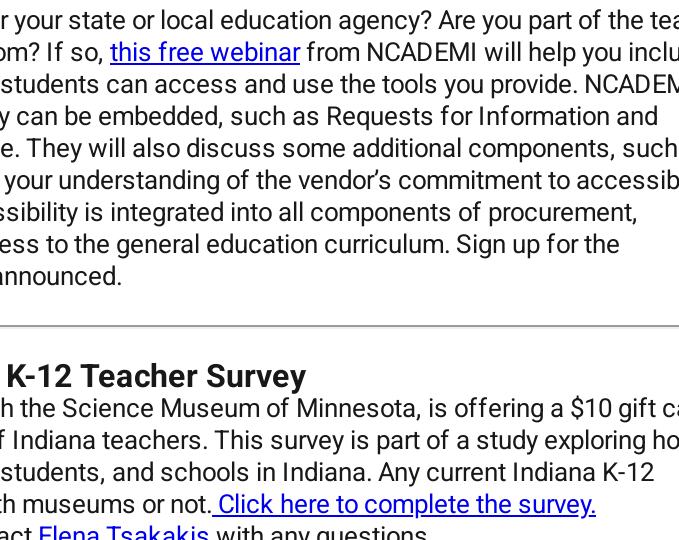
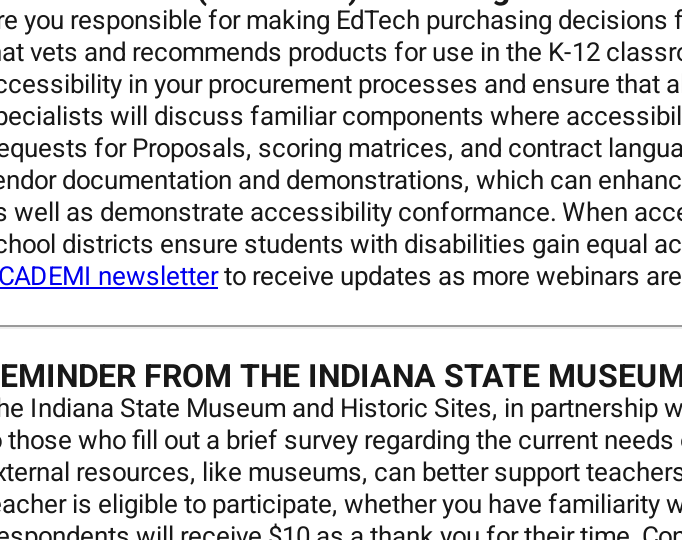
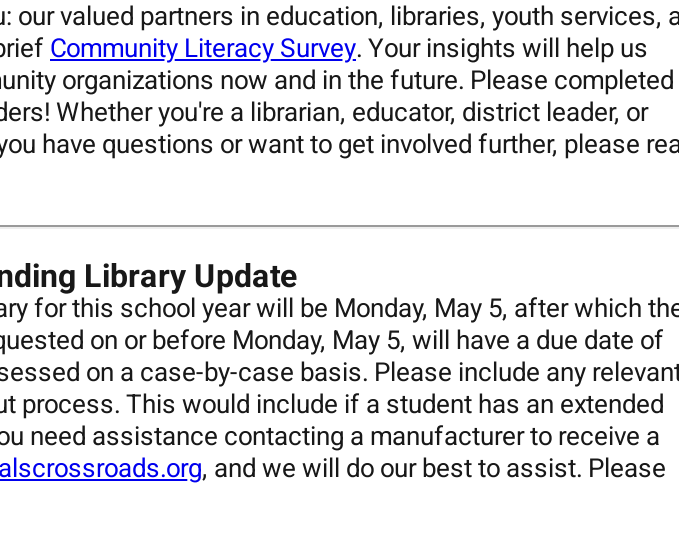
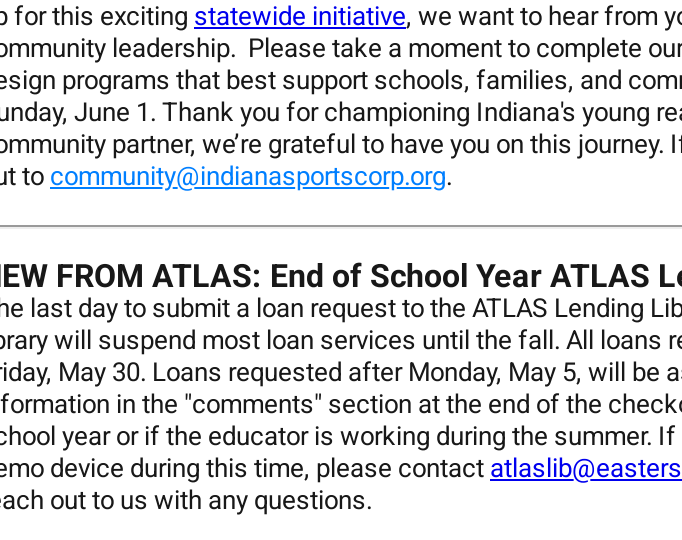
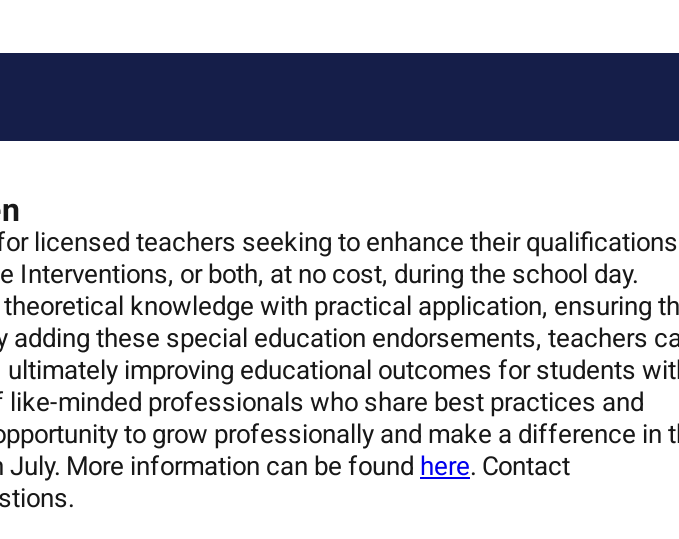
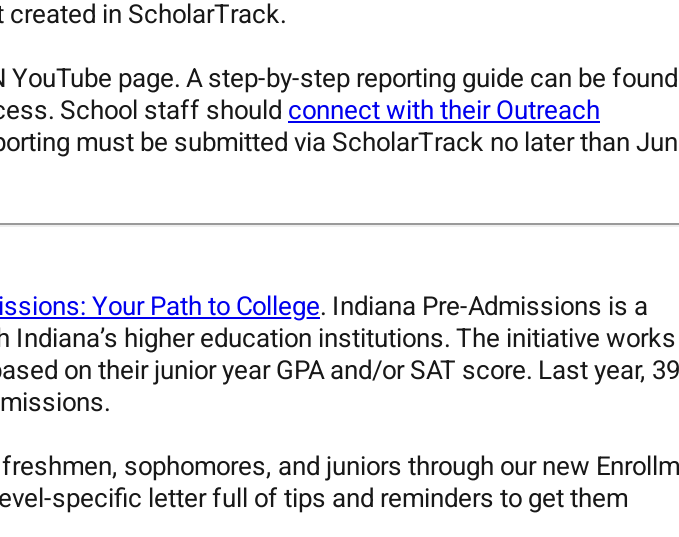
