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## An Update From the Indiana Department of Education for July 21, 2023

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### A Message from Dr. Katie Jenner

95% by 2027...this is our shared goal...as a state, as corporations, and as individual schools...to ensure that **95% of Indiana students pass IREAD-3 by 2027**. We know that the ability to read is the *single-most important skill needed for all other learning*...yet, currently, one in five third grade students in Indiana is not proficient in key literacy skills. This data implores all of us to *work together, with urgency*, to achieve this goal for our students.

It has been nearly one year since we announced the [state's largest ever financial investment in literacy](#), now totaling **\$170 million**. This investment has allowed us to link arms with schools across Indiana, providing additional resources and tools to support you in deploying the science of reading and ensuring your school is hitting our shared goal.

One of the tactical solutions supported by this investment is the Indiana Literacy Cadre which includes a partnership between IDOE, the [University of Indianapolis's Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning \(CELL\)](#) and [Marian University's Center for Vibrant Schools](#). Last summer, about 50 schools (cohort one) hired instructional coaches, trained in the science of reading, to support educators and ultimately, help more students learn to read using evidence-based strategies. This past week, we kicked off cohort two of the Indiana Literacy Cadre, bringing our total to **212 participating elementary schools!** If you have not already joined, I strongly encourage you to [connect with our team](#) at the Indiana Literacy Center and consider how you might join in the future!



## As part of the Indiana Literacy Cadre...

- Schools have access to **experienced instructional coaches** designed to help them implement the science of reading in their schools
- *Kindergarten through second-grade educators receive guidance, support, and professional development* on the science of reading
- *Students learn to read, using a research-based strategy* focused around phonics, phonemic awareness, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension



The urgency of this work has never been more clear. As the [analysis of ILEARN data shared last week](#) shows, while learning is stabilizing for many students, other students are still struggling. We must continue to aggressively and intentionally deploy innovative solutions for our students to support their learning, and this training is one of the tools educators can use to target our students who are most in-need.

Having 95% of our students achieve a passing score on IREAD-3 by 2027 is our collective challenge, but it is also a *huge opportunity*. Our most recent IREAD-3 scores will be released next month giving us an indicator of where our students stand as we kick off the 2023-2024 school year.

Thank you to the educators and administrators who are participating in the Indiana Literacy Cadre—and if you haven't signed up yet, please consider joining. Enjoy the final days of summer break, and as always, thank you for all that you do for students!

**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 Student Assessment**

## **REMINDER: Indiana Assessments Policy Manual, Accessibility & Accommodations Information, & WIDA Guidance Now Available**

IDOE's Office of Student Assessment has released updated policy/informational resources to prepare schools for the 2023-2024 school year of assessments.

- Indiana Assessments Policy Manual: Located on IDOE's [Assessment webpage](#).
- Accessibility & Accommodations Information for Statewide Assessments: Located on IDOE's [Assessment webpage](#).
- WIDA Assessment Guidance: Located on IDOE's [WIDA webpage](#).

School staff must ensure that this guidance is reviewed and disseminated for staff assisting with testing in the upcoming school year. Refer to the [2023-2024 Assessment Windows](#) and [running assessment calendar](#) for additional preparation. Contact IDOE's [Office of Student Assessment](#) with any questions.

## **REMINDER: 2023-2024 Assessment Milestones Now Available**

New milestone documents to support the administration of 2023-2024 statewide assessments can now be found on IDOE's [Assessment webpage](#). Documents with [ILEARN Milestones](#), IREAD-3 Milestones, [SAT Milestones](#), [I AM Milestones](#), and [PSAT/NMSQT Milestones](#) are now available. Some dates are approximate and may be subject to minor changes. Contact IDOE's [Office of Student Assessment](#) with any questions.

### **Office of Communications and External Affairs**

## **REMINDER: 2023 Required Educator Training**

Following recent legislative changes, IDOE [updated guidance](#) on state- and federally-required training for school employees. This guidance does not include training that is optional for schools, and additional training may be required by the school corporation or governing body. Contact [Emily Black](#) with any questions.

### **Office of Educator Licensing**

## **NEW: License Verification and Information System (LVIS) Upgrade Schedule**

LVIS is being upgraded to LVIS360. The transition to the new system is now anticipated for early to mid-August. More details about the exact dates of the transition will be communicated once established.

## **REMINDER: Educator Licensing Office Hours**

The Office of Educator Licensing is offering [office hours](#) every Thursday morning from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. ET. Please share [this link](#) with administrative and instructional teams so they can log in to ask any licensure questions they may have. Contact IDOE's [Office of Educator Licensing](#) with any questions.

