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End of the Year Message

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT??? ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR COME AND GONE! Overall it has ended up to be a good year for non-public schools in Indiana! In many areas around the state, enrollments are on the increase. A number of schools are considering expanding. Test scores continue to show improvement after a few years of adjusting to our schools' changing demographics. The 2015 General Assembly session brought some improvements and opportunities for our schools as well. Even though in the new world of the education calendar (balanced or not) there is no longer a major break in the summer, we should still take the opportunity to briefly look back at a job well done. Indiana is blessed with many quality non-public schools, visionary and passionate school leaders and talented and committed teachers. The primary beneficiary of these efforts is the State of Indiana. Thanks for all you do! Have a great summer!

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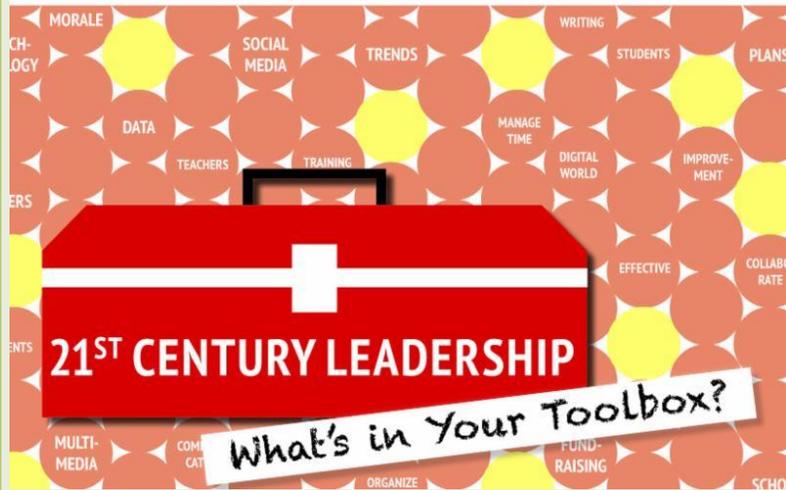
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Indiana Non-Public Administrators' Conference

September 10-11, 2015 • Indianapolis Marriott North



Register for INPAC 2015

Don't miss the best INPAC ever!

And don't come alone - Bring your Leadership Team! There will be 3 to 5 not-to-miss sessions happening concurrently. [Check out the session schedule here](#). Want to gear up before the meeting? Check out some of the books authored by our keynoters. In particular, you might want to take a look at [Deliberate Optimism by Debbie Silver](#) and [Shifting the Monkey by Todd Whitaker](#).

[Visit our website to download the Registration Form or to register online.](#)

The registration deadline is August 24, 2015.

There is a limited number of hotel rooms in our block, so we recommend you make your room reservation soon! Be sure to mention you are with the Indiana Non-Public Education Association. Visit the [Marriott North website](#) or call 317-705-0000 to make reservations. Address: 3645 River Crossing Parkway, Indianapolis, IN 46240

Are you following us on [Twitter @INPEA_Voice](#)? if not, here are some #INPAC2015 Tweets from last week:



Sarah Wannemuehler will cover the legalities of school handbooks at #INPAC2015. Her session is sponsored by [@PSRBlaw](#) <http://bit.ly/1HclEm5>



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Learn about building staff morale when technology is changing the landscape of our schools at Daryl Hagan's breakout session at #INPAC2015

Choice **School** Applications Filed?

At the time of our last meeting with the Choice folks at IDOE, there were still a number of current Choice schools that had not submitted their "school" application and required materials for next school year. As you know, student voucher applications cannot be processed until the school has an approved application on file at IDOE.

Choice Award Calculation Update

As was reported in a recent Choice School Update

During the recent legislative session, the \$4,800 cap for grades 1 through 8 was removed. The award amount is now calculated for grades K through 12 as the lesser of tuition and fees at the participating school or 90% or 50% (based on income eligibility) of the per-student state funding for the student's school corporation of residence.

The award amount has been updated in the STN Application Center for all student applications already submitted for the 2015-2016 school year.

Please review the award amount for each student and provide families with updated award letters if their student's award amount has changed.

