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## INPEA May Update

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### Schools Out!

Yes the 2015-16 school year is coming to a close! Final exams, graduation, and award ceremonies give way to summer camps, facility upgrades, hiring of new staff, and final preparations for the upcoming school year. We in education have the blessing of seeing our efforts for the year come to closure and then begin anew. Years ago there was some degree of a break in the summer, but not anymore in the day of various types of school calendars and extensive summer activities.

We at INPEA hope you find at least a few moments to reflect on the past school year and give yourself a little pat on the back for a job well done. All of us in education are about a very important task...Building the Future! Thanks for all you do!

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A promotional banner for the Indiana Non-Public Education Conference. The background features a blue, glowing, curved path that recedes 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".

**Early Bird Registration Deadline ends June 10th!**

[REGISTER FOR INPEC HERE](#)

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# Building Excellence Photo Contest for INPEC 2016

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 #BuildingExcellence **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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## **IDOE Non-Public School Advisory Council**

INPEA and IDOE are working together to form a Non-Public School Advisory Council to ensure that the reauthorization of the ESEA, now the ESSA, will transition smoothly. The ESSA has new provisions that can significantly impact how these programs operate with our schools. In addition to ESSA, the group will address other state related issues impacting non-public schools. The intent of the group is to strengthen communications and collaboration at all levels. The group will be chaired by State Deputy Superintendent, Danielle Shockey. Watch for more information from the group in future INPEA Updates.

For a break down of the new ESSA, check out the [ESSA FAQ Guide](#).

The first meeting of the IDOE Non-Public School Advisory Council is scheduled to be on June 29.

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## **ISTEP Review Panel**

A few weeks ago we announced that Chuck Weisenbach, principal of Roncalli High School, was appointed by Governor Mike Pence to serve on the ISTEP Review Panel created by [House Enrolled Act 1395](#). The 23 member expert panel is charged to study alternatives to ISTEP and make recommendations for a shorter, simpler to administer test.

Mr. Weisenbach asked for INPEA to send out a small survey to gauge the needs and opinions of non-public schools. We received great feedback which we sent off to Mr. Weisenbach to look over. To view the results yourself, go [here](#).

The ISTEP Review Panel had its first meeting on May 24th. To view the meeting, go [here](#). Click the drop down and select May 24th.

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## **Elementary Reading Plans**

Elementary Reading Plan 2016-17, is due by June 30, 2016. Pursuant to state regulations the State Board of Education is required to request all State Board accredited schools with kindergarten through grade 3 to submit an annual [Elementary Reading Plan](#). Reading Plans should be submitted online to the Department of Education's [website](#). Principals will utilize their personal school/pin login to access DOE Online.

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## INPEA Technology Consortium

INPEA is pleased to announce the second year of our technology purchasing consortium for all members. Through this program, member schools will be able to leverage INPEA's relationships with technology organizations to provide your school with the products and services needed to implement important initiatives.

The INPEA Technology Consortium has partnerships in place to provide technology across a wide spectrum of needs; vendors like Cisco, Microsoft, and Dell have agreed to provide significantly discounted pricing on a myriad of products and services.

View the flyer [here](#).

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## IDOE Accountability Webinars

The IDOE is hosting various webinars on the school accountability metrics all month. To sign up or view recordings, go [here](#).

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## Testing School Water

[Senate Enrolled Act 93](#) requires that all public schools have their water tested. They are also required to safe portable water available. We have been advised by IDOE that this applies only to public and charter schools. With that said, it would be a good voluntary practice for all schools to ensure that their drinking water is safe.

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## 7 Myths of School Choice Printable

We have updated our 7 Myths of School Choice infographic to reflect the new data published by the IDOE. The can be view here [online](#).

Due to popular request we have also designed a printable version that can be hung up in your school or sent out to your community to help dispel the myths surrounding school choice. View the printable [PDF](#) here.

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## Federal Non-Exempt Employee Requirements and Overtime Pay

We have been receiving lots of question about the new federal requirement regarding who qualifies as an exempt employee and when overtime pay is required. INPEA is researching this issue and will provide more information and guidance soon.

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## Friedman Foundation Name Change

Our friends of school choice, the Friedman Foundation, will be changing their name in the upcoming months. To view their story see their [blog post and video](#).

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## Scholarship Granting Organization Video

Curious about Scholarship Granting Organizations (Tax Credit Scholarships) and how to promote them to your stakeholders? Watch how Cathedral High School educates their community and uses SGOs to provide CHOICE by providing its students with needed financial aid. See it [here](#).

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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!

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

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