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## INPEA November Update

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### November Message

Wow! What an election season! And the dust still hasn't settled! Now is the time for us to prepare for what that all means here in Indiana. Although no one has a crystal ball, we know from past experience as look to the opening of another General Assembly session we, as a non-public school community, must be prepared! Every non-public school that participates in state and federal programs MUST engage in Indiana public policy! EVERY SCHOOL MUST OWN THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENGAGE!

How you ask? It's simple! Appoint a legislative liaison that actively informs and mobilizes your school community. Set two public policy goals that operationalize your engagement and commitment. Please don't sit back and hope someone engages for you. Your engagement doesn't have to be complicated; it simply requires a school level commitment.

Want to learn more about how you can engage? Attend one of INPEA's Legislative Engagement Trainings. Take that first step! Let's protect and grow our education blessings here in Indiana!

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### Legislative Engagement Training 2016

Come learn more about how to help the non-public school voice be heard. The events are open to anyone interested in connecting our parents and community with the upcoming legislative session; pastors, administrators, should council/board members, parents, etc. Each school should have at least one representative at this training.

[\*\*RSVP HERE\*\*](#)

**December 5th, 2016 - Hammond**

6-7:30pm CT Bishop Noll Institute  
1519 Hoffman St, Hammond, IN 46327

**December 7th, 2016 - Evansville**

5:30-7:30pm CT Diocese of Evansville  
4200 N Kentucky Ave., Evansville, IN 47711

**Does your school have a legislative liaison?** Make sure we have their name and contact information. Email it to Andrea Zimmerman at [azimmerman@inpea.org](mailto:azimmerman@inpea.org).

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## ISTEP Panel Approves Assessment Plan by a Vote of 21-2

On Tuesday, Nov. 29th the ISTEP Panel, formed by the General Assembly last legislative session, approved their report for the General Assembly for action in the 2017 Session. The panel was tasked with addressing the growing number of issues with Indiana's standardized testing and to propose fixes and solutions for future implementation. What are some of the recommendations?

- One testing window in May
- High schools return to ECAs
- Quicker return on testing results
- Use existing (off the shelf) assessments rather than create our own
- Increased education on assessment in general for all involved
- Did not address IREAD3
- Increased focus on interim/

Read the final report below:

[Final Report](#)

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## Updated Special Education Endorsement Form Layout and Calendar

The **download** for the Special Education Endorsement Form (SF) will only open for your school once your school has submitted a Special Education for Voucher (SV) file. The special education count day is **Thursday, December 1, 2016**.

**SV** can be uploaded through Data Transfer > Input Forms > Special Education for Voucher Input **or** Data Transfer > File Transfer.

**SF** can be downloaded through Data Verification > Reports > Choice Scholarship > SV Endorsement Form Download.

Only students with an EM, MV, and SV record will be able to have their Special Education Endorsement Forms uploaded when the window opens on Wednesday, December 21, 2016.

*REMINDER: ONLY SCHOOLS THAT ARE PROVIDING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES FOR CHOICE STUDENTS AND INDICATED THEMSELVES AS THE SERVICE PROVIDER ON THE STUDENTS' CHOICE APPLICATION NEED TO REPORT FOR SV AND SF.*

The updated calendar reflects the dates for the additional Choice meetings.

[2016-2017 SF Data Layout.pdf](#)

[Updated Choice 2016-2017 Calendar.pdf](#)

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## House Enrolled Act 1219 - Diploma Requirements

Over the past month, INPEA has received a number of questions about applicability of HEA 1219 to Non-Public Schools.

HEA 1219, authored by Rep. Clere (R-New Albany), would require charter high schools and high schools operated by a school corporation to offer their high school students the opportunity to earn any type of state diploma approved by the State Board of Education. Diplomas are being revised, but currently that includes: Core 40, Academic Honors, Technical Honors, and a General Diploma. The bill also states that a student with a disability shall not be required to complete local requirements that exceed state requirements to receive a diploma. **HEA 1219 does NOT apply to non-public schools.** In its original form, the bill did require Choice schools to participate, but after talks with the authoring Representative, Choice schools were amended out. INPEA still advises schools to look at their diploma offerings, but at this time HEA 1219 does not apply to non-public schools.

To read the full version of HEA 1219, go [here](#).

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## School Report Cards

To access your school's report card info go to the DOE Accountability Center ([www.accountability.doe.in.gov](http://www.accountability.doe.in.gov)). This site uses DOE Online credentials to log-in. This is the same site where schools may submit A-F audit requests.

The DOE will be releasing a DOE Dialogue message when grades are available.

