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Happy 40th Anniversary, INPEA!



INPEA Executive Directors past and present celebrated our 40 years of serving Indiana's non-public schools at last month's INPEC.

INPEC Follow-up

Many thanks to all attendees, volunteers, presenters, exhibitors and sponsors!

More than 1,900 people attended INPEC 2014! Those present heard two excellent keynoters, saw two leaders recognized for their contribution to Indiana's non-public schools, had the opportunity to attend over 90 sessions and meet with 90 exhibitors. Preliminary reviews have been very positive! Electronic evaluations are currently being submitted. If you have not received yours, please let us know, or if you have not completed yours, please do so as soon as possible. **Your feedback is very important.**

Handouts are still available for select sessions on our website: <http://inpea.org/conferences/inpec/2014-conference-agenda/>

Thanks to all those who were in attendance. Your participation supports INPEA's operations and allows us

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to continue to work on your behalf. Hopefully you found all of the enhancements added to the conference experience beneficial. Feel free to continue the post-conference conversation via **#INPEC2014**. For those of you who were not in attendance, please watch for a survey as well. We'd love to know what we can do to get you there in 2016. Speaking of 2016, save the dates for the next **INPEC: October 13-14, 2016**. Please mark your calendars now so that you plan your 2016-17 school calendars accordingly.

Doctoral Study by Jill Forte

Jill Forte, a doctoral student at Indiana Wesleyan, reached out to INPEA to gain assistance in participation from our member schools. As fellow educators, please watch for her email survey, and if at all possible, assist her in her research. See the description below from Jill:

- My name is Jill Forte, and I am a doctoral student at Indiana Wesleyan University studying educational leadership in our state. The current reforms in education at the Indiana state level create a unique environment from which other states and nations can learn. At issue is what style of leadership our principals utilize in the current environment and how that style, in this environment, influences teacher commitment to the school. I am conducting a research study in November 2014 that will use two survey tools to measure principal leadership style and teacher organizational commitment. I am surveying 82 schools across the state, and the data will be aggregated. I will be asking principals to enter at least ten teacher emails to the survey company, Mind Garden, for confidentiality. The surveys should take less than 25 minutes to complete. Further, the data will be submitted directly to Mind Garden, which will provide it to me in total. Principals can obtain a copy of a report on their leadership style from Mind Garden (with at least ten teacher respondents-a \$100 value), and teachers can enter into a drawing for a Visa gift card (one per school). Even more significantly, this is an opportunity for Indiana principals and teachers to be heard. Thank you for your support

and participation.

IQE Media Messaging Workshop

When: November 12, 2014, 11:30am-4pm

Where: Omni Severin Hotel, Fisher Ballroom (40 W. Jackson Place, Indianapolis, IN 46225). Participants may park at the Circle Centre Parking Garage - entrance on Georgia Street. There is a walkway from the parking garage that takes you directly to the 2nd floor of the Omni, where the Fisher Ballroom is located.

Who: Anyone who is an advocate for school choice is invited!

Trainers and presenters will be on hand to help advocates develop effective messages about school choice during the workshop. Those trainers and presenters include:

- Rafael Sanchez, WRTV6
- Jennifer Carmack, WTHR 13
- Abdul Hakim-Shabazz, 93.1FM WIBC
- Jennifer Wagner, Owner of Mass Ave Public Relations
- Robert Enlow, President & CEO of The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice
- Tosha Salyers, Director of Communication and Outreach for the Institute for Quality Education

Please note: Space is limited and participation is based on a first-come, first-serve basis. Be sure to register for your free seat TODAY (follow this link): <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/school-choice-messaging-workshop-tickets-13713315897>. You may share the Eventbrite link when reaching out to specifically to those that you know might be interested. If you are publicly advertising the event in a newsletter or website, we would ask that you please have them email: contact@i4qed.org to RSVP.

Legislative Liaison Training Sessions

Does your school have a legislative liaison? It should! It is critical that Indiana's non-public schools are prepared to engage legislatively in support of schools and the

many students who attend them now and in the future. Legislative Liaisons are INPEA's grassroots network. We anticipate that the 2015 General Assembly session will be a difficult one. It is important that we have structures in place so that the non-public schools voice be heard.

With that in mind, INPEA is scheduling regional trainings for liaisons and other interested school leaders (e.g., board members, parent association officers, school administration). Listed below are a tentative list of dates. A few sites still need to be confirmed. Please work to make sure your school is well represented.

- November 11, 6-7:30pm, Evansville (Catholic Center)
- November 17, 7-8pm, Fort Wayne (Concordia Lutheran High School)
- November 18, Indianapolis
- November 25, 6:30-7:30pm, Kokomo (St. Joan of Arc - South Campus)
- December 4, New Albany
- December 9, South Bend
- December 10, 6-7:30pm, Merrillville (Our Lady of Consolation Parish Hall)

Email Rose at rsoliven@inpea.org for additional training session details.

