Weekly Newsletter from the Indiana Department of Education April 4, 2025

A Message from Dr. Katie Jenner

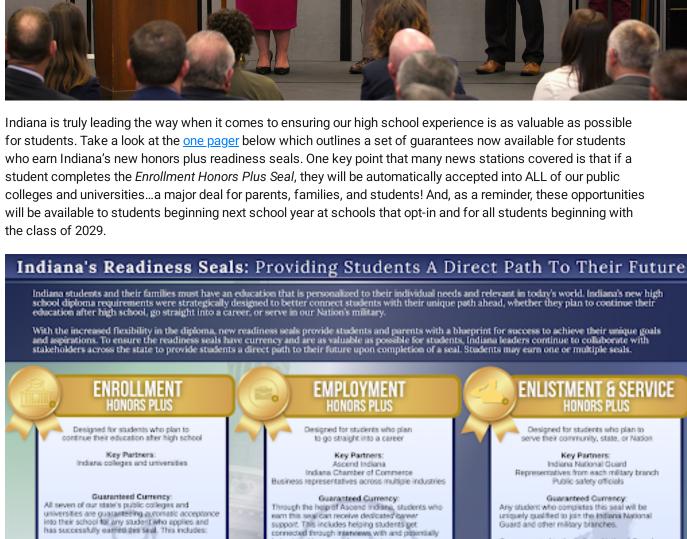
Communities all across our state were impacted by severe weather earlier this week, including flooding, dangerous storms leading to power outages, and in several cases, tornadoes. Your local leadership has

also a really positive story that earned some headlines across the state

been imperative in keeping our students safe through these tough situations, so thank you! These storms have dominated the headlines for days, but there was

this week, and I'd like to share a bit more about that today. On Wednesday afternoon, Governor Braun made the announcement that we have secured a number of partnerships to provide students a direct path to their future upon completion of a readiness seal in addition to their diploma, whether they plan to continue their education, go straight into a career, or serve our Nation. You can check out a short video from the announcement here.





Through the hep'ef Ascend Indiana, students who earn this seal can receive dedicated learner support. This includes helping students get connected through interviews, with and papersially being hired by some of our state's top employers, Indiana State University Community Health Network, Earn college credits for completing training and reduce the time and cost required to complete CFA Staffing · Indiana University Cummins, Eli Lilly and Company, Parkview Health and Roche Diagnostics Ivy Tech Community College Gain direct access to veteran mentors, and military career counselors who can provide college and career guidance Purdue University · University of Southern Indiana Students who interview and have completed either the Employment Honors or Honors Plus Seal will also be eligible for direct entry into the Central Midwest Carpenters Union apprenticeship. · Vincennes University designed for military professionals, offering job interviews for federal employment and private-sector roles where military experience is highly A growing number of satellite campuses, as well as private colleges and universities have also expressed interest.

Operating Engineers Local 150 to offer similar benefits in connection with their apprantication As implementation of the new diploma continues, this list of partners will grow to ensure Hoosier students have a more seamless path to their future Thank you to our partners at Indiana colleges and universities, Ascend Indiana, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, Central Midwest Carpenters Union, Operating Engineers Local 150, business representatives from

across Indiana, the Indiana National Guard, and representatives from each military branch and public safety officials for your work in ensuring Indiana's diplomas have currency for students. As we continue implementation of the new diploma, we look forward to growing our list of partners who want to ensure Hoosier students have a more seamless path to their future. Thank you to Governor Braun for his leadership (and for signing the HS diploma rule...it's official!), and a huge

thank you to each of YOU for leading this important work at the community level. You are truly setting the example for what's possible. As you keep sharing your work, we will continue to shine a light on you. Stay safe, and as always, thank you for all that you do! Final note, last week I inadvertently left off one of the school corporations leading the way with RAZ-32...so, I also want to give a huge shout out to Randolph Southern School Corporation in addition to the other five school corporations who are partnering together to open up opportunities for kids! Office of Accountability

The school and corporation profile amendment submission window for the 2025-2026 school year is open until Sunday, August 31. In order to ensure the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) maintains accurate information, all schools and school 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 School Accountability with any questions.

