An Update From the Indiana Department of Education for June 23, 2023

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Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

A Message from Dr. Katie Jenner

While summer break started several weeks ago for many schools, this week marked the first *official* day of summer. Summer is a great time to relax and also spend time catching up on things that can be hard to find the time for during the school year…including enjoying some quality time with family and friends, as well as investing in your own continued learning and development. Here's a look at some of the upcoming professional development opportunities hosted by IDOE.

Get Your Teach On Summer Conferences
Get Your Teach On, in partnership with IDOE, is offering four free conferences at locations throughout the state this summer. Conferences will take place at the following locations:

- Monday, July 10 - Tuesday, July 11, in Jasper

- Thursday, July 13 - Friday, July 14, in Indianapolis

- Monday, July 17 - Tuesday, July 18, in Muncie

- Thursday, July 20 - Friday, July 21, in South Bend

This includes a two-day teacher experience from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day and a one-day administrator experience from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first day of the conference. Click here to register!

Summer of Learning Conference Series
The Summer of Learning conferences continue in July, offering opportunities for educators to connect with innovative, technology-enhanced pedagogy related to supporting specialized populations, science of reading, integrated STEM, designing virtual and blended learning experiences, community connection and support, and more. Twelve conference host sites were selected through the Summer of Learning grant process. Check out the remaining conference opportunities below:

- Wednesday, July 19, hosted by Fort Wayne Community Schools - Learn more, and register here for *ignitED*.

- Monday, July 24 - Tuesday, July 25, hosted by Eastern Hancock County Community School Corporation - Learn more, and register here for *JoyJam2023*.

- Tuesday, July 25 - Wednesday, July 26, hosted by Lafayette School Corporation - Learn more, and register here for *Ignite*.

- Wednesday, July 26, hosted by Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation - Learn more, and register here for *Best of the Best*.

- Tuesday, August 1, hosted by Penn-Harris-Madison School Corporation - Learn more, and register here for *Technovation*.

Thank you to Batesville Community School Corporation, Franklin Township Community School Corporation, Yorktown Community Schools, School City of Hammond, South Madison Community School Corporation, East Allen County Schools, and Richmond Community Schools for hosting our June Summer of Learning conferences!

Additional professional development opportunities happening this summer
As we continue our statewide focus on elevating the science of reading, the below opportunities were specifically designed for early learning and elementary educators as they help students master the foundational reading skills necessary to access all future learning.

- **Early Literacy Cohort** - This week, Indiana's first Early Literacy Cohort gathered in Lafayette and Indianapolis for a two-day summer institute led by renowned authors and researchers Kathy Collins and Matt Glover. Selected cohort members will also participate in professional development with Collins and Glover in onsite classrooms throughout the school year. By increasing professional development opportunities for early learning educators, we have the opportunity to ease the transition for children and families and help put students on the best possible path to success in kindergarten.

- **Literacy Cadre, Cohort Two** - In partnership with the Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning (CELL) at the University of Indianapolis and Center for Vibrant Schools at Marian University, we launched cohort two of the [Indiana Literacy Cadre](#) to train and support school-based instructional coaches by providing guidance, support, professional development, and instructional coaching practices aligned with the science of reading. Summer training for new training support specialists kicked off this week and will continue through June. Summer training for instructional coaches and administrators for participating cohort two schools will also take place next month.

Thank you to each of you who have signed up to attend one of these conferences or participate in one of the literacy cohorts, and we hope you'll join us for upcoming professional development opportunities as well. Thanks for all you do…and hopefully you're having a great summer!

Important Legislative Guidance

REMINDER: Legislatively-Required and Other Guidance Surrounding Newly-Enacted Legislation
Following the close of each legislative session, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) immediately begins working to implement newly-enacted legislation impacting K-12 education, which includes compiling guidance for educators. Guidance is a product of robust cross-agency collaboration and partnership with countless stakeholders. Any future updates will be added to [this comprehensive guidance document](#) and shared via the weekly newsletter.