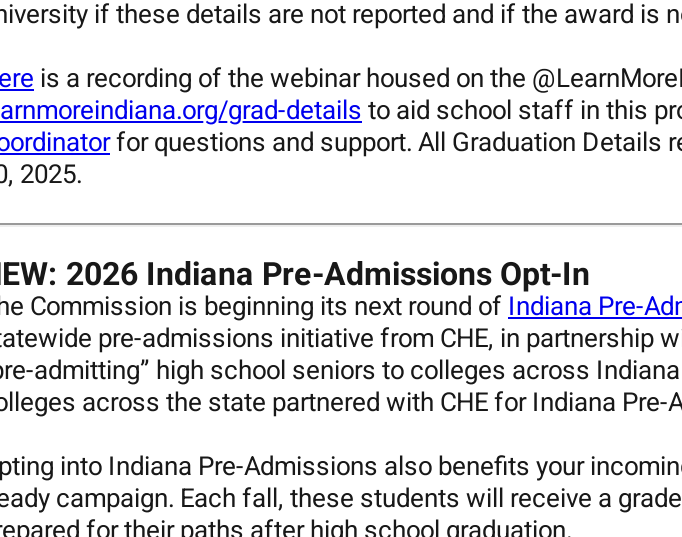
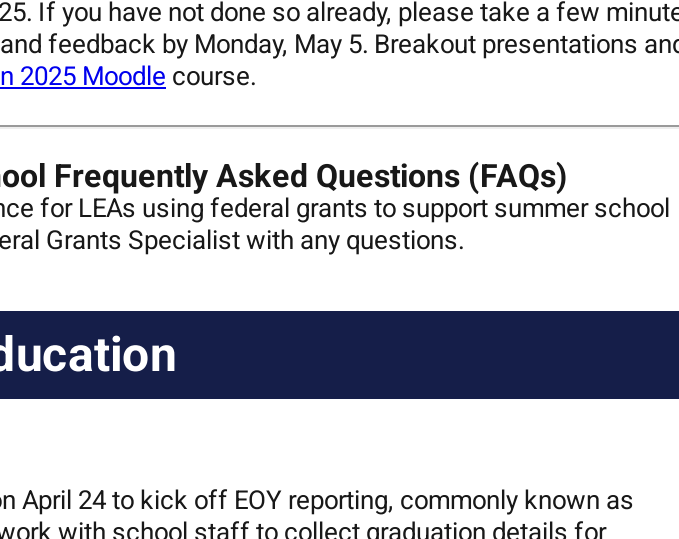
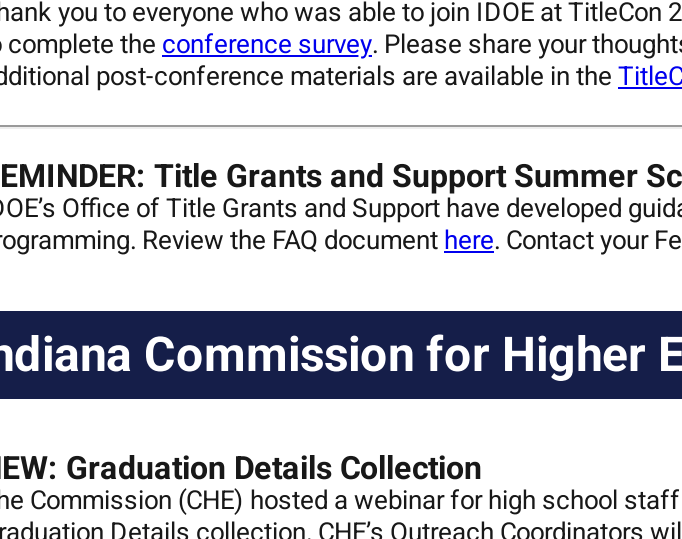
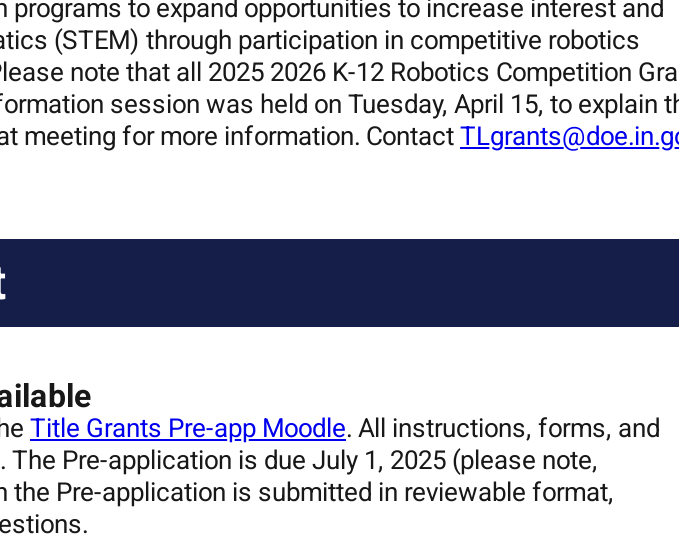
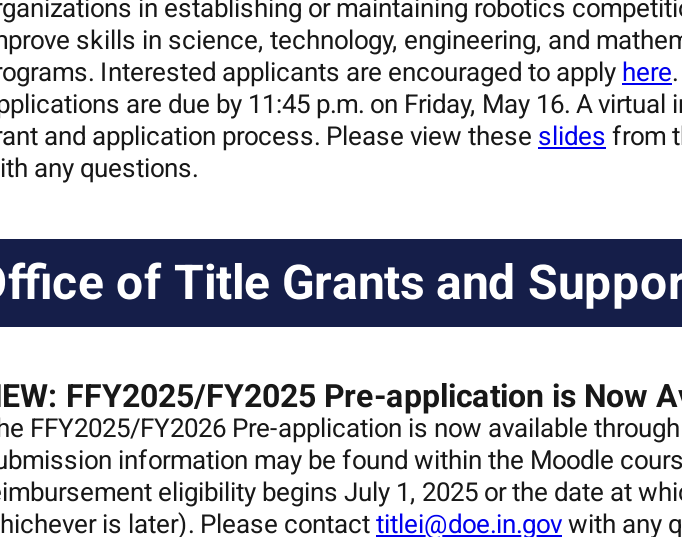
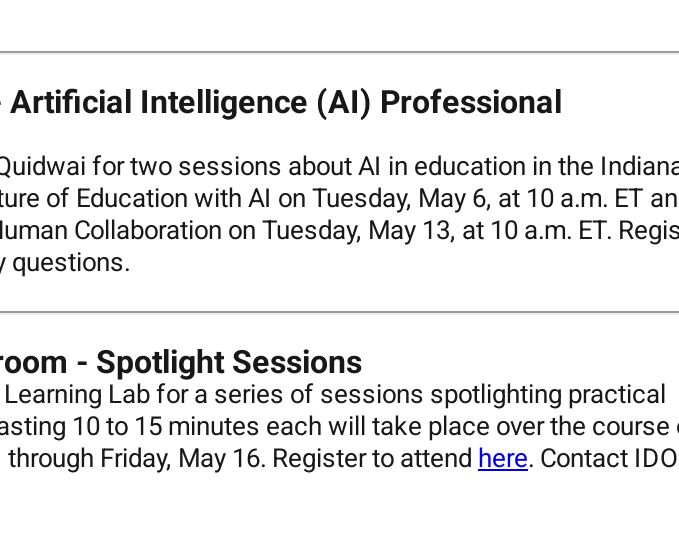