### Office of Educator Talent

## **NEW: Nominations are Now Open for the 2023 Education Excellence Awards for Individual Educators**

The second annual Indiana Educational Excellence Awards Gala will be held in Indianapolis on Friday, September 8. IDOE is looking forward to recognizing Indiana educators during this celebratory event. Please consider taking a few moments to nominate an excellent Indiana educator for one of the individual [2023 Educator Excellence Award](#) categories by completing the short nomination form [here](#) by Wednesday, August 2, at 9 p.m. ET. All certified Indiana educators are eligible. Contact IDOE's [Office of Educator Talent](#) with any questions.

## **NEW: 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](#).

## **UPDATE: Register Now 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.

- Monday, August 1, at noon ET
- Tuesday, August 15, at 1 p.m. ET
- Thursday, August 24, at 1 p.m. ET
- Tuesday, September 12, at 3 p.m. ET
- Tuesday, September 26, at 3 p.m. ET

Click [here](#) to register. Contact IDOE's [Office of Educator Talent](#) with any questions.

## **REMINDER: Level Up Leadership Participant Application Open Through Monday, August 14**

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. Educators (teachers, instructional coaches, deans, etc.) with a desire to expand their capacity as an emerging leader can learn more [here](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Educator Talent](#) with any questions.

## **REMINDER: 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 IDOE's [Office of Educator Talent](#) 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](mailto: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.

### **Office of Information Technology**

#### **NEW: Ed-Fi Upgrade Complete**

This week, IDOE launched an upgraded version of the Ed-Fi technology and data standard for the 2023-2024 school year. School personnel and their vendors have been participating in training and will continue to be trained in the weeks ahead. While the changes in this upgrade will be transparent to schools, Indiana will benefit from the many improvements to the data standard which have occurred since Ed-Fi was first implemented in the 2019-2020 school year. These changes include improvements in the data model and increased efficiencies in the Ed-Fi technology platform. Contact the [Data Exchange Team](#) with any questions.

## **REMINDER: LINK Portal Setup and Review of Security Coordinators**

The [LINK Portal](#) is able to recognize all public, charter, and accredited non-public schools' local Google G-Suite or Microsoft 365 accounts. IDOE configures the organization's leader as the first account, and the organization leader must log in to designate up to two security coordinators responsible for overseeing the setup of roles for others in the organization. All superintendents and leaders of non-public schools should log in to the LINK Portal and review/update their security coordinator information.

- Instructions for organization leaders on how to review/designate the security coordinators can be found [here](#).
- New public and Choice schools registration process for the LINK Portal can be found [here](#).
- New superintendents or organization leaders of non-public schools who need the first account configured should email [link@doe.in.gov](mailto:link@doe.in.gov).

## **REMINDER: Designation of Key Contacts**

Security coordinators for all traditional public, charter, and accredited non-public schools are responsible for ensuring their organization's key contacts for the 2023-2024 school year are set. Key contacts including the roles of Superintendent, Financial Contact, Special Education Director, Principal, Data Exchange Contact, etc. are needed for the 2023-2024 school year even if those contacts were provided last school year.

For school corporations that have an Ed-fi student information system (SIS), key contacts and other staff role assignments should be entered and managed in the local SIS and then provided to Data Exchange/LINK for the new school year. However, all three options below are available:

1. Provide staff classifications in the local SIS per vendor's instructions,
2. Add a staff type manually for the 2023-2024 school year via the Security Portal, or
3. Upload [templates](#) 008\_StaffAssociation\_StaffEdOrgAssignmentAssociation and 0009\_StaffOrganizationContactAssociation into Data Exchange.

Schools utilizing options two and three may cause overriding or loss of data. Schools should connect with their SIS vendor to better understand how to avoid data loss when providing data via multiple methods.

DOE will recognize active staff assignments/roles during the summer months from the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years and will begin recognizing only the 2023-2024 school year assignments beginning **Friday, September 1**. Security coordinator instructions can be found [here](#). Contact the [Data Exchange Team](#) with any questions.

