



INPEA February Update

February Message

It's hard to believe the legislative session is heading into its final weeks. It has been an interesting session to say the least. Some issues we thought might pose big problems haven't materialized yet. Other issues came out of no where with a few curve balls here and there.

I'm starting to wonder what or who will leave Indianapolis first, the General Assembly, or the snow?

Both will be clear signs that spring has sprung!

Every Student Succeeds Act

After 13 years, ESEA was finally reauthorized and renamed ESSA by the US Congress. There are a number of improvements for non-public schools in the new law. Unfortunately, we will not see evidence of those changes until the 2017-18. A few of the big wins include: non-public schools allocation must now come off the top rather than after all set asides. This should increase our share and services. Also, the state will be required to appoint an ombudsman to help arbitrate concerns with how the programs are being implemented in non-public schools.

John recently attended a workshop in San Antonio, TX sponsored by one of our business partners, Catapult Learning, on the impact of the new ESSA on non-public schools. The PowerPoint for the program can be found [here](#).

A-F Appeal Deadline - February 26th! Today!

Schools who feel their A-F grades do not appropriately reflect their performance and can demonstrate that via objective means can appeal their grades to the State Board of Education.

A-F appeal information can be found [here](#). For further assistance from the SBOE, please email SBOE_Comment@sboe.in.gov or call (317) 232-2000.

The next State Board meeting is scheduled for March 16th. These meetings are open to the public with an opportunity for public comment as well.

Want to watch a live broadcast of the State Board meeting? Click [here](#).

ISTEP Teacher Licensure

As we approach ISTEP season, just a reminder that only state licensed teachers can administer ISTEP.

INPEC Keynote Speakers

INPEC is less than a year away! Don't forget to mark your calendars for September 15-16th, 2016. Date selection for INPEC is heavily dependent on available dates at the Convention Center. We realize these dates won't be during many school's spring breaks, but we sincerely hope schools will carve out the days to attend when they plan their 2016-17 school calendars.

To view the **Budget Guide** for INPEC and future planing, go [here](#).

For #INPEC2016, INPEA is pleased to announce that Dr. Harry Wong and Dave Burgess will be the Conference Keynoters!

Dave Burgess, better known as The Pirate Guy, is a Best-Selling author and speaker who motivates and inspires teachers. Dave works to find new ways to help educators develop practical ways to become more creative and engaging in the classroom. Dave empowers teachers to embrace the mighty purpose of being an educator and sparks them to design classes that are life-changing experiences for students.

As a teacher at West Hills High School in San Diego, he was the 2001 and 2012 Golden Apple recipient and the 2007/2008 Teacher of the Year. He was voted a faculty standout for 17 consecutive years in categories such as: Most Entertaining, Most Energetic, and Most Dramatic. At a ceremony in Washington D.C., the Academy of Education Arts and Sciences awarded him the 2014 BAMMY for Secondary School Teacher of the Year.

He specializes in teaching hard-to-reach, hard-to-motivate students with techniques that incorporate showmanship and creativity.

Dr. Harry Wong has authored over 30 publications on new teacher induction and classroom management. His techniques have been adapted by thousands of educators for success in their schools and classrooms. He has been called "Mr. Practicality" for his common sense, research-based, no cost approach to managing a classroom for high level student success.

Because of his achievements, Harry has been awarded the *Horace Mann Outstanding*

Educator Award, Upton Sinclair Award, Outstanding Secondary Teacher Award, the Science Teacher Achievement Recognition Award, the Outstanding Biology Teacher Award, Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Valley Forge Teacher's Medal.

He is a former secondary science teacher and as a classroom teacher, he developed methods which resulted in his having no discipline problems, a zero dropout rate, a 95% homework turn-in factor, and the ability to demonstrate mastery learning for each of his students.

Biography on Dave Burgess found [here](#). Biography from Harry Wong found [here](#).