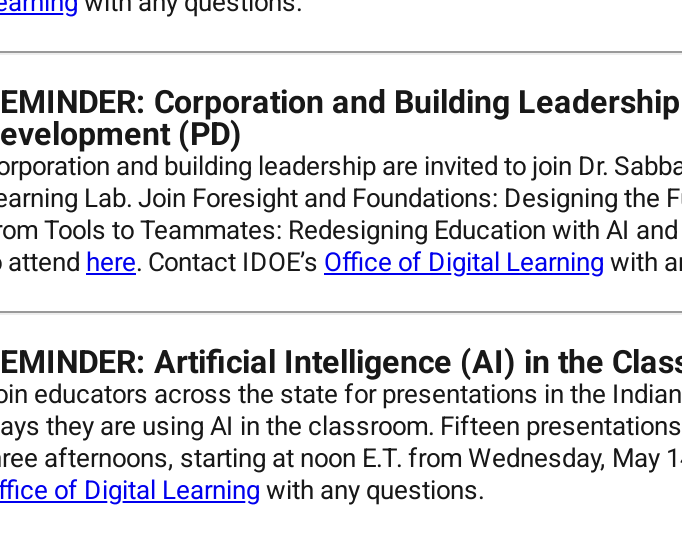
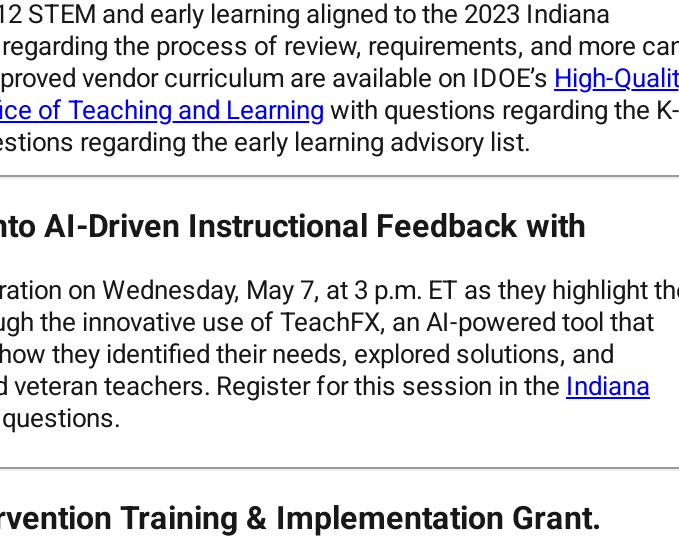
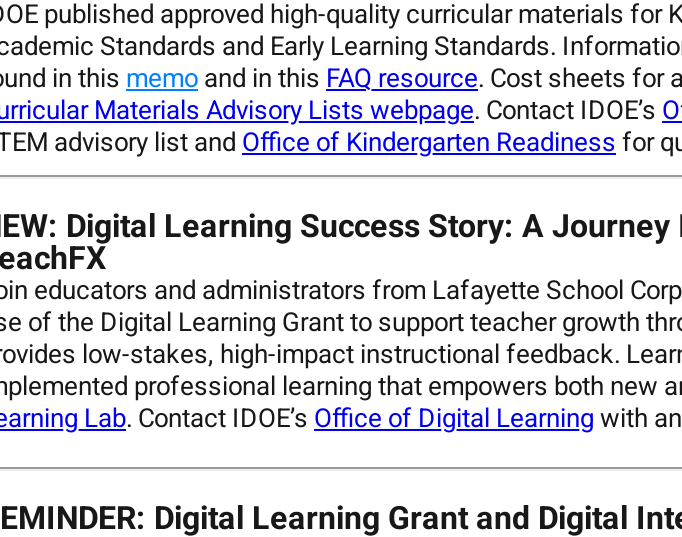
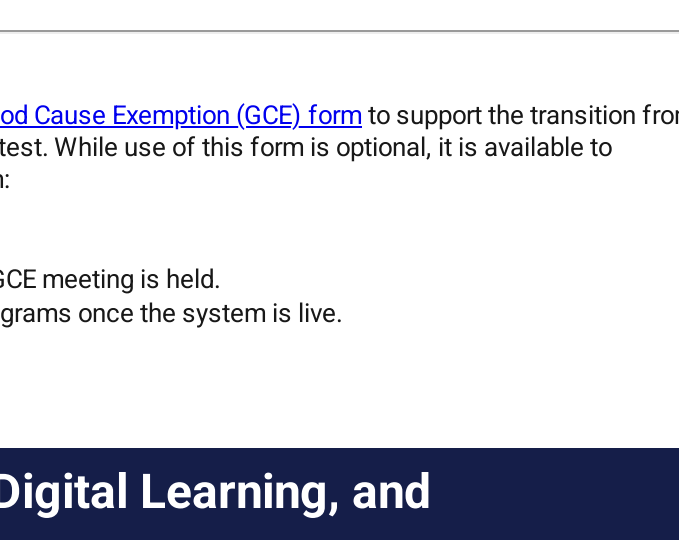
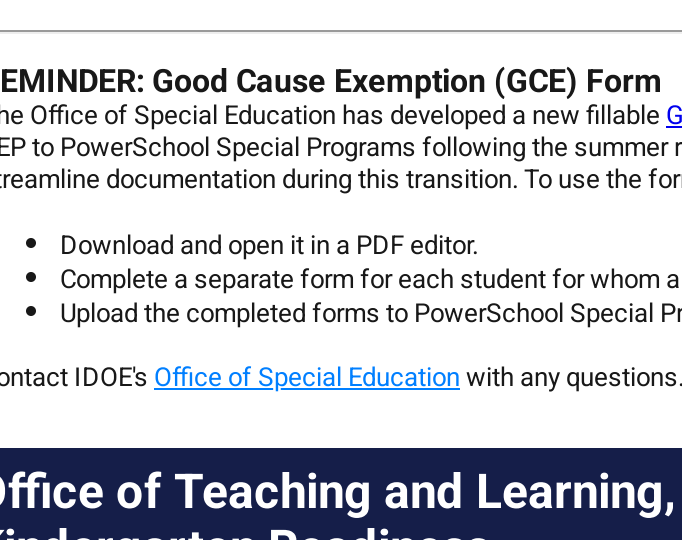
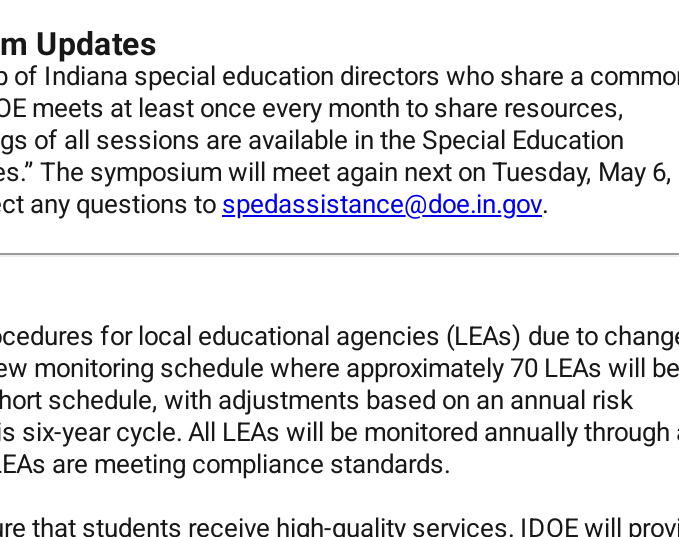