## **REMINDER: SIS Vendor Changes**

DOE-issued Data Exchange credentials (key and secret) are tied to the supporting SIS vendor. If your corporation will be changing or adding an SIS vendor for the 2023-2024 school year, please email [link@doe.in.gov](mailto:link@doe.in.gov) with these changes. Your organization will receive a new set of credentials for the new vendor. Please note that participation in the 2023-2024 school year Kick-off Sessions is required in order to receive and activate the credentials. A SIS vendor certification status list can be found [here](#). Additional information on the implementation of Data Exchange can be found on the [Data Exchange webpage](#). Contact the [Data Exchange Team](#) with any questions.

## **REMINDER: Kick-off Session Participation Required to Receive Data Exchange Credentials**

Schools are expected to join the 2023-2024 school year Kick-off Session that is specific to their SIS. The session schedule can be found in the [Moodle Data Exchange Training and Community](#) and 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. Schools will gain access to Ed-ID API after the completion of the Kick-off Session. Please allow up to three business days for DOE to confirm attendance and update access for organizations, after which schools will be able to submit data to DOE. Schools will continue to have access to the Ed-ID Portal Interface to assign STNs and SPNs. The 2022-2023 school year data collection closed on Wednesday, July 12, after which time no further data changes will not be allowed. Contact the [Data Exchange Team](#) with any questions.

## NEW: Summer School Final Cost Report

The Summer School Final Cost Report submission window will open on Monday, July 24. Information regarding the summer school program can be found in [Moodle](#). Contact [Teresa Hemmerle](#) or [Alex Waite](#) with any questions.

## NEW: Budget Workshop Video

A recording of the 2023 Annual Office of School Finance Budget Workshop can be found [here](#). Contact [Melissa Ambre](#) with any questions.

## REMINDER: Form 9

The deadline to submit Form 9 financial data and financial transparency data for January 2023 to June 2023 is Monday, July 31. The Form 9 application, which includes a link to the financial transparency submission page, can be accessed via the LINK Portal. Once in the portal, the financial administrator will navigate to the “Form 9 Financial Data” tile. Please review the [Form 9 Overview](#) for instructions. Additional guidance can be found in the Public School Finance Community in [Moodle](#). Contact [form9@doe.in.gov](mailto:form9@doe.in.gov) with any questions.

## REMINDER: 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: 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](mailto:CommunityLearningGrant@doe.in.gov) with any questions.

Office of Student Pathways and Opportunities

## **NEW: TransAct Homeless Information Management System (HIMSS) State Contract Ends Thursday, August 31**

Indiana's contract with TransAct HIMSS will end on Thursday, August 31. Any schools that have used HIMSS and would like to continue this partnership will need to fund this system in the 2023-2024 school year and beyond by including the cost of HIMSS in the McKinney-Vento subgrant budget when the application opens on Friday, July 28. Contact [Mckinneyventopoc@doe.in.gov](mailto:Mckinneyventopoc@doe.in.gov) with any questions.

## **REMINDER: Grad Pathways Employability Skills Course Codes Required for 2023-24 School Year**

Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, schools will be required to use the course codes to designate completion of the graduation pathways employability skills experiences.

The following course codes are included in the [2023-24 Course Titles & Descriptions](#):

- 0539 Service Based Learning (SBL),
- 0543 Work Based Learning Level 1 (WBL Lvl 1),
- 0544 Work Based Learning Level 2 (WBL Lvl 2),
- 0545 Work Based Learning Level 3 (WBL Lvl 3),
- 0546 Work Based Learning Level 4 (WBL Lvl 4), and
- 0547 Project Based Learning (PBL).

Contact [DOEgradpathways@doe.in.gov](mailto:DOEgradpathways@doe.in.gov) with any questions.

## **REMINDER: 2023-24 Alternative Education Program Renewal**

All approved alternative education programs must complete the annual [renewal application](#) by Saturday, September 30. In order to remain an approved program eligible for alternative education funding, this renewal must be submitted by the September deadline and approved by IDOE's Office of Student Pathways and Opportunities. Upon submission of the JotForm, a confirmation email with a copy of the responses will be sent to the superintendent. Contact [studentpathways\\_altd@doe.in.gov](mailto:studentpathways_altd@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. No extensions will be granted. 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\\_altd@doe.in.gov](mailto:studentpathways_altd@doe.in.gov) with any questions.

## **REMINDER: McKinney-Vento Subgrant Application Opens Friday, July 28**

The 2023-2024 McKinney-Vento Subgrant application will open in JotForm on Friday, July 28. This year's application will be available for both individual LEAs and consortiums. The application deadline is Friday, August 25. Contact [Mckinneyventopoc@doe.in.gov](mailto:Mckinneyventopoc@doe.in.gov) with any questions.