Office of Accountability

REMINDER: Submit and Check End-of-Year Data Reports
Schools should be submitting graduates and other end-of-year reports. Check to ensure the data is validating correctly by reviewing validation errors and certification reports available in the Data Exchange validation portal. Contact the Indiana Department of Education's (IDOE's) [Office of Accountability](#) with any questions.

Office of Student Assessment

NEW: PSAT/NMSQT Order Guidance
Schools may now place orders for the fall PSAT/NMSQT administration within the [SAT Suite Ordering and Registration (SSOR) System](#). Schools will notice that a cost is indicated in SSOR when completing orders. College Board will invoice this displayed amount to IDOE, and schools/corporations will not be billed for grade 10 and/or 11 students participating in this PSAT/NMSQT administration. College Board is currently working to update SSOR by Tuesday, July 1, to reflect this guidance. Additional information regarding the PSAT/NMSQT can be found in [this memo](#). Contact [College Board](#) with any questions regarding ordering PSAT/NMSQT materials.

NEW: Fall 2023 Digital PSAT/NMSQT Webinar Recording Now Available

College Board held webinars in March providing an overview of the new Digital PSAT/NMSQT this fall, focusing on changes to the test and its administration. A recording is now available for staff, educators, and administrators administering or helping students prepare for the PSAT/NMSQT. Contact College Board with additional questions.

NEW: IREAD-3 Summer 2023 Online Testing Window Closes, Friday, June 30

All students participating in the summer retest administration must finish online testing by Friday, June 30. The final day to ship paper test materials to be eligible for scoring is Friday, June 30. Refer to the IREAD-3 Test Administrator's Manual (Appendix B) and the Material Return & Destruction Guidance regarding test material return and destruction. Contact the Indiana Assessment Help Desk with technical questions and IDOE's Office of Student Assessment with additional questions.

Office of Communications and External Affairs

REMINDER: IDOE and Roadtrip Nation Announce Fall 2023 Indiana Road Trip

This September, IDOE and Roadtrip Nation will send three young people, ages 18-24, on a free road trip across Indiana in the RoadTrip RV to find their fit in the workforce. Roadtrippers will get to sit down with professionals working in various industries and discuss interests, strengths, and values in professions related to STEM, education, healthcare, advanced manufacturing, agriculture, and much more. Participants will make valuable connections, explore job opportunities throughout Indiana, and learn beneficial job skills through the process. Applications are open through Sunday, July 2. Contact IDOE's Office of Student Pathways with any questions.

Office of Educator Talent

NEW: Registration Open for Indiana Educator Talent Marketplace Webinars

Learn more about how you can use Indiana Educator Talent Marketplace to find great candidates for your open roles. This webinar will walk through the marketplace's newest offering, share tips about how to attract the best talent, and answer your questions.

- Wednesday, June 28, at 1 p.m. ET
- Tuesday, July 11, at 3 p.m. ET
- Monday, August 1, at noon ET

Click here to register. Contact eel@doe.in.gov with any questions.

NEW: Level Up Leadership Mentor Application Open Through Friday, July 7

The 2023-2024 Level Up Leadership series is an opportunity for emerging leaders to engage in innovative and relevant professional development in order to "level up" the leadership capacity of educators across the state. Applications to participate in the leadership series will be released soon. Educators with a desire

to serve as a mentor for emerging leaders can learn more here. Applications are due Friday, July 7. Contact eel@doe.in.gov with any questions.

UPDATE: Staff Performance Evaluation Plan Submission

Senate Enrolled Act 486 (2023) requires each school corporation to develop or adopt a plan for annual performance evaluations for each certified employee. Staff performance evaluation plans must be submitted via JotForm by Friday, September 15. **Evaluation plan cover sheets are no longer required as part of the submission**. For more information, click here. Contact eel@doe.in.gov with any questions.