NEW: ILEARN 3-8, ILEARN Biology End-of-Course Assessment (ECA), & ILEARN U.S. Government

The ILEARN 3-8 Spring 2025 online testing window is Monday, April 14, through Friday, May 9. The ILEARN Biology and U.S. Government ECA Spring 2025 online testing window is Monday, April 15, through Friday, May 17. Paper-and-pencil testing windows close one week prior to the close of the online testing windows. As a reminder, participation in the ILEARN U.S. Government ECA is optional for students who have completed the high school U.S. government course and is only offered online. Students are required to participate in the ILEARN Biology ECA once upon completion of the high school biology course. View participation guidance here. Refer to the ILEARN 2024-2025 Milestones and ILEARN Biology ECA Test Window Checklist

REMINDER: School and Corporation Profile Amendment Window

ECA Spring 2025 Testing Windows Open Monday, April 14

guidance as needed. Contact IDOE's Office of Student Assessment with any questions.

IDOE's Office of Student Assessment with any questions regarding this opportunity.

Office of Educator Talent & Literacy Center

their exam by Monday, June 30. Contact IDOE's <u>Literacy Center</u> with questions.

NEW: 2026 Teacher of the Year Application is Now Available

IDOE's Office of Educator Talent with any questions.

REMINDER: Preferred Universal Screener

REMINDER: Praxis 5205 Test Guidance

Office of Information Technology

Contact Brad Hagg with any questions.

REMINDER: 2025 School Tech Plan Survey Now Open

REMINDER: Identity Server Upgrade for LINK Portal

IDOE's Office of Information Technology with any questions.

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NEW: Nominations Now Open for the 2026 RISE Classified Staff Award

NEW: 2025-2026 Annual K-8 School Reading Plan

Office of Assessment

for an overview of deadlines. Contact IDOE's Office of Student Assessment with any questions. REMINDER: ILEARN English/Language Arts (ELA) Performance Task Released Items and Updated **Timing Guidance** In February, IDOE collaborated with a sample of school corporations to collect student responses for the new ELA Performance Tasks to be scored using the new ELA Writing Rubrics. IDOE will provide sample annotated student responses with scoring information for each grade level when this work is complete. Sample ELA Performance Tasks can be found here. These Performance Tasks are not secure, can be used instructionally in the classroom, and will be added to the ILEARN Released Items Repository (RIR) and the ILEARN ELA Performance Task Practice Test in school year 2025-2026. Median time durations

for the new ELA Performance Tasks can be found here. Schools can use this information to help with scheduling this spring's administration of the ELA Performance Task. Following the spring 2025 ILEARN administration, IDOE will update this timing

IDOE is seeking science teachers and instructional coaches for grades four, six, and biology to participate in a virtual ILEARN Science Content and Fairness Committee, Tuesday, July 15, through Wednesday, July 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET. This committee will review new items that have been prepared for field testing and confirm if they are appropriate or if edits are needed. Participants will receive an honorarium of \$320 upon completion. The application deadline is Friday, April 11. Contact

REMINDER: ILEARN Science Content and Fairness Committee Application Now Available

NEW: Keys to Literacy Completion Educators have until Monday, June 30, to complete all asynchronous coursework through Keys to Literacy to maintain stipend eligibility. For help accessing your course, please see this <u>PDF</u> of directions and FAQs for <u>Teachable</u>. Contact <u>Keys to Literacy</u> with any questions regarding your online course. If you have not yet enrolled in a Keys to Literacy course, you have until

the 2025 <u>annual reading plan guidance</u>. Contact IDOE's <u>Literacy Center</u> with additional questions.