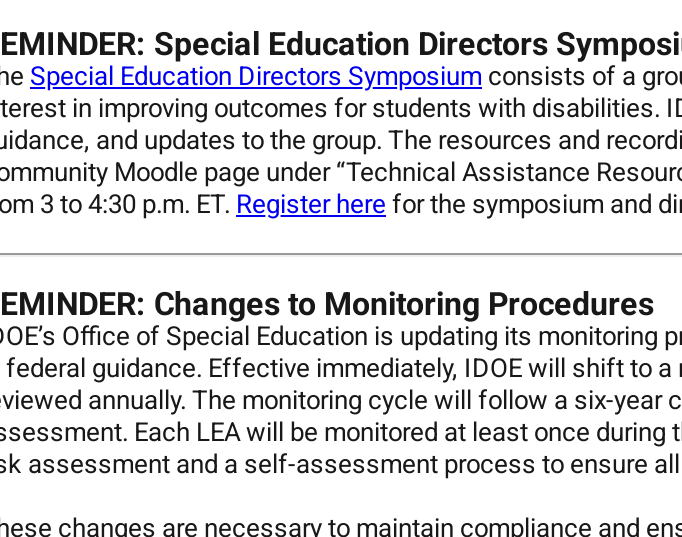
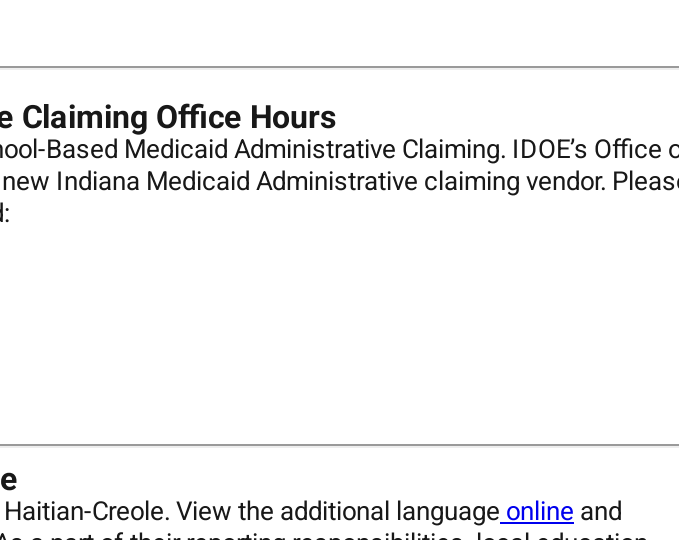
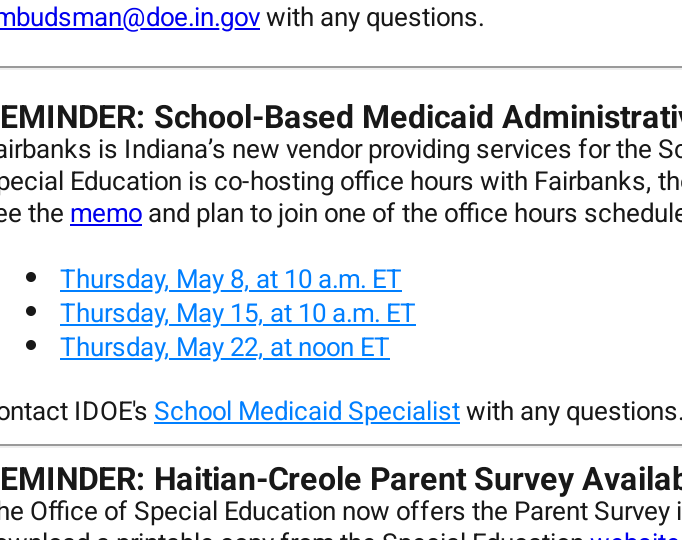
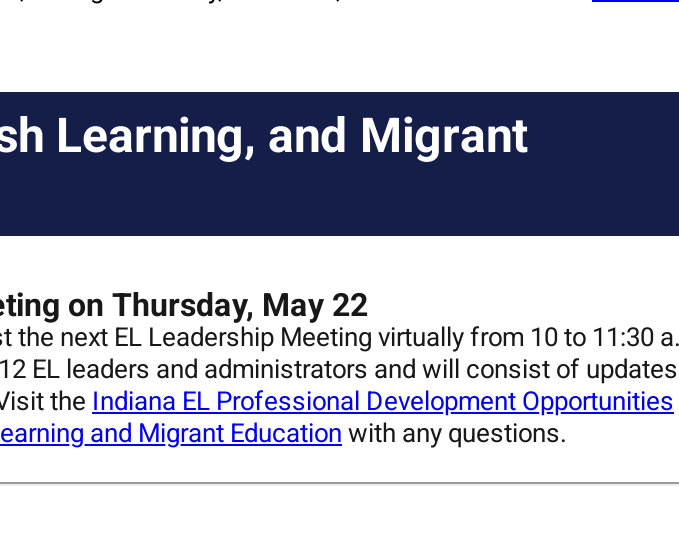
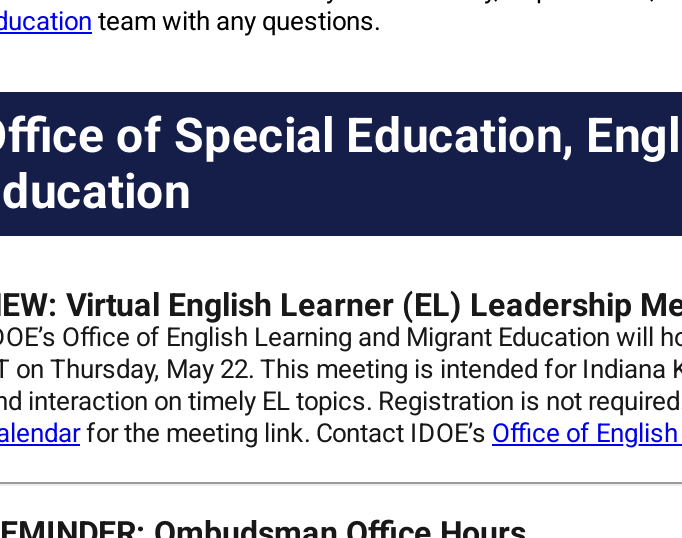
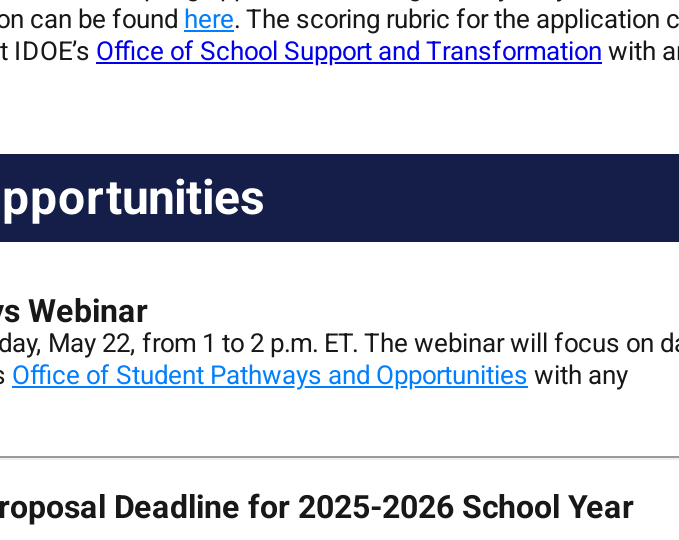