Office of Student Support and Accessibility/Special Education

## **NEW: Auditory-Visual Accelerated (AVA) Education Funding Available**

Following the 2023 legislative session, IDOE will receive \$2 million per fiscal year to assist school corporations with the costs of educating students who require AVA education services. Funding guidance is detailed in this [memo](#). Contact IDOE's [Office of Special Education AVA](#) with any questions.

## **NEW: Indiana IEP August 2023 Release Notes**

The Indiana IEP August 2023 Release Notes are available [here](#) as well as in Indiana IEP. This document outlines the most recent updates to Indiana IEP. Contact IDOE's [Office of Special Education](#) with any questions.

## **NEW: Enroll in the Office of Special Education Community in Moodle**

All special education directors, teachers, and related personnel should enroll in IDOE's [Office of Special Education Community in Moodle](#) to ensure they receive access to important updates and information as the 2023-2024 school year begins. Contact IDOE's [Office of Special Education](#) with any questions.

## **NEW: Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Membership for First and Second year Special Education Teachers**

IDOE has partnered with CEC and the Indiana Council for Exceptional Children (INCEC) to provide first- and second-year special education teachers with a one-year full membership to CEC, INCEC, and registration to the CEC2024 virtual convention. Cohort teachers will receive professional development materials and access to local and state-wide resources and events. Special education teachers currently completing courses for special education licensure qualify to join the cohorts. Please complete this [form](#) to provide first- and second-year special education teacher names. Contact [Traci Henn](#) or IDOE's [Office of Special Education](#) with any questions.

## **NEW: All IDEA Part B and American Rescue Plan (ARP) Reimbursements**

IDOE is currently compiling data for the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). The state Comptroller's office has asked that the expenses be split between June 30, 2023, and July 1, 2023, so the report is completed accurately. Please submit separate reimbursement requests for June and July to avoid delays with your payment. Contact IDOE's [Office of Special Education](#) with any questions.

## **NEW: Get Your Teach On Collaboration Site Applications**

IDOE is partnering with [Get Your Teach On](#) to select 12 Indiana schools to receive intensive support throughout the 2023-2024 school year with quarterly two-day in-school training. Training will provide professional development experiences on campus, including guided instructional walkthroughs and a custom plan for each school. Complete the [application](#) by Monday, July 31. Please contact IDOE's [Office of Student Support and Accessibility](#) with questions.

## **REMINDER: Alternate Diploma Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

In an effort to provide clarity regarding previously issued guidance on this topic, the [alternate diploma FAQ](#) has been updated to reflect recent administrative and legislative changes and supersedes any previously issued guidance. Please contact IDOE's [Office of Special Education](#) with any questions.

## **REMINDER: Special Education Paraprofessional Training Grant**

IDOE'S Office of Special Education is offering a grant opportunity to school corporations, charter schools, state schools, and special education cooperatives, joint services, and interlocals to guarantee that **paraprofessionals**, as defined in 511 IAC 7-32-69, receive training to assist students with disabilities. More information can be found in the [Paraprofessional Grant memo](#). Contact [para@doe.in.gov](mailto:para@doe.in.gov) with additional questions.

## **REMINDER: Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 & ARP Part B Grant Proportionate Share Waiver Request Form Now Available**

The FY 2022 Part B 611, 619, ARP 611 and ARP 619 Grant Proportionate Share Waiver request form is now available in the [Office of Special Education Community in Moodle](#). Completed requests with supporting documentation must be submitted to [partbgrants@doe.in.gov](mailto:partbgrants@doe.in.gov) by Thursday, August 31. Following waiver approval, a Part B grant budget modification request is required to transfer funds among budget scopes and must be submitted by Friday, September 15. Download the waiver request form and instructions from the Office of Special Education Community in Moodle. Please contact IDOE's [Part B Grants team](#) with additional questions.

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

### NEW: On-Demand Professional Development (PD) with IDOE

Throughout the year, IDOE hosts *PD with IDOE* on a variety of topics. June and July's workshops are all available on-demand:

- [Digital Literacy Defined](#)
- [Funding Early Learning](#)
- [American Academy of Pediatrics Family Media Use Plan](#)
- [Community Partnerships Q&A](#)

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: Early Learning Standards PD Sessions

IDOE's Office of Kindergarten Readiness is hosting three training sessions on the new [Early Learning Standards](#) in the [Indiana Learning Lab](#). Learn about the standards, ideas for implementing them, and ways to assess learning in all settings on Tuesday, August 8, Tuesday, August 15, and Tuesday, August 22, from 4 to 5 p.m. ET. Contact IDOE's [Office of Kindergarten Readiness](#) with questions.