Indiana Code (IC) 20-32-8.5 and 511 Indiana Administrative Code (IAC) 6.2-3.1 require schools with students enrolled in

kindergarten through grade eight to submit an annual reading plan to IDOE by Monday, June 30. IDOE's Literacy Center released

Thursday, May 15, to register in order to complete by Monday, June 30, and maintain stipend eligibility. Click here to register. Additionally if you have requested a Praxis voucher, the testing date can fall after June 30, 2025, but educators must schedule

Districts, charters, and non-public schools across the state are encouraged to nominate up to two classified school employees for the Recognizing Inspiring School Employees (RISE) Award. The RISE Award honors and promotes the excellence exhibited by classified school employees who provide exemplary service to students in pre-kindergarten through high school. The deadline to submit nominations is Monday, July 7 at 5 p.m. ET. Nominations can be submitted via JotForm. Contact

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 Monday, July 7. More Information on the 2026 Indiana Teacher of the Year selection process can be found here. For more information contact into mode into mode into more information contact into mode in mode in

Beginning with the 2025-2026 School year, Indiana Code (IC) 20-32-8.5 requires schools where fewer than 70% of students achieve a passing score on IREAD to utilize the preferred universal screener under IC 20-32-5.1-17(j). Please see this memo for more information. Contact IDOE's Literacy Center with questions. **REMINDER: Applications for Spanish Visiting Teacher Program** Details for the SY 2025-2026 Spanish Visiting Teacher Program can be found here, or to learn more about the responsibilities of being a host school please click here. If you were unable to attend the informational webinar you can view the recording here. Districts can express interest by completing the application form here. Priority will be given to applications completed by Monday, March 31. Contact IDOE's Office of Educator Talent 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 Wednesday, April 30. Contact IDOE's Office of Educator Talent with any

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

Educators who hold an Indiana professional educator license can register here for the flexible Keys to Literacy options. Educators planning to earn Indiana's Early Literacy Endorsement can follow the process outlined here to submit a request to verify completion of the approved 80 hours and request a Praxis voucher, if needed. Contact IDOE's Literacy Center with

Educators using test vouchers (or any payment method) need to review the Registration and Essential Checklist before registering for the Praxis 5205 here. Educators using test vouchers (or any payment method) who want to use a school-owned computer to take at-home Praxis exams should review and confirm that the computer equipment and environment meet the test-at-home requirements and that network security settings will not block the test platform software. Please review the At-Home Testing Requirements to ensure the testing session will not be invalidated, thus requiring payment for another exam

session. For support with Praxis, contact ETS Praxis Customer Support or 1-800-772-9476.

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 The Office of Educator Talent.

The 2025 School Tech Plan Survey is now available to be completed for all Indiana school corporations, charter schools, and non-public schools. The survey will be open through Friday, April 18. 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 completed here. Previous year public data may be found in the <u>Digital Readiness Dashboard</u> or through <u>EdData</u>.

The LINK Portal's Identity Server has been upgraded to the latest version in order to support the newest version of .NET. This technology allows IDOE to recognize local Google or Microsoft login credentials. This upgrade requires new tokens for many of the applications that are linked within the LINK Portal to be refreshed. While some users will not experience any issues, others

The statutorily required (IC 20-40-22-8(d)) student fee data is now available for review by school leaders. Schools submitted this data in fall 2024 in response to a set of questions about fees charged to families for activities during the school day. All schools were required to respond to the survey in order to receive a distribution from the curricular materials fund. The dashboard is available through the EdData platform in the Link Portal for school leaders at the school and corporation levels. Contact IDOE's Office of School Finance with any questions. Public release will be announced following the embargo period.

will need to clear their browser's cache and re-authenticate in order for their applications to function properly. Contact

REMINDER: Embargoed Student Fee Study Now Available to School Leaders

Office of School and Community Nutrition

request free seed packets for your summer sites, while supplies last.

ongoing until Monday, June 30.

any questions.

questions.

resource below:

• New LCP Application

Engagement with any questions.