Kindergarten Voucher Age/Birthdate Cutoff: August 1

We've had some questions lately about the age (birthdate) cutoff for Kindergarten vouchers. The deadline is age 5 by August 1. Technically schools can admit a student with an earlier birthdate (unless the school or jurisdiction has a policy stating otherwise), but a student cannot apply for a voucher if they meet one of the few kindergarten eligibility pathways unless they meet the August 1st birthday deadline as well.

SAVE THE DATE: Second Annual IDOE School Choice Administrator Conference

July 21, 2015, 9AM-4PM, Indianapolis

The Indiana Department of Education is hosting an all-day statewide training conference for Choice School Administrators. The conference will include a program update on changes for the 2015-2016 school year. Department staff from Assessment, Accountability, Special Education, and Data Collection and Reporting will provide helpful information and answer questions.

The conference will be on Tuesday July 21, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the Indiana Government Center Campus in downtown Indianapolis.

We know (as does IDOE) that some jurisdictions have beginning principals meetings on that day. Minimally, all handouts will be made available. There is also a "possibility" of the sessions being recorded.

For more information and to register please visit:

<http://www.doe.in.gov/choice/choice-school-administrator-training-conference>

Public Policy Goals: How did your school do?

Yes, it was a good year for non-public schools in the public policy arena. Did you set public policy goals? Were you able to achieve them? What are your plans for next school year? It will continue to take all of us engaging in the legislative process if we are going to continue to have productive years like 2015. For all of you who owned your responsibility to engage....THANKS!

Thinking about a goal that you can work on together? How about a local rally to share the good news? [Check out this video clip of the Rally held in Fort Wayne.](#)

Scholarship Tax Credit Cap

As of this writing, there was \$5,443 left in the current fiscal year tax cap of 7.5 million dollars. The new fiscal year begins July 1 with a 8.5 million dollar tax cap. Thank goodness for the success in achieving the bump this year and another 1 million dollar bump in the following fiscal year as well.

State Board

As you are probably aware, with the passage of Senate Bill 1, there has been a major overhaul of the State Board. How the board is constituted (beginning June 2015) and the election of its chair (beginning after Superintendent's Ritz current term expires) are the two biggest changes. The new board will hold its first meeting on June 3 at Purdue University in West Lafayette. Interested in attending? [Contact our office](#) for specific location.

School Safety Information Requests

We have had a number of questions about a May 27th request from Dave Woodward from IDOE asking for arrest and bullying data. **Please note that this request applies to public schools only.** You can certainly volunteer that information, but it is not required. If you note in the code reference, it only specifies "school corporation" -- that refers to public schools only.

INPEA Member Services Survey: How are we doing?

In the next few days, you will receive a Members Survey assessing INPEA Services. We would greatly appreciate your feedback about how we can serve you better. It should only take 10 minutes or less to complete. Thanks in advance for your feedback!

Watch for the 2015-16 INPEA Annual Data Survey request in September

INPEA Staffing Transition

I am sad to inform you that Rose Soliven, our Office and Communication Coordinator, will be moving to Ann Arbor, Michigan in July and hence leaving INPEA at the end of June. I have often heard it said that the worth of an employee is not measured only by the length of their tenure. That is abundantly true when looking at Rose's contribution in her year and half tenure at INPEA. Her impact on our communications, social media presence and operational efficiencies has been tremendous. She is a stellar young woman and young professional and will impact many organizations in her future I am sure. I know I speak for the INPEA board and most importantly for myself when I say she will be missed. She will be with us until the end of June. Feel free to wish her well at rsoliven@inpea.org.

Rose's position has been posted, and we're hoping for a clone :) You can find the posting on our website by [clicking HERE](#).

GreatSchools Project

Did you know that 675,000 visitors looked at Indiana school profiles on GreatSchoolsIndiana.org last year alone? With 59 million visitors a year, GreatSchools is the nation's leading online guide to schools. We offer a wealth of information to help families understand the schools in their communities—from test scores and ratings to reviews by parents and students. Among parents who used GreatSchools to find a school for their children last year, 73% surveyed said the site influenced which school they chose.

If you are a principal or authorized school official, you can enhance your profile by completing an **Official School Profile**. This new feature is free and allows you to manage your page on our website and highlight the qualities that make your school stand out.

Register for free today: www.greatschools.org/osp

Catalyst for Quality Grant Application Window Now Open

Institute for Quality Education Will Award \$5,000 to Teachers

A new grant opportunity for Indiana teachers will award up to \$2,500 to individuals or groups of teachers to implement their ideas for improving student learning. Applicants will be asked to outline a strategy for improving student outcomes through the use of data-driven instruction.