## Office of Title Grants and Support

### NEW: Indiana Program Administrators Leadership Institute (INPALI) Applications Now Open

INPALI pairs experienced program administrators with new program administrator cohorts to mentor and support their school's federal Title and charter school grant practices. This is a no-cost program that includes a one-day, in-person orientation, along with quarterly virtual check-in meetings and monthly communication with IDOE staff. Mentors are available for phone calls, e-mails and video conferencing and are provided a stipend to connect, support, and meet with new program administrators. Mentors must have a minimum of five years of experience working with Title I. Preference is experience in Title I and other federal grants. Applications are available via JotForm for both mentees and mentors. An assurance form, signed by both the applicant and the applicant's supervisor, is required for the application. Both the assurance form and a current resume are required to be uploaded via the Jotform when the application is submitted.

- **Applications:** [Mentors click here](#) | [Mentees click here](#).
- **Assurance forms:** [Mentors click here](#) | [Mentees click here](#).

Applications will close Friday, August 4. Contact your federal grant specialist with any questions.

### REMINDER: Title Grants Team 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 via Microsoft Teams [here](#). July's topic will cover Inventory Processes. Contact [TitleI@doe.in.gov](mailto:TitleI@doe.in.gov) with any questions or suggestions for topics.

### **NEW FROM THE INDIANA FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION'S DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION (FSSA-DHMA): Parent & Vitality Café Training**

In partnership with IDOE, DMHA will host Parent & Vitality Café Training Monday, August 7, through Wednesday, August 9, in New Albany, IN. Parent Café and Vitality Café Training assists participants with increasing parent/caregiver engagement and provide seamless integration techniques to strengthen protective factors and address social determinants of health while championing mental wellbeing and amplifying awareness. [Click here](#) for more information and register by Wednesday, July 26. Contact [Turkesha Poindexter-Mosby](#) with any questions.

### **NEW FROM SCHOOLHOUSE.WORLD: August SAT Bootcamps**

Students and their parents can now [sign up](#) for Schoolhouse.world's August SAT Bootcamps. Bootcamps will run from Friday, July 28, through Thursday, August 24. Review foundational concepts and testing strategies, practice and review multiple full length SAT practice tests, and get personalized support from your tutor for challenging questions. Contact [Schoolhouse.world](#) with any questions.

### **REMINDER FROM THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (IDHS): Indiana's Secured School Safety Grant Closes Wednesday, July 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 Wednesday, July 26, at 4:30 p.m. Contact [IDHS](#) with any questions.

### **REMINDER FROM THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (IDOH): Getting Students Active with Purpose PD Regional Trainings**

Join [PL3Y, Inc.](#) and the [Indiana Department of Health, Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity \(IDOH, DNPA\)](#) for "Get Students Active with Purpose," free professional development trainings for K-12 Indiana physical education teachers, health educators, and youth-serving organization program coordinators to engage students in active movement throughout before, during, and afterschool settings and enhance your understanding of physical literacy. Explore new games that develop fundamental movement skills and learn about Teaching Games for Understanding (TGfU), a student-centered approach that develops decision-making and skill acquisition through game-based activities. Discover the benefits of mindfulness and learn practical strategies to promote focus and well-being through dance, brain breaks, indoor recess activities, and more! Leave empowered with practical ideas to improve physical activity and physical literacy in the youth and adolescents you serve. Space is limited (please only sign up for one) and this an active training, so please be prepared to engage in movement and dress comfortably. Please contact [Emma Smythe](#), Youth Physical Activity Coordinator, IDOH with any questions.

- **Ft. Wayne, IN:** Wednesday, September 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET at The Boys and Girls Club of Northeast Indiana
  - [Click here](#) to register and for more details.

- **South Bend, IN:** Thursday, September 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET at The Beacon Resource Center
  - [Click here](#) to register and for more details.
- **Indianapolis, IN:** Tuesday, September 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET at Broad Ripple High School
  - [Click here](#) to register and for more details.
- **Terre Haute, IN:** Thursday, September 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET at Indiana State University; Health and Human Services Building
  - [Click here](#) to register and for more details.

## **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](mailto:teachercreativity@lei.org) with any questions.

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## **Weekly Updates**

View previous weekly updates from Dr. Katie Jenner [here](#).

## **Stay Informed**

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