Education

Adopting LCPs Guidance

LCP Informational Webinar

Approved LCPs

LCP Application Rubric & Scoring Sheet

Adopting an Approved LCP Notification Form

Contact IDOE's Office of Student Pathways with additional questions.

NEW: Free Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) Training

NEW: Science of Reading for English Learners Guide

REMINDER: Part C to Part B Transition Office Hours

all regulations. Contact IDOE's Office of Special Education with any questions.

osemonitoring@doe.in.gov with any questions.

REMINDER: Spread the Word - ISPROUT

REMINDER: Changes to Monitoring Procedures

Education monitoring team with additional questions.

Contact IDOE's Office of Digital Learning with any questions.

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NEW: 2025 Summer of Learning Conferences

NEW: April PD with IDOE

Assessment (KRA) and ISPROUT

StudentAid.gov Account (FSA ID)

News From Our Partners

Register for the Summer Institute here.

September 8. Four information sessions will be held in 2025:

is available here.

Thursday, April 17, Thursday, April 24, Thursday, August 7, and Tuesday, August 19

teachercreativity@lei.org with any questions.

learnmoreindiana.org/contact.

List of any federal benefits received

Records of untaxed income (if applicable)

Office of Title Grants and Support

Kindergarten Readiness

REMINDER: Aspiring Special Education Leadership Institute (ASELI)

Office of School Finance

REMINDER: Common School Loans

Prioritized Expert Partners Now Open

REMINDER: Annual 1003 Flexibility Waivers

REMINDER: Healthy Meals Incentives Recognition Awards

Office of School Support and Transformation

NEW: Hoosier Awardee Spotlight: Richland Bean-Blossom Schools

The Small or Rural School Food Authority Breakfast Trailblazer Award has been awarded to Richland-Bean Blossom Community School Corporation. Richland-Bean Blossom reduced added sugars at breakfast by over 600 grams per week by offering fewer grain-based desserts, switching to fresh fruit instead of dried fruit with added sugars, and opting for reduced sugar cereals. Additionally, they incorporated new scratch made menu items such as baked blueberry oatmeal, peanut butter overnight oats, apple cinnamon sheet pancakes, sweet potato parfait, cauliflower-mushroom sausage gravy over a jalapeno cheddar drop biscuit, and frozen yogurt bark, which the students love. **NEW: Season Your Summer** Join us for the second Farm to Summer celebration called Season Your Summer. The theme for this year's educational initiative focuses on exploring different locally grown herbs that spice up daily meals. Participation in this initiative is voluntary, easy, and open to anyone operating a summer child nutrition program. All learning activities listed in the Toolkit are geared toward

elementary-age students and provide different educational opportunities for young minds. The nutritional component of the initiative will teach students how to grow herbs at home and use them in preparing easy and fresh recipes. Sign up here and

Action for Healthy Kids (AFHK) and USDA are recognizing and celebrating School Food Authorities (SFAs) that have made operational changes to improve the nutritional quality of their school meals, as well as those engaging students and families in nutrition education and school meals. If your school has made changes to recipes and menus or engaged students in menu planning and nutrition education, you may qualify for a Healthy Meals Incentives Recognition Award. This recognition award is

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

the Next Gen SIG program. These partners will have a theory of change that prioritized rigorous analysis, partnership, and commitment to systemic reform over one-size-fits-all or pre-planned interventions and/or solutions. Interested applicants can find the application and other pertinent information about this opportunity on the Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA) Current Business Opportunities page. Contact KMarch@idoa.IN.gov with any guestions. **REMINDER: Next Gen SIG Now Open** Next Gen SIG is a competitive grant for school transformation. Eligibility for this grant extends to all schools currently identified as Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) and Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) under Indiana's ESSA Plan. Interested school officials can read more about the grant program in the Next Gen SIG memo. A list of eligible schools can be

found here. IDOE's Office of School Support and Transformation will be accepting applications through Friday, May 30, with finalists announced mid-summer. A PDF version of the application can be found here. The scoring rubric for the application can be found here. The online application can be found here. Contact IDOE's Office of School Support and Transformation with any