REMINDER: Teacher Appreciation Grant (TAG) Policy Submission Required

Information regarding the TAG policy submission can be found here. Local educational agencies (including charter and virtual charter schools) must submit the TAG policy for approval via JotForm by Friday, September 16, to be eligible to receive TAG funding. Contact tag@doe.in.gov with any questions.

REMINDER: Indiana STEM (I-STEM) Educator Expansion Program Registration Now Available

IDOE is partnering with Educational Service Centers (ESCs) of Indiana to launch the I-STEM partnership. I-STEM provides support for both currently licensed teachers in non-STEM areas and prospective teachers who are not licensed and hold a bachelor's degree to become licensed to teach in a STEM content area. IDOE has identified eligible STEM content areas as life science, chemistry, earth/space science, physics, physical science, computer science, technology education, and mathematics. Click here for more information and registration. Contact IDOE's Office of Educator Talent with any questions.

REMINDER: Nominate an Educator for Teacher of the Year

The Indiana Teacher of the Year Program works to inspire, rejuvenate, and celebrate the teaching profession by recognizing outstanding teachers from across the state. Local schools are encouraged to participate in an annual selection process and local Teacher(s) of the Year are encouraged to complete the state application process by Friday, July 7. More Information on the 2024 Indiana Teacher of the Year selection process can be found here. Contact intoy@doe.in.gov with any questions.

REMINDER: Gearing up for the 2023-2024 School Year – Participation Required to Receive Data Exchange Credentials

In the coming weeks, IDOE will send detailed communication to school data teams about required training sessions that must be completed by schools and student information system (SIS) vendors prior to the 2023-2024 school year. Schools will be expected to join training specific to their SIS. These sessions should be attended by at least two individuals from each school corporation – the individual in the lead data role and the superintendent, assistant superintendent, chief financial officer, chief information officer, or director/head of school. At the conclusion of the training, schools will be provided with their Data Exchange credentials for the year. Schools will only be able to get access to these credentials by attending the training. Contact the Data Exchange Team with any questions.

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 FAQ document is available here. Contact IDOE's Data Exchange Team with any questions.

Office of School Building Physical Security and Safety

NEW: Sudden Cardiac Arrest Training Requirements and Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) Recommendations

Senate Enrolled Act 369 (2023) expands Indiana's Sudden Cardiac Arrest Law to include additional requirements and recommendations regarding sudden cardiac arrest training and AEDs for schools. Please see this memo for additional information.

REMINDER: Student Safety Reporting

Indiana's Student Safety Reporting Law (IC 20-34-6-1) requires school corporations to report student bullying, arrest, and gang data for each school to IDOE. These submissions are now included on the DOE-ES Report (discipline report) via the STN Application Center data transfer function. This data collection is now open, and submissions must be complete by Friday, June 30. Questions related to the submission of this data can be directed to the STN administrator for your school corporation. More information can also be found on IDOE's website. Additionally, Indiana Code 20-34-6-1 requires each school corporation to submit data to IDOE related to law enforcement presence in schools. This data collection is open now and will close Thursday, June 30. To complete this data collection, please use this link. Contact Steve Balko with any questions.

Office of School Finance

NEW: School Technology Advancement Account (STAA) Applications

School corporations may file an application for a STAA through Friday, July 14. The STAA application can be completed online and must be completed in one sitting. A sample application and certification page can be found in Moodle. Contact commonschoolfund@doe.in.gov with any questions.

NEW: Updated Subcategory Memo June 2023

Please read this memo regarding subcategory changes taking effect Saturday, July 1. Contact IDOE's Office of School Finance with any questions.

REMINDER: Annual Office of School Finance Budget Workshop

Please read this memo regarding the Annual Office of School Finance Budget Workshop, which will be held on Wednesday, June 28, at the Pike Performing Arts Center, Indianapolis, beginning at 9 a.m. ET. The workshop should conclude by noon. Participants can attend the workshop in-person, watch it virtually, or view a recorded version at a later date. Please register using this link. Contact the Office of School Finance with any questions.