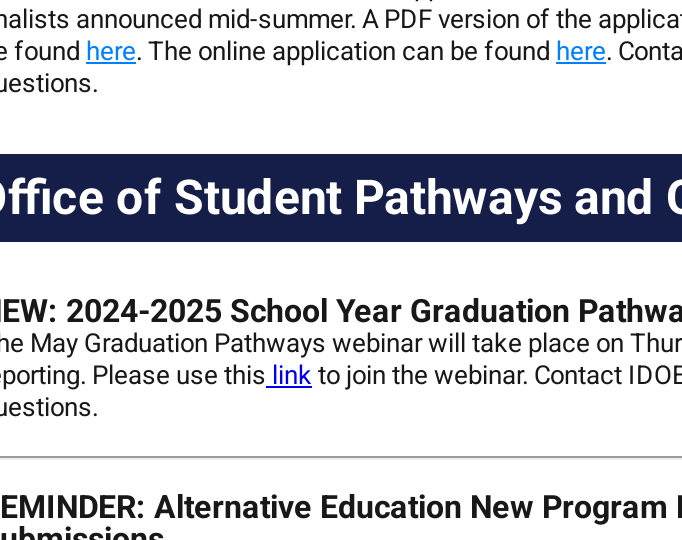
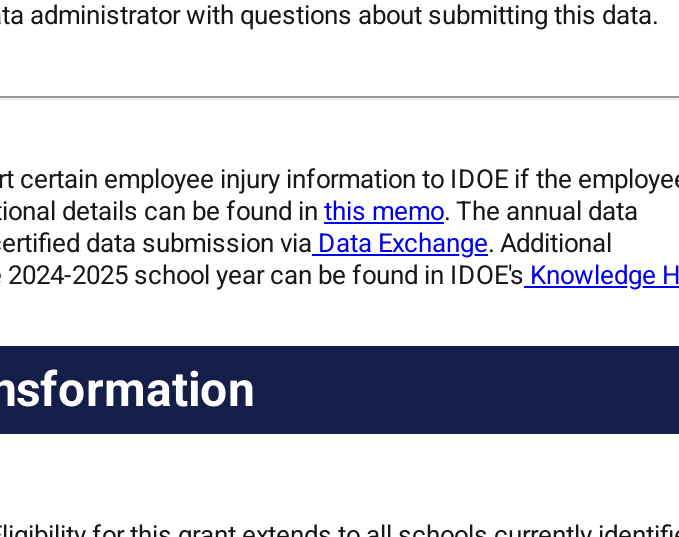
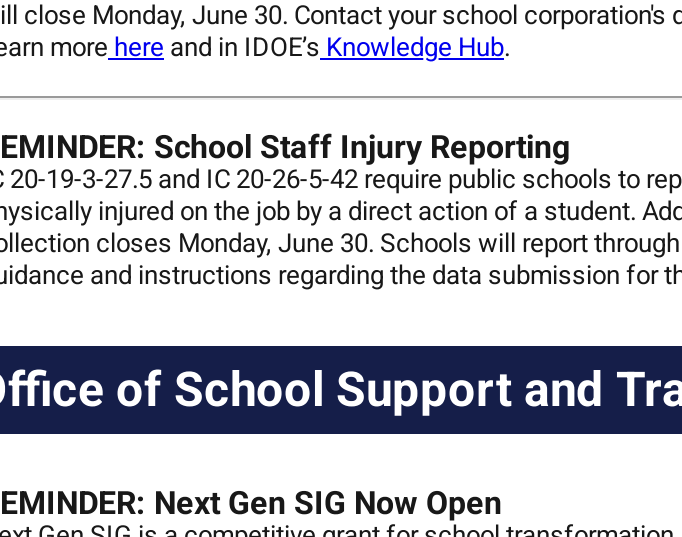
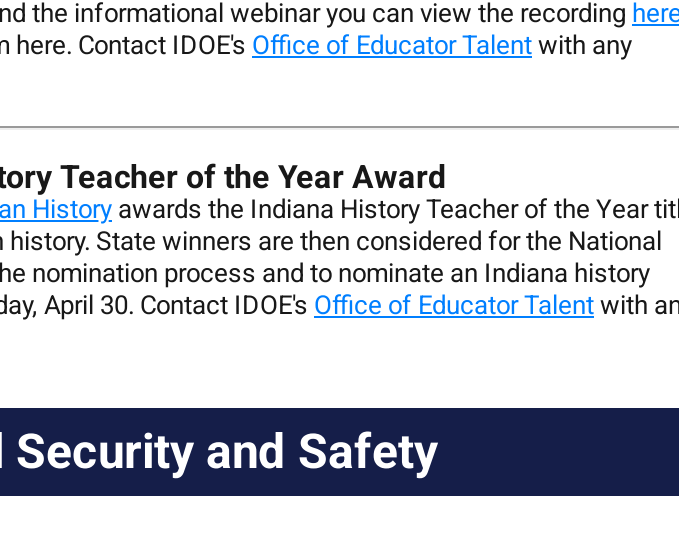
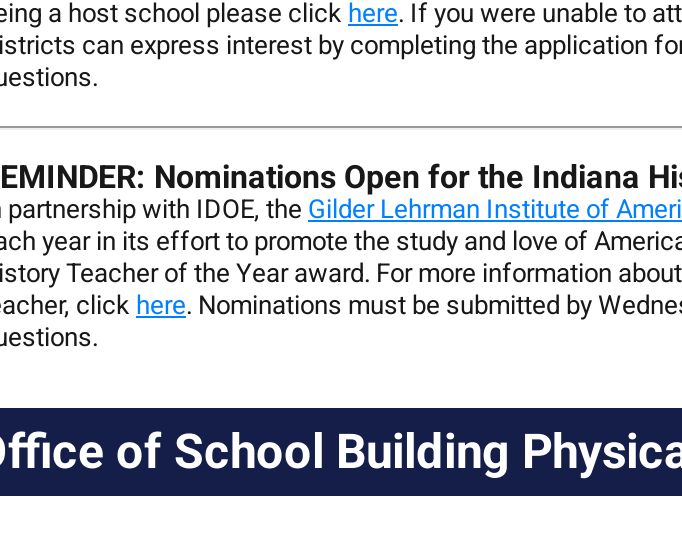
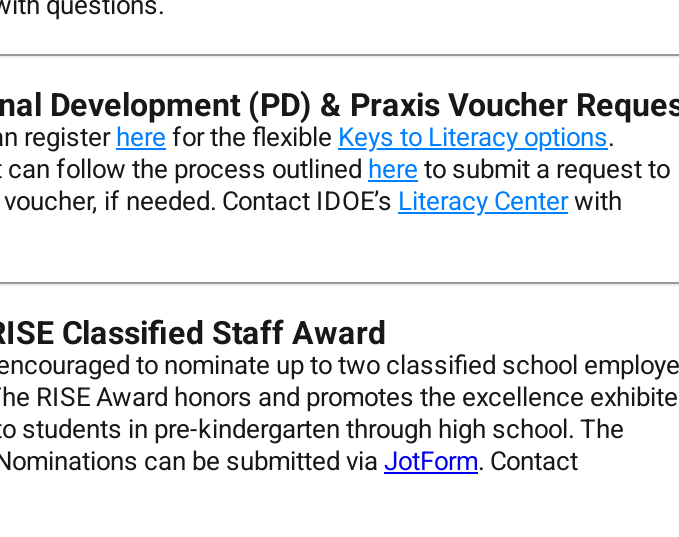