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, improve the efficiency of school operations, and promote innovative educational approaches to student learning. Interested officials can read more about the opportunity in the memo and the Flexibility Guide for Indiana's K-12 Schools. Applications are

now open and will be accepted on a rolling basis through Friday, April 25. Contact Georgia Watson with any questions.

As Indiana transitions to the new high school diploma, IDOE has developed this guidance on eligible courses to support planning for the 2025-2026 school year. Contact IDOE's Office of Student Pathways and Opportunities with any questions.

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

IDOE and Indiana University are partnering up to offer free YMHFA. Participants will come away with a better understanding of how to work with a family member, student, co-worker or friend who may be in a crisis; as well as, assist them appropriately. Participants will learn how often we may be impacted by mental health and how untreated mental health can lead to anxiety, depression, and, in some cases, thoughts of suicide. This is normally a training that costs more than \$500 a participant and it is being offered to you for free. The course offers seven hours of professional growth plan (PGP) points as the pre-training is estimated to take two hours and the training session is five hours. YMHFA is an evidence-based training and meets the suicide prevention training requirements for education licensure. Register here. Contact IDOE's Office of Student, School, and Family

Office of Special Education, English Learning, and Migrant

Office of Student Pathways and Opportunities

NEW: New Indiana Diploma Implementation Support, Final Course Eligibility

REMINDER: 2025-2026 Locally Created Pathway Applications Now Open

Office of Student, School, and Family Engagement

NEW: Request for Information (RFI) for Next Generation School Improvement Grant (Next Gen SIG)

IDOE's Office of School Support and Transformation is now accepting applications for Prioritized Expert Partners for Next Gen SIG. IDOE seeks prioritized expert partners that demonstrate a strong commitment to a transformative vision for the schools in

<u>Learners Community Moodle</u>. Contact IDOE's <u>Office of English Learning and Migrant Education</u> with questions. REMINDER: Special Education Behavioral Grant Recipients Announced The recipients of the 2025-2026 Behavior Grant from IDOE's Office of Special Education have been released. The grant allows school corporations and charters opportunities through funding to improve the behavioral skills of students with disabilities. Contact IDOE's osebehaviorgrant@doe.in.gov with questions.

The Indiana Council of Administrators of Special Education (ICASE) offers a one-year leadership development program that prepares educators for special education leadership roles to improve outcomes for all students. ASELI is currently accepting applications for cohort five. ASELI is composed of teachers, school psychologists, counselors, and principals who aspire to be special education administrators and are committed to a career in special education leadership. ASELI is not available for currently-licensed special education directors Contact ICASE or the Office of Special Education with any questions.

IDOE's Office of Special Education will host an open office hour related to the Part C to Part B transition on Tuesday, April 8, at 11

IDOE'S Office of Special Education has released a Spread the Word reminder to LEAs of ISPROUT reporting requirements. LEAs should review the document, disseminate it to staff involved with preschool-aged students with IEPs, administer ISPROUT to children with IEPs aged three to five in preschool settings, and ensure that local policies, practices, and procedures comply with

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

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

Al Insights for Educators, a PD series on Al in education, continues on Thursday, April 10, at 4 p.m. ET with Students for Innovation: Empowering Schools to Embrace AI with Alana Winnick, author of The Generative Age. Previous sessions are available in the Indiana Learning Lab. This series builds on Indiana's Artificial Intelligence Guidance. Register to attend here.

Two grant opportunities are now available and accepting applications until Friday, May 16: The 2025 Digital Learning Grant and the Indiana Digital Intervention Training and Implementation Grant. More information on both competitive grants can be found on the respective memos. A grant information session will take place on Thursday, April 10, at 2 p.m. ET. Use this link to join.