INPEA Dues

Schools should have received by mail their 2014-15 dues assessments (which are based on previous year enrollment numbers). Thanks to the many schools who have responded already! Your support is greatly appreciated.

If you are reading this e-newsletter and are a not regular dues-paying school, please consider being a contributing member to INPEA's operations. Dues cover approximately 50% of INPEA operations.

INPEA Data Release

INPEA has launched this year's data request. To ensure a smooth rollout, it was decided to send out the data request in three "waves." The final "wave" was sent out this week. If you have any difficulties, please contact Rose Soliven at rsoliven@inpea.org.

Please remember that this data is very important as we prepare for the 2015 Legislative Session. In addition, INPEA receives many requests annually asking how non-public schools have this or do this. Almost always, data is shared in the aggregate. INPEA never shares individual school data without the consent of the school's administration. Thank you for your participation!

INPEA welcomes its first Business Partners

As a part of INPEA's 40th Anniversary Celebration, we kicked off our new Business Partners Program at a reception at INPEC. The first two (of hopefully many) to step forward were [Catapult Learning](#) and [VoWac](#). Watch for more from INPEA business partners in upcoming newsletters. In the meantime, we would encourage you to learn more how these companies can assist your schools.

GreatSchools

Have you updated your school's [GreatSchools](#) online profile? More and more prospective parents are using tools like GreatSchools to assist in their decision making on where to enroll their children. We need to make sure that our information is current and accurate. Also, do you have parents who want to share the good news about your school? Encourage them to go online and to relate their positive experience.

If you are new to GreatSchools, register your school online: www.greatschools.org/osp.

Preschool Pilot

Schools in 4 of the 5 pilot counties (not Jackson) will be able to apply to be approved as providers in November.

Remember the first criteria for participation is:

- Either
 - Preschool is nationally accredited by NAEYC or ACSI
 - Preschool has met the State's Paths to Quality criteria for Level 3 or 4
- The school's preschool program has been accredited by 1 of the 8 accrediting bodies approved by the State Board of Education (same entities approved for the voucher program). Preschool must have been included in the accreditation protocol.

Contact person in each of 5 pilot counties can be found below.

- Allen: John Peirce (johnpeirce@gmail.com)
- Jackson: Dan Hodge (jcecdirector@jceconline.org)
- Marion: Beth Stroh (beth.stroh@uwci.org)
- Vanderburgh: Jennifer Drake (jdrake@child-care.org)
- Lake: Kim Olesker (kim@unitedwaylpc.org);
Jeremy Miller (jmiller@lauw.org)

Seclusion and Restraint

Hopefully everyone has their plans in place! We are continuing to pursue funding for the "train-the-trainer" training. Each jurisdiction is identifying training options for its schools.

For general level training, some videos have been posted on the S&R Commission's webpage www.doe.in.gov/srcommission. Others are still being developed.

If you have questions, feel free to contact John at ielcesser@inpea.org.

Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) will be presenting the Nonviolent Crisis Intervention training program in the following cities in or near Indiana:

Chicago (Oak Brook), IL * October 14-17
 Dayton, OH * October 14-17
 Celina, OH * October 20-23
 Fort Wayne, IN * October 28-31

Indianapolis, IN * December 2-5

[Click here to register online for CPI training.](#)

For CPI questions, please contact Eric Brooks at 877.877.5389 Ext. 7029 or ebrooks@crisisprevention.com.

Planning for the New E-Rate Webcast

Wednesday, November 12, 2014
10-11AM PT

There has been a lot of buzz and confusion around the new E-rate modernization, how it will change E-rate and how entities like private schools and libraries are impacted - as well as public schools. At this Cisco webcast, the CEO of Funds for Learning, John Harrington will explain what applicants need to know to continue planning and making the most of the E-Rate program modernization as well as learn how to take advantage of the new opportunities E-Rate modernization presents while navigating past the potential pitfalls reform can bring.

[Click here for more information and to register online.](#)

Stay connected!

- Watch for INPEA's Electronic Learning Communities coming soon on Twitter!
- Want up-to-the-minute updates on happenings at the Statehouse? Follow [John on Twitter](#).
- Like INPEA on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#) for updates for INPEA events, programs and non-public schools-related news.
- Would you like to advertise for [jobs](#) in your schools on our website? Is your school making news and you would like to share it with the INPEA Community? Please send news to Rose Soliven at rsoliven@inpea.org.

Thanks for your support!

**Sincerely,
John**

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