



# INPEA Update August 2014

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**Welcome Back!**  
And yes, it's our 40th Anniversary!

By this time, everyone is up and running with a new school year. It is our hope that the 2014-15 school year will be one of our best ever!



In case you weren't aware, INPEA is celebrating its 40th anniversary! Yes, back in 1974, a number of visionary school leaders saw the benefit of coming together to address issues affecting all non-public schools. Stay tuned for ways you can help us celebrate this important occasion. Please know that for 40 years, INPEA has been here to serve you. If there is anything we can do to support you or your school, don't hesitate to contact us. Blessings on your school year!

## Seclusion and Restraint Plan

Just a reminder that all public, charter and accredited non-public schools must have a seclusion and restraint plan in place by July 1, 2014. Do you have yours? Model plans are available on the [State Commission's webpage](#), and a non-public school version can found on [INPEA's Resources page](#). Schools can choose to adopt or adapt the model plans as long as the components required by law are included. If you have questions about your plan, feel free to contact John ([jelcesser@inpea.org](mailto:jelcesser@inpea.org)).

**Staff training** is a key part of the plan. The non-public

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model plan suggests a three-tiered approach to each staff member's level of training. The State Commission will have training modules to assist with many of the required training components. INPEA is working on a **train-the-trainer model** for the hands-on part of the required training. INPEA is working with CPI (Crisis Prevention Intervention) and possibly other vendors to provide training for trainers. **To that end, we are looking for folks in our schools who are either already trained as trainers or folks who are willing to be trained.** We will be looking for trainers who are willing to assist in training faculty and staff from schools around the state. If you or someone you know is interested, please e-mail John at [jelcesser@inpea.org](mailto:jelcesser@inpea.org). We are also looking for funding sources to help underwrite the cost of training the trainers. Have ideas? [E-mail John](#).

INPEC 2014 is right around the corner!  
October 23-23, 2014 - Indianapolis



[Have you registered?](#) Have you installed the [conference mobile app](#), which allows you to access expanded information on the sessions, presenters, exhibitors and other highlights from your smartphone or tablet? Have you commented on our [blog posts](#) on our [keynoters'](#) books? [Early Bird and Group Discounts](#) end September 26th, so register today!

Watch for INPEC highlights on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) with the hashtag #INPEC2014. [Click here for full conference details.](#)

**Interested in volunteering at the conference?** It takes a

lot of people to pull off such a large conference. Check out the various ways you can help and sign up:  
<http://vols.pt/ACNpLL>

## INPEA Twitter Competition

@INPEA\_Voice

In part to celebrate our 40th anniversary and to build our electronic community prior to INPEC, we're having a contest WITH PRIZES! The first 40 schools to get 100% of their administration and faculty following [INPEA on Twitter @INPEA\\_Voice](#) (and don't forget to follow us with your school's Twitter account as well) will get up to three FREE INPEC Registrations (for a staff of 10 or less: 1 registration, for a staff of 11-25: 2 registrations, for a staff of 26 or more: 3 registrations). When your school reaches 100%, just send your list of staff and their Twitter handles to [rsoliven@inpea.org](mailto:rsoliven@inpea.org), and we'll take care of the rest. If you have already registered, we'll reimburse you.

## Voucher Application Deadline

September 1st

September 1st is the deadline for submitting voucher applications. September 1st is also the deadline for new schools to apply to be a voucher school. Note that Sept. 1 is Labor Day. You may want to shoot for Friday, April 29. For more information, visit the [IDOE's website](#).

## Legislative Liaisons

The 2015 Legislative Session is predicted to be a tough session. Legislative engagement should be a priority for all non-public schools. One tool in that engagement is INPEA's request that all schools have a Legislative Liaison to serve as a conduit between INPEA and your school community. INPEA will be holding training sessions in November/December in preparation for the session. More information will be forthcoming. If we don't have contact information for your liaison or your liaison has changed or is new, please notify Rose at [rsoliven@inpea.org](mailto:rsoliven@inpea.org).

## Public Policy Engagement

VERY IMPORTANT!

For the reasons stated above, we are asking all schools to set two public policy goals. This could come under the jurisdiction of the administration, the board or a parents' group -- whatever works best for your school. Goals could include things like:

1. Increasing contact from your school community to elected representatives
2. Inviting state legislators into your schools for a visit or an event
3. Identifying parents involved in Choice programs who could be articulate ambassadors for the program, willing to testify at a committee hearing or speak with the media (with some tutoring)
4. Writing letters to the editor on issues of importance to non-public schools or relevant legislation

Feel free to discuss or share your goals with us. **Above all, please engage in some way!** 20,000+ kids are depending on US!

## ISTEP Scores

With ISTEP scores having been recently released, we thought we'd share a review of our scores over the past four years. There is also information by jurisdictions (unfortunately the State doesn't constitute our Christian, Jewish and Independents schools as a jurisdiction, so they are all grouped in the Independent category). [Click here to see the ISTEP charts.](#)

## State Reporting Service

An issue we hear a lot of frustration and confusion around is state reporting. Early this summer, INPEA shared information about a service started by Meredith Bovin (formerly of IDOE) to do state reports for non-pubs in a fee-for-service arrangement. INPEA sent out two surveys assessing interest. A number of schools responded that they would be interested in such a service.

If your school is interested and you have not signed a

contract with Meredith, please e-mail her as soon as possible at [mbovin@indy.rr.com](mailto:mbovin@indy.rr.com). For a description of the service and associated fees, [click here](#).

## INPEA Dues

It's that time again.

INPEA will be sending out your annual dues statements late September/early October. Dues for the 2014-15 school year are \$3/child in K-12 and \$1/child in Pre-Kindergarten. 2014-15 dues are based on 2013-14 enrollment numbers. Please submit your dues by November 15, 2014, if at all possible. Your dues are crucial to our operational budget. Thanks for your support!

## Data Request

INPEA will be e-mailing our annual data survey mid September. It will include the survey link, your username and password. INPEA receives a number of data requests annually from state entities looking for broad aggregate private school data. The data is also invaluable as we approach the upcoming legislative session. The more complete our data is, the more accurate our private school story is. We are asking that you complete your annual data survey by December 1, 2014. Please refer questions to Rose at [rsoliven@inpea.org](mailto:rsoliven@inpea.org) or 317-236-7329. Thanks!

## 2014 Legislative Reminders





A number of health- and safety-related bills passed in the last General Assembly session, including legislation on epi pens, concussions and sudden cardiac arrest. For more info, refer to our [June 2014 INPEA Update](#) (which also can be found on the [Communications page of our website](#)). See Legislative Guidance. You may also consider checking out the school nurses community on [The Learning Connection](#) to find info and training videos.

## United in Prayer

A number of INPEA member school communities have suffered tragic losses over the summer and the beginning of the school year. Please keep these school communities in your prayers. Feel free to share your support at the addresses below.

- St. Louis de Montfort - Tragic loss of a teacher (11421 Hague Rd., Fishers, IN 46038)
- Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School - Tragic loss of a student (2801 W. 86th St., Indianapolis, IN 46268)
- Cathedral High School - Tragic loss of a former student (5225 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, IN 46226)

### Stay in the loop on non-public school issues!

- Like INPEA on [Facebook](#)  and follow us on [Twitter](#)  for updates for INPEA events, programs and non-public schools-related news.
- Check us out on [YouTube](#)  and [Pinterest](#)  for updates on INPEC. INPEC is also on [Twitter](#), too.
- Follow [John on Twitter](#) for live updates from the legislature or state board.
- 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](mailto:rsoliven@inpea.org).

Thanks for your support!

Sincerely,  
**John**

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