IDOE's Summer of Learning Conferences offer educators opportunities to connect with technology-enhanced pedagogy related to virtual and blended learning, Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and accessibility, integrated STEM, artificial intelligence (AI) and AI literacy, adult learning theories/research and professional development, and more. Fourteen conference host sites were

selected through the Summer of Learning Grant process. View the conference schedule on IDOE's Digital Learning and

April PD with IDOE begins on Wednesday, April 9, at 4 p.m. ET with Indiana High School Diploma Redesign presented by Ron Sandlin, IDOE Deputy Chief Strategy Officer. View a full list of April 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

Digital learning coaches are invited to join IDOE for Digital Learning Coach Camp on Tuesday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET

educational technology coaching roles, is a round-table style, one-day conference. This year we are excited to welcome Matt Miller, who will provide a keynote and facilitate collaboration among attendees. This event is free, and participants will be released for a lunch break. Register for this opportunity here. Contact IDOE's Office of Digital Learning with any questions.

As part of Indiana's system to measure and support kindergarten readiness, Indiana's KRA will be available to all public, charter, and non-public schools as an opt-in assessment for fall 2025 kindergarten students. The opt-in window is now open through Friday, April 25. ISPROUT will continue to be required for children in special education for ages three through five, but the opt-in window for all three through five students for fall 2025 is also open, as well. If you participated in the KRA or ISPROUT in 2024,

at Central Indiana Educational Service Center (CIESC). This professional learning opportunity, specifically for those in

REMINDER: Fall 2025 Opt-In Early Learning Assessment System - Kindergarten Readiness

you must still complete a form for 2025. Contact IDOE's Office of Kindergarten Readiness with any questions.

NEW: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Deadline on Tuesday, April 15

Federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned from 2023

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME: Remote Teacher Collaboratives

join a network of professionals from across the country. Register for the session here.

NEW FROM AP-TIP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME: 2025 Summer Institute

Asset information including bank statements and records of investments (if applicable)

The Commission's outreach coordinators are available to assist students and families in the filing process. Outreach

coordinators are strategically located in eight geographic regions in Indiana and can help students, families, and educators with questions about state financial aid and filing the FAFSA. To send a direct message to your region's Outreach Coordinator, visit

NEW FROM THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEACHER INVESTMENT PROGRAM (AP-TIP) AT THE

AP-TIP's Remote Teacher Collaboratives for AP and dual credit educators will be held virtually on Tuesday, April 8, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. ET. Participants will connect content to practical, high-impact instructional practices, share ideas and resources, and

AP-TIP's 2025 Summer Institute for AP and dual credit educators will be held on Tuesday, July 8, through Friday, July 11, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET at Pike High School in Indianapolis. Participants will engage in conference-style training designed to strengthen instructional practice. AP teachers meet College Board requirements for training during the four-day Summer Institute. Dual credit teachers are invited to join the Summer Institute on Wednesday, July 9, and Thursday, July 10, for a variety of conference sessions that emphasize shared approaches for engaging and challenging all students of advanced coursework.

NEW FROM FIVE STAR TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS: Transforming Teaching and Learning with

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

award approximately 125 grants, each totaling up to \$15,000, in 2026. The application deadline is 6 p.m. ET on Monday,

To learn more or register for one of these sessions, visit the Lilly Endowment website. Contact Lilly Endowment staff at

Join Indy Ignite and Teach Indy as we make history with Indiana's first pro women's volleyball team! We want to say thank you to teachers for all you do for students—celebrate with us at Teacher Appreciation Night on Friday, April 25, at 7 p.m. at the Fishers Event Center. Grab your discounted tickets now and be part of the excitement! Purchase Tickets here. If you are a

to enrich your curriculum, build professional networks, and create innovative, student-focused projects supported by a vibrant

Marion County current and future career advisors are invited to join us for an empowering career coaching event at the Central Indiana Education Service Center. This free, full-day conference on Wednesday, April 30, features speakers, breakout sessions,

Weekly Updates

View previous weekly updates from Dr. Katie Jenner here.