REMINDER: Next Generation School Improvement Grants (NextGen SIG)

The Office of School Support and Transformation is now accepting applications for planning grants as part of the NextGen SIG program through Friday, August 4. This is a competitive grant to aid in school transformation. Eligibility for this grant extends to all schools currently identified as Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) and Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) under Indiana's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Plan. Interested school officials can read more about the grant program in the NextGen SIG overview. A list of eligible schools can be found here.

Application window	Review period (tentative)	Finalist interviews (tentative)	Announcement (tentative)
Friday, June 9, through Friday, August 4	Tuesday, August 8, through Friday, September 1	Wednesday, September 6, through Friday, September 8	Friday, September 15

The scoring rubric used to evaluate the application is found here. Contact IDOE's Office of School Support and Transformation with any questions.

REMINDER: School Improvement Plans

The submission window for Comprehensive Needs Assessment/School Improvement Plans (CNA/SIP) is now open. Use of the state CNA/SIP template fulfills all requirements under state law and ESSA for schools identified for CSI, TSI, and/or Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ASTI). Submissions are due by Friday, October 6. This memo provides additional information, including links to the CNA/SIP Google doc and CNA/SIP template. Contact IDOE's Office of School Support and Transformation with any questions.

REMINDER: Student Learning Recovery Grant - Expanding What Works

The Expanding What Works program promotes regional partnerships between community organizations, local non-profits, municipal partners, and/or local school corporations to replicate the successful Indy Summer Learning Labs at a regional level. This competitive grant program will prioritize applicants that demonstrate a commitment to partnering with the Lavinia Group to implement a high-quality, research-based summer learning curriculum and fidelity to the core design principles of the Indy Summer Learning Labs. More information and applications are available here. Contact CommunityLearningGrant@doe.in.gov with any questions.

REMINDER: Clarification on ASVAB Graduation Pathway Guidance

In an effort to provide clarification surrounding new legislation impacting students using the ASVAB as a means to fulfill graduation pathway requirements, this memo has been updated. Please see the

Applicable Graduation Cohorts section of the memo for additional clarification on this new legislation. Contact StudentPathways@doe.in.gov with any questions.

REMINDER: Alternative Education Grant Full-Time Equivalency (FTE) Report

In order to distribute alternative education funds in a timely manner, Alternative Education Grant FTE Student Reports must be submitted by Sunday, July 30. If your school corporation had an approved alternative education program during the 2022-2023 school year, an FTE Student Report must be submitted in DOE Online. Contact studentpathways_alted@doe.in.gov with any questions.

REMINDER: 2023-2024 School Year (FY24) High Ability Program (HAP) Grant Application Due Saturday, July 1

The 2023-2024 HAP Grant application will be open until Saturday, July 1. The application must be completed in Jotform by the deadline. Contact studentpathways_highability@doe.in.gov with any questions.

Office of Student, School, and Family Engagement

REMINDER: Comprehensive School Safety Planning - Prevention Through Recovery Workshop

One additional PREPaRE Workshop 1 will be held at the Hamilton County Community Foundation on Wednesday, August 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET. This workshop emphasizes the unique needs and functions of school safety and crisis response teams and the important steps needed to develop cohesive and sustainable teams that integrate school personnel and community service provider roles. The focus of the workshop will explore how to prepare for school crises by developing, exercising, and evaluating crisis preparedness plans. Please register here by Friday, August 4, or until space runs out. For questions about future regional training, please email tcgmiller@collaborativewks.com or info@projectawarein.org.

Office of Student Support and Accessibility/Special Education

NEW: Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 & American Rescue Plan (ARP) Part B Grant Proportionate Share Waiver Request Forms Available Saturday, July 1

The FY 2022 Part B 611, 619, ARP 611, and ARP 619 grant proportionate share waiver request forms will be available in the Office of Special Education Moodle Community on Saturday, July 1. Completed requests with supporting documentation must be submitted to IDOE's Office of Special Education Part B Grants team by Thursday, August 31. Following waiver acceptance, a Part B grand budget modification request must be completed by Friday, September 15, to transfer funds across budget scopes. Download the waiver request form and instructions from the Office of Special Education Moodle Community. Contact IDOE's Office of Special Education Part B Grants team with questions.