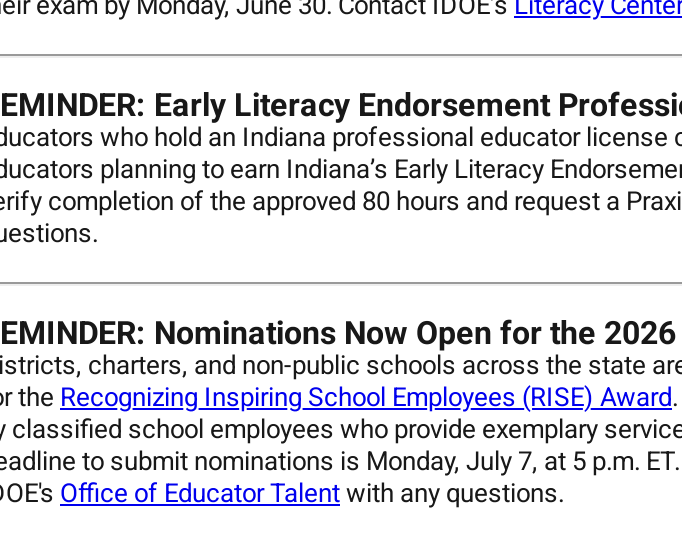
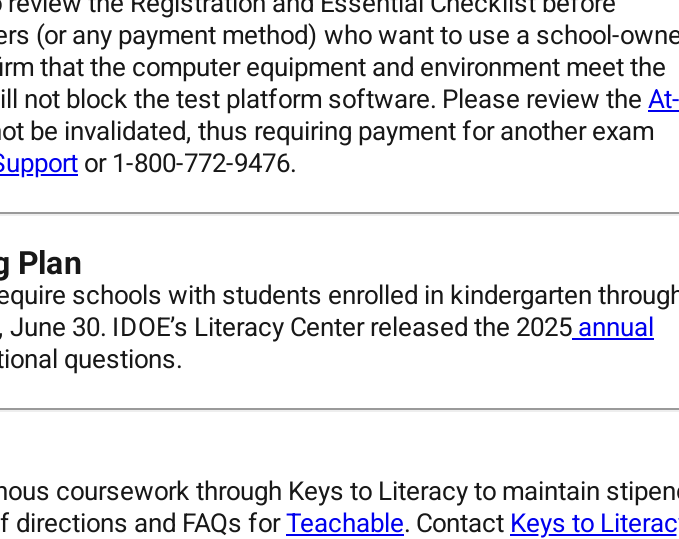
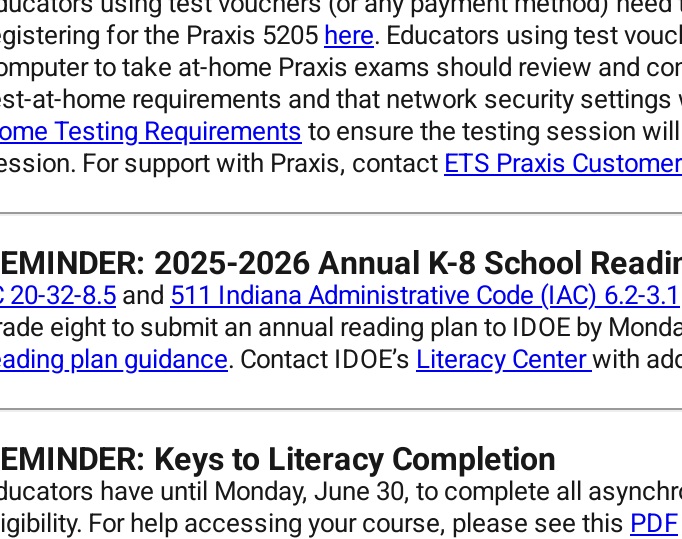
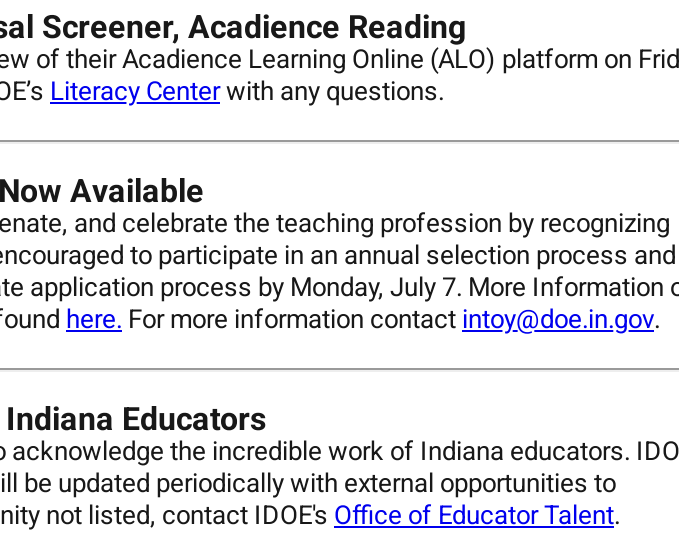
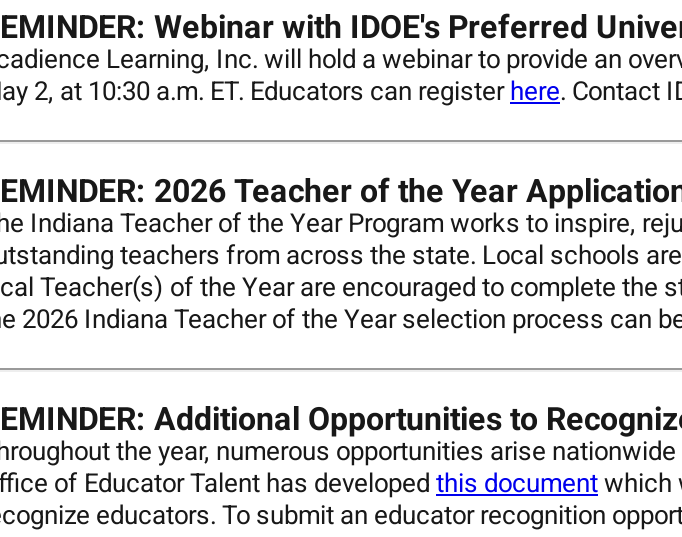
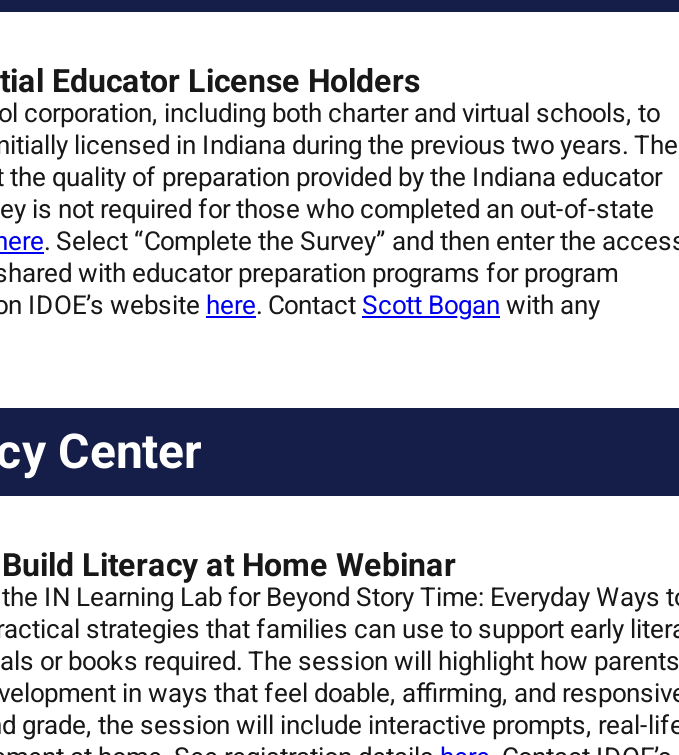