Join our partners from Five Star Technology Solutions or a free webinar is designed to equip educators with the knowledge and skills to harness the power of Gemini in Google Workspace for Education, ultimately transforming teaching practices and fostering a more engaging and personalized learning environment for students. Explore creative ways to incorporate Gemini into lesson planning and delivery, making learning more engaging and tailored to individual student needs and interests. Registration

The Lilly Endowment is accepting applications for its <u>Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program</u>. 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

Professional Development webpage. Contact IDOE's Office of Digital Learning with any questions.

REMINDER: Register Now for Digital Learning Coach Camp on Tuesday, April 22

email address to log in. Contact IDOE's Office of Digital Learning with any questions.

NEW: Digital Learning Grant and Digital Intervention Training & Implementation Grant

a.m. ET. The team will begin with a brief overview of transition requirements, and the remainder of the hour will be spent

answering questions related to requirements and data collection. Access the meeting here and email

risk assessment and a self-assessment process to ensure all LEAs are meeting compliance standards.

Office of Teaching and Learning, Digital Learning, and

NEW: Artificial Intelligence (AI) Professional Development (PD) Series

The Office of English Learning and Migrant Education is pleased to share a new resource: Science of Reading for English Learners (ELs). This resource, geared toward teachers of ELs, provides a guide to the science of reading as it relates to students' English language development. It can be found on IDOE's English Learning webpage as well as the Indiana English

NEW: Quality Counts II Grant Announcement The Charter School team is pleased to announce the awarded grantees of the Quality Counts II GAN Waiver Cohort. Follow this <u>link</u> to see the list of awarded schools. Contact <u>Abby Littrell</u> with any questions. REMINDER: Title Grants and Support Summer School Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) IDOE's Office of Title Grants and Support have developed guidance for LEAs using federal grants to support summer school programming. Review the FAQ document here. Contact your Federal Grants Specialist with any questions. **Indiana Commission for Higher Education**

The 2025-2026 FAFSA deadline is rapidly approaching. Filing the FAFSA is key to accessing \$400 million in state and billions of dollars in federal aid that can be used for education and training after high school. Indiana's deadline for filing the FAFSA each year is April 15. Students can file the FAFSA online at studentaid.gov. Information needed to complete the FAFSA includes:

REMINDER FROM THE CENTRAL INDIANA EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER (CIESC): Teacher Industry Experiences in Indiana (TIE-IN) - Bridging Classrooms & Industry Elevate your teaching with TIE-IN, a transformative program through a partnership between IDOE and CIESC, connecting educators with real-world industry insights. Open to all licensed Indiana educators, TIE-IN offers three unique opportunities, all of which include a stipend: formal coursework with state universities, personalized externships with industry partners, and immersive single-day visits to diverse businesses. Explore fields like healthcare, engineering, information technology, and more

community of practice. If you have questions, please contact Ryan Murray at CIESC.

workshops and networking. Registration is now open, and limited spots are available.

REMINDER: SAVE THE DATE FROM EMPLOY INDY

school leader or community partner interested in bringing a group of 10 or more to this event, contact Marie Butler.

REMINDER FROM TEACH INDY: Indy Ignite Volleyball Teacher Appreciation Night

Stay Informed Did you miss a message? View previous weekly emails here. Dr. Jenner's Weekly Update from the Indiana Department of Education is distributed every Friday morning. This email was sent by: %%Member_Busname%% %%Member_Addr%%, %%Member_City%%, %%Member_State%%, %%Member_PostalCode%% %%Member_Country%% **Privacy Notice** Manage Preferences Unsubscribe