NEW: New Special Education Director Training

IDOE and ICASE will offer a New Special Education Director Training on Thursday, July 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET at Avon Community School Corporation's White Oak Professional Development Center. This course is intended for first- or second-year special education directors or administrators. This training will

provide an overview of IDOE policy and resources and the opportunity to network with other directors and IDOE staff. Results Driven Accountability (RDA), dispute resolution, federal and state funding, grant management, Medicaid, and other topics will be covered. The registration fee is $25. View additional details and register here. Contact IDOE's Office of Special Education with additional questions.

NEW: Evaluation Roster Compliance Guide Now Available

An Evaluation (EV) Roster Compliance Guide is available to assist schools in ensuring their initial evaluations and transitions from First Steps data are accurate in Data Exchange (DEX). The special education evaluation data collection ends Friday, June 30. It is important that all schools submit data to DEX to reflect any initial evaluations or transitions from First Steps that occurred during the 2022-2023 school year. Please contact IDOE's Office of Special Education monitoring team with any questions or concerns.

NEW: Supported Decision-Making for Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)

Indiana Code (IC) 20-35-6-4, Section 4(a) and (b), requires a case conference committee for a student in grades eight through 12 to address decision-making skills. This memo provides additional information. In order to facilitate this conversation, a document titled Spread the Word: Communicating Choice has been provided. Contact IDOE's Office of Special Education with additional questions.

REMINDER: Register Now for Elevating Education - Improving Outcomes for All Statewide Conference

Registration is open for *Elevating Education: Improving Outcomes for All*, a new statewide conference from IDOE and the IEP Technical Assistance (TA) Center. The conference is intended for general educators, special educators, and administrators and will take place at the Hyatt Regency Indianapolis and the Indiana Convention Center on Tuesday, November 28, and Wednesday, November 29. Register here, as space is limited! Please contact IDOE's Office of Student Support and Accessibility with any questions.

REMINDER: FY 2024 Special Education Grant Assurances Due Saturday, July 1

FY 2024 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B Grant Assurances templates and instructions for using the Grant Management System are now available in the Office of Special Education Community in Moodle under Part B Grants for Special Education. To reserve the earliest reimbursement effective date for the FY 2024 Part B Grant period, school corporations, charter, and state schools must correctly submit FY 2024 Part B Grant Assurances in the Grant Management System on or before Saturday, July 1. Four new questions have been added to the Assurances to address Section 427 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) (20 U.S.C. 1228a). Contact IDOE's Office of Special Education with any questions.

REMINDER: June PATINS Project Opportunities and Resources for Indiana Educators

The PATINS Project offers opportunities and resources for educators across the state. Opportunities and resources offered are listed here. Contact the PATINS Project or IDOE's Office of Student Support and

[Accessibility](#) with any questions.

NEW: Summer of Learning Conferences

Through an annual grant opportunity, IDOE supports 12 Summer of Learning conferences across the state. Seven conferences were held in June, and five more will take place later this summer. Register for upcoming conferences via IDOE's [Digital Learning and Professional Development webpage](#). For more information, reference the [Summer of Learning Preview](#) and [interactive map](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Digital Learning](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: Early Intervention Grant Updates & Wrap Up

Corporations or schools that were awarded funds via the 2022-2023 Early Intervention Grant must submit their completed cash request document by Friday, June 30, to access grant funds. Corporations and schools must encumber all distributed funds by Friday, September 29, and return any unused funds to IDOE by Friday, December 15. The 2022-2023 Early Intervention Grant end-of-year report will be released later this summer. **The Early Intervention Grant will be discontinued after this school year, as it was not included in the biennial budget passed during the recent legislative session.** Contact IDOE's [Office of Teaching and Learning](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: Dyslexia Reporting Requirements

School corporations and charter schools must report dyslexia information for the previous school year on their school website before Saturday, July 15. This information must include:

- The dyslexia intervention programs used during the previous school year to assist students with dyslexia;
- The number of students during the school year who received dyslexia intervention; and
- The total number of students identified with dyslexia.