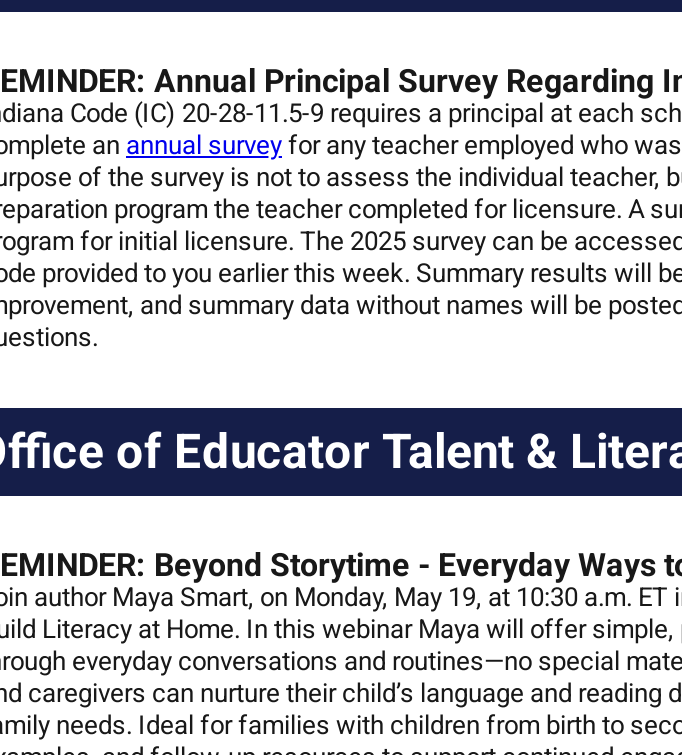
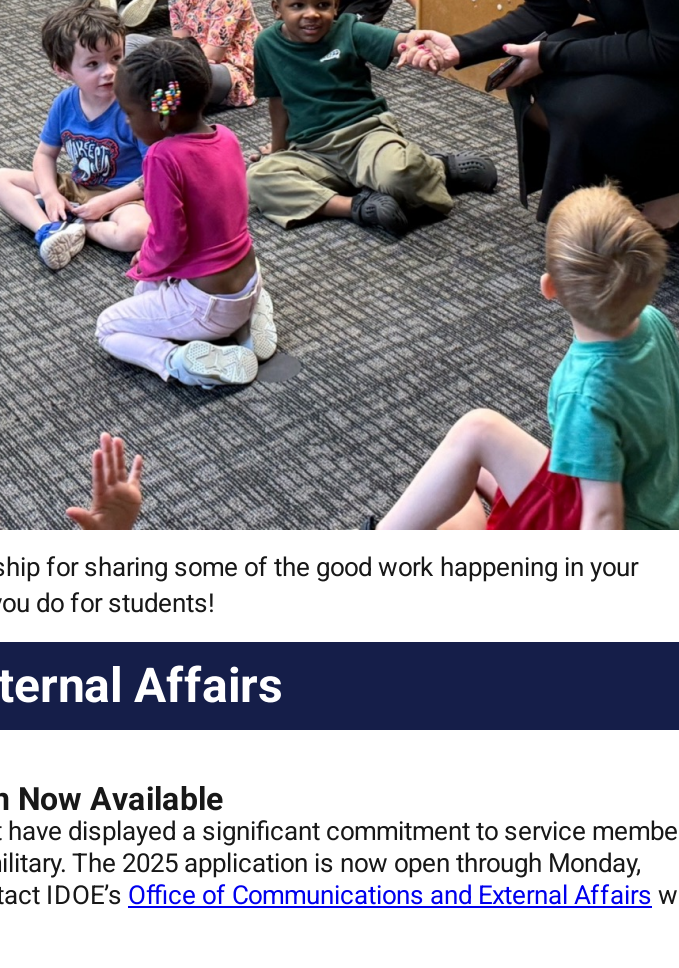
With that in mind, this week brought two visits where we celebrated Indiana students and educators across the state, with the first happening at a school in southern Indiana...

