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## INPEA April Update

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### April Message

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week. What a great time to recognize the professionals who are the foundation of private school success! Their dedication to their students, their profession, their vocation and their school's mission is truly inspiring! We all have that one teacher that impacted our lives. Teachers truly have the awesome responsibility to touch the future. What an awesome responsibility and blessing! To all our teachers, thank you...thank you...thank you!

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### INPEC 2016

A promotional banner for the INPEC 2016 conference. The background features a blue, glowing, curved graphic that resembles a road or a path leading into the distance. On the left side, the text reads: "INDIANA NON-PUBLIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE", "SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2016", "INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER", and "INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA". On the right side, the text reads: "BUILDING ON A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE". At the bottom, a dark blue horizontal bar contains the text: "CELEBRATING 20 YEARS INPEC 1996-2016" and "EXCELLENCE".

[REGISTER HERE](#)

### Registering with staffing changes

Over the past few weeks schools have alerted us that due to the Early Bird registration being over summer break, they are unsure of new staff that may join them, but would still like to purchase a ticket. You may purchase a ticket under a different name, but the name must be changed in time of the Name Substitution deadline. We understand that

staffing changes occur, and will gladly accommodate those within our name change deadline.

## **NAMESUBSTITUTIONS**

Email [inpec@conventionmanagers.com](mailto:inpec@conventionmanagers.com) name substitution(s) at any time and a \$15.00 processing fee, per substitution, will be charged OR access your registration online to make ***namesubstitutions on or before August 16, 2016 at NO CHARGE.***

After August 16, 2016, name substitutions must be emailed to [inpec@conventionmanagers.com](mailto:inpec@conventionmanagers.com) and a \$15.00 processing fee, per substitution, will apply.

## **Photo Contest**

A picture tells an incredible story.

What photos capture your school's unique identity?

In preparation for the Indiana Non-Public Educators Conference 2016, we invite you to share photos that you believe best represent the unique personality and mission of your school. Each school is asked to submit photos that truly encompass what your school represents.

How to Enter

1. Schools may submit a photo on the INPEA Facebook, Twitter at @INPEA\_Voice, and now on our Instagram at @INPEA, using the hashtags #Building Excellence **AND** #INPEC2016.
2. We also ask that you alert us by email to [azimmerman@inpea.org](mailto:azimmerman@inpea.org) of your photo submission. Please use #BuildingExcellence in the subject line.
3. Photos must be submitted by August 31, 2016.

Three distinctive schools will win, with one winning the grand prize to be announced in the opening ceremony of INPEC!

Specific prizes for the winner and runner ups will be announced closer to INPEC. All schools and photo submissions will be highlighted at the conference and throughout the year on our social media!

Gather your team! Snap a photo and be sure to have your school represented at the Indiana Non-Public Educators Conference on September 15-16th, 2016.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook, @INPEA\_Voice on Twitter, and now @INPEA on Instagram as the conference gets closer. We will be posting updates, news, and your photos!

***The Fine Print***

1. Schools will submit photos that they believe encapsulate their school, showcasing what makes their school unique.
    - a. It is presumed that all submissions have the proper permissions with the understanding that INPEA can use and distribute the photo in their own social media and publications. Photos submitted must have media releases (parental permissions) on file. By submitting photos to this contest, each school assumes full responsibility for copyright, content, and appropriate release from parents or legal guardians.
    - b. Submissions will be made to our social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram) with the hashtags #BuildingExcellence AND #INPEC2016 and also notify Andrea Zimmerman by email [azimmerman@inpea.org](mailto:azimmerman@inpea.org) with the hashtag #BuildingExcellence as the subject line that they have made a social media submission.
    - c. Submissions must be made by August 31st, 2016.
  2. Initial judging will be done by INPEA staff, to narrow down the selection into a more manageable size. Staff will choose 15 for the Board to vote from. School handles/names will be removed to prevent bias. From there the INPEA Board of Directors will vote for their Top 3, and choose a winner.
  3. Prizes will be given to the Top 3 and announced at INPEC in the opening ceremony.
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## Dual Credit

The State's Dual Credit Commission met last week to discuss the status of changes in requirements for teaching dual credit courses. The State of Indiana will be applying for an extension in meeting the new teacher dual credit requirements. The current deadline is September 2017. An extension would move the requirement for all teachers meeting the requirements until 2022. A few areas where the state is trying to get clarity from the Higher Learning Commission:

- What is considered "in the content area"? Some pedagogy courses directly tied to the content area in which the teacher teaches can count toward the 18 hours required.
- Can a teacher on staff work toward the 18 hours until the 2022 deadline?

Schools should assess which of their teachers meet the new requirement. They should also determine how many of their staff are qualified to teach dual credit courses who will also be retiring in the next few years. It would be helpful to discuss the issue with your dual credit higher ed partner so you understand their expectations for September 2017.

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## IDOE Choice Scholarship Report 2016

Access it [here](#).

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## USDA Federal HotLunch - Direct Recipient of Federal Dollars

CAPE recently published an update from USDA which changes their long term interpretation of whether participants in the Federal Hot Lunch Program are "direct" recipients of Federal \$\$\$ and subject to increased discrimination requirements. This new communication suggests they have shifted to an "indirect assistance" understanding.