Reporting criteria can be found on page seven of the [2022-2023 Dyslexia Guidance for Schools](#). Please contact IDOE's [Literacy Center](#) with any questions.

REMINDER: 2023-2024 Reading Plan and Dyslexia Reporting Submissions Due Friday, June 30

511 Indiana Administrative Code (IAC) 6.2-3.1 requires all public and accredited non-public schools with students enrolled in kindergarten through grade three to complete and submit an elementary reading plan to IDOE by close of business on Friday, June 30. IDOE's Literacy Center released the new [Reading Plan Guidance](#) to assist with this requirement.

- Public schools will use this [form](#).
- Accredited non-public schools will use this [form](#).

In addition to the reading plan, IC 20-35.5 requires all public schools to report dyslexia screening data from the current 2022-2023 school year. Accredited non-public schools are not required to submit this data, but have the option to report it. Charter schools will use this [form](#) for dyslexia reporting dyslexia

screening data. The submission window is open through Friday, June 30. Contact IDOE's [Literacy Center](#) with questions or for additional guidance.

NEW: Charters Facility Incentive Grant (CFIG) Grant Application Release

The fourth and final cohort for this round of CFIG funding will be released Monday, June 26. CFIG funds are specifically intended to support high-quality established charter schools with their facilities. Please access the application and grant information on our [Charter School Moodle](#) page. Reach out with any questions to CharterPrograms@doe.in.gov.

REMINDER: ESSER II Construction Monitoring Documents Due Friday, June 30

All schools receiving ESSER II funds must submit their responses and documentation concerning the use of ESSER II funds for construction or construction-related activities. Please see the memo distributed to all superintendents, program administrators, and treasurers on or about Thursday, June 1, for more details. Submit documentation via [this JotForm](#). Contact esser@doe.in.gov with any questions.

REMINDER: Return to In-Person Instruction Plans

U.S. Department of Education regulations require that a local education agency's (LEA's) return to in-person instruction plans must be reviewed and revised as needed every six months, must include public comment, and be posted on the LEA's public website. This will be required of ESSER III recipients for the statutory life of ESSER III, meaning plans will need to be updated every six months until September 30, 2023. Please note that the encumbrance deadline for ESSER III remains September 30, 2024; this does not extend the need to review plans as it only applies to encumbrance. The following schedule will apply to the return to in-person plans at the local level. IDOE is required to monitor the return to in-person instruction plans.

Initial Posting Deadline	No later than June 24, 2021
Second Review and Posting Deadline	December 24, 2021
Third Review and Posting Deadline	June 24, 2022
Fourth Review and Posting Deadline	December 24, 2022
Fifth and Final Review and Posting Deadline	Saturday, June 24, 2023

Please submit any new links to your in-person learning plan via this [JotForm](#) no later than Saturday, June 24. Please send any questions to esser@doe.in.gov.

REMINDER: Schoolwide Programs (SWP) Application

If your corporation has schools that are not currently operating as an SWP, please see this memo for additional information and the 2023-2024 school year application. A list of currently approved SWP schools can be reviewed here. Additional information and resources will be available in Moodle in the coming weeks. Applications are due today, Friday, June 23. Contact TitleI@doe.in.gov with any questions.

REMINDER: Title Grants and Support Monthly Coffee Chats

Grab your favorite cup of coffee and join the Title Grants and Support team for monthly Coffee Chats. Chats have moved to the last Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. ET. The link will always be the same. Join us via Microsoft Teams here. This month's topic covers Moodle resources with an opportunity to ask programmatic Pre-Application questions. Contact TitleI@doe.in.gov with any questions or suggestions for topics.