The Catalyst for Quality grant is an initiative of the Institute for Quality Education (IQE), a non-profit advocacy organization. "We recognize teachers are the single most important factor in a child's school day," said IQE Director of Outreach Tosha Salyers. "Quality teaching inspires, motivates, and measures. It is the foundation of providing a quality education to every student."

The application window will close July 17. Proposals will be posted on IQE social media accounts for public voting and finalists will present their ideas to a panel of educators and community leaders. Two winners will be chosen and announced on August 6. More information about the grant and how to apply may be found online at www.i4qed.org/pages/catalyst-for-quality-grant

Other Professional Development Opportunities

Dr. George Batsche presenting Multi-Tiered System of Supports Sponsored by ICASE

Indiana Council of Administrators of Special Education (ICASE) is pleased to announce the conference sponsoring Dr. George Batsche from the University of Florida. Dr. George Batsche will be presenting Multi-Tiered System of Support - MTSS on June 16th in Carmel, Indiana. Our Indiana Schools have been implementing RTI in order to provide proper interventions to our students at risk. MTSS is an evidence-based model that uses data-based problem solving to integrate academic and behavioral instruction and intervention based on student needs. MTSS is a national initiative which Dr. Batsche is regarded as the finest in the field. We are inviting Educators throughout the state to join us for this event. Superintendents, Board

members, Principals, Teachers, Counselors, and other support staff are all recommended to attend this opportunity. The conference will be held at the 502 Event Center in Carmel, Indiana, the cost is \$110 per person. [Registration may be found on the ICASE website under events.](#)

2015 Postsecondary Counseling Institute

<https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/tab1.aspx?EventID=1643778>

Tech Tips from INPEA Premier Business Partner CISCO

The Wireless Impact: Thoughts on the impact your wireless network has on your core network and vice versa



The speedometer on your vehicle probably says it can go 120 MPH and maybe it can; but unless you spent your working days in Speedway, IN this past month, it probably hasn't yet! The same point can be made about the latest generation Wireless Access Points (WAP). Cisco just released a next generation WAP (802.11ac wave 2) that will support up to 1.3Gbps. Because of this new wireless capability, many customers are asking if they need to change their wiring and/or core network to support speeds greater than 1Gbps. It's a good question to consider but not one that should cause panic, not just yet anyway. While it is true that the WAP will support this speed it most likely won't get the chance to do so for some time. You see, many things have to line up just right for a wireless client to support this type of speed. Technical stuff like the support of 3 spatial streams, 80 MHz channels, 256-QAM, and the client must be in close proximity to the AP. New wireless clients are heading this way for sure, but most likely you have some time before changes need to be made to your current infrastructure because of this latest capability. But it is important to take into consideration the age and the capabilities of your current network switching infrastructure. Does your switching infrastructure need to be improved before upgrading your wireless network to the latest and greatest speeds? After all, does it really matter if your car can go 120 MPH if you spend all of your time driving in a parking lot?

Bottom line is this - when it comes to designing your wireless infrastructure, you need to think about your switching infrastructure and wireless clients capabilities as well. But don't panic - just because something can go fast, doesn't always mean it will - just ask Conor Daly (the last place finisher in the Indianapolis 500 who's car

had mechanical failure before completing a single lap)!

By Kevin Flook, Cisco Sales Engineer for Local Government and Public/Private Education in the State of Indiana

Technology Buying Consortium with DAST Consulting

Just a reminder that INPEA and DAST Consulting have partnered for a Technology Consortium for our INPEA member schools. DAST Consulting will provide technology procurement services at a reduced rate. **The decision by an INPEA school or jurisdiction to utilize these technology procurement services is voluntary.** As a part of the partnership, DAST has proposed that INPEA could receive 2% of any proceeds DAST receives from an INPEA member purchase. So all in all, this has the potential to be a Win (school cost savings), Win (INPEA benefits from the purchase), Win (DAST business). [If you have technology purchasing needs, check it out and see if it could be a benefit to your school.](#)

Many thanks to our INPEA Business Partners!

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Have a GREAT summer! Find some time for R & R!
Thanks for your support!

Sincerely,
John

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