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## FREE Webinars on ESSA Equitable Services Non-Regulatory Guidance

On Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 2:00 pm ET and Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 2:00 pm ET, the [Office of Non-Public Education](#) (ONPE) is hosting two webinars on the recently released [Non-Regulatory Guidance: Fiscal Changes and Equitable Services Requirements Under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act \(ESEA\), as Amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\)](#). The webinars are designed to address changes to the equitable services provisions in Title I and Title VIII of the ESEA as amended by the ESSA. The guidance document supports State educational agencies (SEAs), local educational agencies (LEAs), and both public and private school officials in implementing the ESEA, as amended by the ESSA.

### Registration Required

Participants must register for the free webinars in order to participate. Please complete the online registration form as soon as possible to ensure that you are successfully registered for the event.

**Date:** Tuesday, December 20, 2016 (12/20/16 [Registration](#))

Tuesday, January 10, 2017 (1/10/17 [Registration](#))

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (ET)

**Presenters:** Maureen Dowling, Isadora Binder, and Jenay Morrisey

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## A national school choice summit is coming to Indianapolis!

Interested in attending? Mark your calendars! Don't miss this event!

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### Eighth Annual National School Choice Policy Summit

MONDAY, MAY 22–TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017

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50 S. Capitol Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46204

For more information and to be added to the mailing list,  
visit: [www.afcpolicysummit.com/register](http://www.afcpolicysummit.com/register)



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## Tell Us Your Stories!

INPEA would like to gather stories about families benefiting from the Indiana Choice Scholarship Program or the INDIANA Tax Credit (SGO) Program. We would love to hear how this legislation has impacted your students!

Why?: One of the best ways to advocate for school choice is to tell the stories of families whose lives have been impacted by the program.

What?: School choice advocates (like INPEA) are trying to identify families who would be willing to tell how the school choice (vouchers and SGOs) have impacted the education of their children and their family as a whole.

How?: With the help and guidance of choice advocates, families would be prepared to tell or write their stories to legislators, media, or possibly even to create promotional media, such as a video clip. Please note, willing families would

be assisted in how to best share their stories and how to answer questions if prompted by the media.

Next?: If you are interested and willing to participate, please ask your school to share your contact information with us, and someone from INPEA will reach out to you! You can submit a story directly or send family contact information to Andrea Zimmerman at [azimmerman@inpea.org](mailto:azimmerman@inpea.org) and we'll reach out to them.

Thank you, and let's keep school choice in Indiana strong for years to come!

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## **INPEA Invites You to Attend Regional Choice Meetings with IDOE for 2016-17**

**February 2017 - Content: Student and School Applications**  
**All February meetings will take place from 9AM-12PM**

- 6th:** St. John's Lutheran School  
111 Kingsbury Ave, LaPorte, IN 46350
- 8th:** Diocese of Evansville  
4200N Kentucky Avenue, Evansville, IN 47711
- 10th:** Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School  
201 W State St, Madison, IN 47250
- 13th:** LCMS Fort Wayne  
1145S Barr Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802
- 15th:** Heritage Christian School  
6401 E 75th St, Indianapolis, IN 46250
- 17th:** Tabernacle Christian School  
2189 Burton Lane, Martinsville, IN 46151

**May 2017 - Content: Year End (Reporting, Legislation, etc.)**

- 8th:** Diocese of Evansville (Same address as above)
  - 10th:** LCMS Fort Wayne (Same address as above)
  - 12th:** Kingsway Christian School  
7979 E CR 100 N, Avon IN 46123
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## **Mark your calendars for INPAC 2017!**

**Leading for Student Success in a Time of Change**

Save the date for Monday September 25th-Tuesday September 26th, 2017

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## **Dues and Data**

INPEA dues statements were mailed out and our annual data request has been sent by email. Your responsiveness to both items are essential to INPEA operations. Our data responses were down last year while our requests for data increased. PLEASE respond to both requests. We will be asking for input about how to improve our data collection process. We would appreciate your feedback!

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## Help Spread the Word about INPEA!

Share our logo and a link to our website on your school website:

Email us and we will send a web quality photo and link to add to your website as a resource for your school community!

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Many thanks to our INPEA Business Partners!

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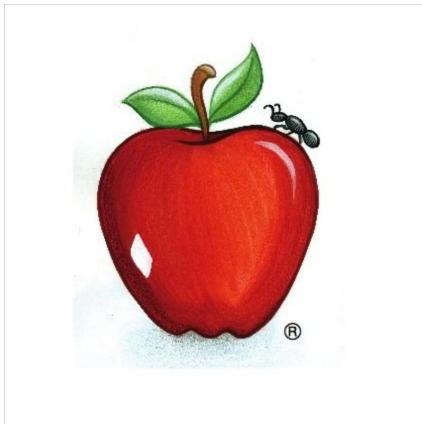


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## Resources

[American Federation for Children](#)  
[Council for American Private Education](#)  
[Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice](#)  
[Indiana Catholic Conference](#)  
[Indiana Department of Education](#)  
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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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