#### South Spencer School Corporation - Elementary Literacy Improvement

Rockport Elementary School and their neighbor school, Luce Elementary, have been hard at work over the past two years as members of the Literacy Cadre. South Spencer is a rural district with nearly half of their students on free and reduced lunch, and nearly all of them are reading!



Second grade teacher **Mrs. Janet Schipp** credited the Literacy Cadre support and science of reading training as playing a key role in her school's success to ensure students are reading. She also credited the work of her colleagues...the teachers in kindergarten and first grade who helped lay the foundations for the students in her classroom today. Statewide scores are not official yet as multiple testing opportunities remain over the summer, but our early data shows that 100% of Mrs. Schipp's second grade class, which includes special education students, passed **READ** this spring!



### Office of Communications and External Affairs

#### REMINDER: Indiana Purple Star School Application Now Available

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### Office of Educator Preparation

#### REMINDER: Annual Principal Survey Regarding Initial Educator License Holders

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### Office of Educator Talent & Literacy Center

#### REMINDER: Beyond Storytime - Everyday Ways to Build Literacy at Home Webinar

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#### REMINDER: Webinar with IDOE's Preferred Universal Screener, Acadience Reading

Acadience Learning, Inc. will hold a webinar to provide an overview of their Acadience Learning Online (ALO) platform on Friday, May 2, at 10:30 a.m. ET. Educators can register [here](#). Contact IDOE's [Literacy Center](#) with any questions.

#### REMINDER: 2026 Teacher of the Year Application Now Available

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#### REMINDER: Additional Opportunities to Recognize Indiana Educators

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#### REMINDER: Praxis 5205 Test Guidance

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#### REMINDER: 2025-2026 Annual K-8 School Reading Plan

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#### REMINDER: Keys to Literacy Completion

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#### REMINDER: Early Literacy Endorsement Professional Development (PD) & Praxis Voucher Request

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#### REMINDER: Nominations Now Open for the 2026 RISE Classified Staff Award

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

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

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### Office of School Building Physical Security and Safety

#### REMINDER: Student Safety Reporting

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#### REMINDER: School Staff Injury Reporting

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### Office of School Support and Transformation

#### REMINDER: Next Gen SIG Now Open

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### Office of Student Pathways and Opportunities

#### NEW: 2024-2025 School Year Graduation Pathways Webinar

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#### REMINDER: Alternative Education New Program Proposal Deadline for 2025-2026 School Year Submissions

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

#### NEW: Virtual English Learner (EL) Leadership Meeting on Thursday, May 22

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#### REMINDER: Ombudsman Office Hours

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#### REMINDER: School-Based Medicaid Administrative Claiming Office Hours

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- [Thursday, May 8, at 10 a.m. ET](#)
- [Thursday, May 15, at 10 a.m. ET](#)
- [Thursday, May 22, at noon ET](#)

Contact IDOE's [School Medicaid Specialist](#) with any questions.

#### REMINDER: Haitian-Creole Parent Survey Available

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#### REMINDER: Special Education Directors Symposium Updates

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#### REMINDER: Changes to Monitoring Procedures

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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.

#### REMINDER: Good Cause Exemption (GCE) Form

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- Download and open it in a PDF editor.
- Complete a separate form for each student for whom a GCE meeting is held.
- Upload the completed forms to PowerSchool Special Programs once the system is live.

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

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

#### NEW: High-Quality Curricular Materials Advisory Lists Now Available - K-12 STEM & Early Learning

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#### NEW: Digital Learning Success Story: A Journey Into AI-Driven Instructional Feedback with TeachFX

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#### REMINDER: Digital Learning Grant and Digital Intervention Training & Implementation Grant

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#### REMINDER: Corporation and Building Leadership - Artificial Intelligence (AI) Professional Development (PD)

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#### REMINDER: Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the Classroom - Spotlight Sessions

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#### REMINDER: 2025-2026 K-12 Robotics Competition Grant Application

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### Office of Title Grants and Support

#### NEW: FFY2025/FY2025 Pre-application is Now Available

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#### NEW: TitleConc 2025 Conference Survey

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

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### Indiana Commission for Higher Education

#### NEW: Graduation Details Collection

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[Here](#) is a recording of the webinar housed on the [@LearnMoreIN](#) YouTube page. A step-by-step reporting guide can be found at [learnmoreindiana.org/grad-details](#) to aid school staff in their process. School staff should [connect with their Outreach Coordinator](#) for questions and support. All Graduation Details reporting must be submitted via ScholarTrack no later than June 30, 2025.

#### NEW: 2026 Indiana Pre-Admissions Opt-In

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Opting into Indiana Pre-Admissions also benefits your incoming freshmen, sophomores, and juniors through our new Enrollment Ready campaign. Each fall, these students will receive a grade-level-specific letter full of tips and reminders to get them prepared for their paths after high school graduation.

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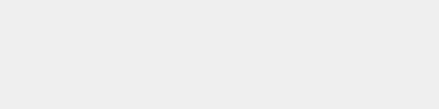
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