"Final regulations issued March 31 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) concerning services offered by religious providers included a positive response to concerns raised by several CAPE member organizations. In October 2015, a coalition including the Association of Christian Schools International, the National Catholic Educational Association, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops commented on proposed rules from eight federal departments and one agency concerning financial assistance to faith-based social service providers. With respect to rules governing federal meal programs in schools, the coalition noted that a proposal that in effect would empower students 'to demand the services of another provider at an off-site location' was entirely unworkable. The USDA agreed. The preamble to the final rules states that "allowing students to leave the school campus to receive... school meal benefits from an alternate provider would be impractical, create a hardship for both the faith-based schools as well as alternate provider schools, and would represent a potentially hazardous situation for students." The department concluded that 'the Child Nutrition Programs should be treated in the same manner as an indirect assistance program under these rules,' with benefits being provided 'as a result of a 'genuine and independent choice' on the part of parents or guardians who chose to enroll children in a faith based school as an alternative to a public school.' In other words, once their parents enroll them in a faith-based school, students cannot elect to consume federal lunches or breakfasts at some other location. Score one for sanity!"

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## **INPEA Refreshed Mission, Vision, and Shared Beliefs**

Over the past few months INPEA has been working to craft a cohesive mission, vision, and shared beliefs that encompasses all of its member schools and its plan for the future. The Board of Directors unanimously approved the below on April 15th, 2016.

### **Mission:**

The Indiana Non-Public Education Association serves as an advocate, promotes engagement, and strives for the advancement of non-public schools.

### **Vision:**

The Indiana Non-Public Education Association is recognized as the essential voice advancing excellence and equitable access for all non-public schools in Indiana.

### **Shared Beliefs:**

The Indiana Non-Public Education Association

promotes the rights of parents to educate their children in the schools of their choice;

promotes the vital role of non-public schools in Indiana and their significant contributions to educating young people and creating a better world;

promotes the rights of non-public schools to fulfill their unique missions;

fosters the participation of the non-public school community in shaping the state's education agenda, and develops and promotes positions on education policy;

advocates the equitable opportunity of non-public schoolstudents to participate in appropriate state and federal education programs;

and is dedicated to excellence in learning, teaching, andleading.

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## 2016 MLI Professional Learning

A Look Back In Time “ Reflective Teaching”

Date: May 11, 2016

Time: 09:00am - 2:00pm

MOSAIC LEARNING INSTITUTE

Go back to the future with Chad Addie. He takes an hands on approach to look back into the past school year to help you improve on future years. With a track record of over 25 years of educational excellence, Indiana State Chamber of Commerce recognized his innovative leadership at Career Academy in education and workforce development. Also, featured on the nationally televised PBS special Excellence in a Disruptive Age. Principal, Learning Coach, Education Trailblazer, and CEO. With a BA in Psychology from Olivet Nazarene University, MS in Education From Indiana University and advanced School Administration Licensure with Bethel College.

For more information, see the flyer [here](#).

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## National Teacher Appreciation Week

Teachers and administrators: we want to celebrate you!

Please join our partners, Institute for Quality Education, on Thursday, May 5th in honor of National Teacher Appreciation Week.

Drinks and appetizers will be provided. All educators are welcome, so bring a few colleagues and plan to stop by! All attendees must RSVP.

Thank you for all you do! We look forward to celebrating with you.

P.S.- Don't forget to send a note of encouragement to other teachers in your building! We will deliver special 'fan mail' letters to teachers throughout the week. Submit yours at [bit.ly/2016teacherappreciation](http://bit.ly/2016teacherappreciation).

WHEN: Thursday, May 5, 2016 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM (EDT)

WHERE: Tow Yard Brewing Company - 501 S. Madison , Indianapolis, IN 46225

Register [here](#).

Lights! Camera!

APPRECIATION

TEACHERS: We want to celebrate you!



Join us for happy hour at  
Tow Yard Brewing Co.!

501 S. Madison, Indianapolis  
Thursday, May 5  
4:00- 6:00

All educators are welcome, but registration is required.

[bit.ly/IndyHappyHour](http://bit.ly/IndyHappyHour)

\*Free parking is available

Hosted by the Institute for Quality Education and Network for Quality Education

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## Dues and Data Reminder

Please don't forget the Data Survey and Membership Dues! INPEA is a dues funded organization, and through your support we can continue to be the voice for quality, Hoosier non-public schools! Additionally, the annual data survey provides INPEA with vital information to help us represent and serve you better!

Please contact us if you have questions on either!

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## Share INPEA's Web Link: Help us get the INPEA word out!

Add the INPEA logo with link to your school webpage!

Email us and we will send a web quality photo to add to your website as a resource for your school. Link your school community to INPEA so ALL can stay informed!

Many thanks to our INPEA Business Partners!



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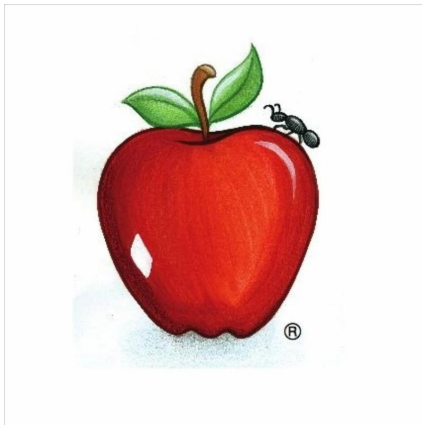
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## Resources

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