REMINDER: Bipartisan Safer Communities Act - Strong Connections (BSCA:SC)

BSCA:SC Grant applications are due Saturday, July 15. For application information and more information about this grant opportunity please visit our Title IV Moodle page. Contact TitleIV@doe.in.gov with any questions.

News From Our Partners

NEW FROM THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (IDHS): Indiana's Secured School Safety Grant Opens Monday, June 26

The application window for the Indiana Secured School Safety Grant opens Monday, June 26. The Indiana Secured School Safety Grant Program provides matching grants to school corporations, accredited non-public schools, charter schools or a coalition of school corporations and/or charter schools applying jointly to support overall school safety. Applications, a list of allowable uses, and additional grant information can be found here. Applications close Monday, July 26, at 4:30 p.m. Contact IDHS with any questions.

NEW FROM PURDUE UNIVERSITY: Indiana STEM Education Conference 2024 - Proposals to Present

Purdue University's Center for Advancing the Teaching and Learning of STEM (CATALYST) is now accepting proposals to present at the ninth-annual Indiana STEM Education Conference on STEM instruction, curriculum, career exposure, or educational research. The conference will be held at Purdue University on January 11, 2024. The theme for the 2024 conference is *Resourcing STEM Education*. Proposals are due Friday, October 13, and accepted proposals will be announced by Friday, November 10. Refer to the following guidance to apply:

- Proposals must include a title and abstract (200 words or less);
- Presenters are required to register for the conference;
- STEM instruction, curriculum, and career exposure presentations should be a total of 50 minutes, including approximately 10 minutes for questions;

- STEM research presentations should be a total of 15 minutes; and
- Research briefs and posters will be published as proceedings through Purdue e-Pubs.

Contact wswalker@purdue.edu with any questions.

REMINDER FROM THE INDIANA CTO COUNCIL: Create the Ultimate School Safety Plan

On behalf of the Indiana CTO Council, the Indiana K-12 Cybersecurity Taskforce, and Avaya you're invited to Keeping Students Safe: Legislation, Compliance and Best Practices in the Event of an Emergency on Your Campus on Wednesday, July 14, from 2 to 5 p.m. This educational experience will take place at the newly renovated STUTZ building, and will guide leaders in creating the ultimate school safety plan. During the event, we will discuss Next Gen 911 and its implications in K-12 districts. We have gathered an all-star lineup of top experts in the field, dedicated to assisting you in your campus planning. Register for free here.

REMINDER FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME: Advanced Placement Teacher Investment Program (AP-TIP) Summer Institute

AP Teachers are invited to register for the AP Summer Institute sponsored by the University of Notre Dame's AP-TIP. The 2023 AP Summer Institute will be held Tuesday, July 11, through Friday, July 14, at Pike High School on the northwest side of Indianapolis. Sessions meet daily from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET. To view the full list of sessions and register by Friday, June 23, visit the event page. Contact Karen Morris with any questions.

REMINDER FROM THE LILLY ENDOWMENT: Renewal Grants for Indiana K-12 Educators

The Lilly Endowment is pleased to announce the 37th round of its Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program (TCFP). This program supports educators throughout Indiana by providing resources for them to take time for meaningful renewal. The Endowment believes that through new experiences, exploration, and reflection educators can generate renewed energy in their careers, innovative approaches to teaching and educational leadership, and thoughtful ways to encourage students' creative thinking. The Endowment expects to award approximately 100 grants, each totaling up to $15,000, in 2024. The application deadline is 5 p.m. ET on Monday, September 11. Three information sessions will be held on:

- Tuesday, August 8
- Thursday, August 10

To learn more or register for one of these sessions, visit the Lilly Endowment website. Contact Lilly Endowment staff at teachercreativity@lei.org with any questions.

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