School Scholarship Tax Credit Cap Reached

The Scholarship Tax Credit (SGO) Program had a slow start when it was passed into law back in 2009. This philanthropic best kept secret is a secret no more, as evidenced by donations reaching the statewide cap two years in a row. As you know this program allow donors to donate to an approved 501c3s (SGOs) and receive a 50% tax "credit" off their state tax liability. This program is particularly important to voucher schools because it is also a pathway into the voucher program.

This year's statewide tax cap was \$8.5 million dollars. **On February 9th, 2016 the School Scholarship Tax Credit cap had been reached. No more tax credits will be issued for this fiscal year ending June 30th, 2016. On July 1st, the new fiscal year amount of \$9.5 million will be available.**

To view more on School Scholarship Tax Credits, go [here](#).

Reminder: IDOESchool Choice Summer Training will be on July 15, 2016

Legislative Update

Senate Bill 334

SB 334 passed the House Education Committee Thursday morning (Feb. 25) with an 8-4 vote. Many amendments were attempted to be added to the bill.

An amendment to make the bill solely for dropouts failed 8-4 as well. After passing out of the Senate with bipartisan support, there were concerns it might not make it out of committee on the House side.

SB 334 is a Choice Scholarships bill which would provide some much needed and desired improvements to the Choice Scholarship Program. The bill addresses the need for students to have two application windows into the program, therefore allowing students to transfer in the second semester. Additionally, the bill would only require parents to sign a designation form once a year, rather than twice a year which would free up unnecessary paperwork and ease the strain on schools and parents.

Republicans have amended SB334 with somewhat unrelated issues which are important to all sides to gain broader support for the bill. In the House Ed committee an amendment dealing with background checks and confidentiality agreements was added to the bill. The Bill now moves to the Ways and means committee where it could be further amended.

It is critical to the Choice Scholarship Program for this bill to succeed. Please tell your House representative to support Senate Bill 334! Every voice counts!

TAKE ACTION

Senate Bill 93

From our legislative update: "SB 93 is a very arduous education bill with many factors. The original bill included a limit on school transportation by a public school for nonpublic school students by limiting the pickup and drop off points to the regularly established route. Multiple safety concerns were address by many in committee testimonies. Though testimony and meetings with the Sen. Kruse, the author of SB 93, the provision was amended out."

House Bill 1002

From our legislative update: "HB 1002 would create a next generation Hoosier educators scholarship. The Commission for Higher Education would be able to award scholarships for up to \$7,500 each academic year for four years. HB 1002 could help entice future students into studying to become an educator, and reduce the financial strain on those recent graduates. HB 1002 may also help to reduce the teacher shortage and aid the workforce. These scholarships would be available to high performing students willing to commit to teach 5 years in a public or choice school."

UPDATE: This bill was amended in the Senate Appropriations Committee to have the Higher Education Commission study the issue instead of initiating a program at this time.

Professional Development

School Handbooks

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016

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S. MARY ANGELA SHAUGHNESSY, SCN

Day after day, teachers and administrators walk into their schools, sometimes unaware

of the potential legal issues that abound. We spend hours writing faculty and student handbooks, and then hope and pray that we have accurately included everything we should.

On Saturday, March 19, Sister Mary Angela Shaughnessy, SCN, JD, Ph.D., will be at Marian University to talk about school handbooks in private schools. Because of its relevance to all private school personnel, we are opening the Saturday session to all private school educators. The fee for the all-day session will be \$15 and will include lunch.

Sister Mary Angela Shaughnessy is a Sister of Charity of Nazareth who has taught at all levels of Catholic education from elementary through graduate school; additionally, she served eight years as principal of a Catholic high school. Sister Mary Angela holds a bachelor's degree in English, a master's degree in English, a master's degree in educational administration, a JD degree in law, and a PhD in educational administration and supervision. Her research centers on the law as it affects Catholic education and Church ministry.

A practicing attorney, she is currently general legal counsel at St. Catharine College in Kentucky where she is also dean of their Graduate School. She serves as a consultant to numerous dioceses and is a highly sought after national speaker. She is also a prolific writer, having authored more than thirty texts. She has been named one of the 25 most influential persons in Catholic education.

CPI Training

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Play Ground Safety

The [Indiana Park & Recreation Association](#) will be hosting [Certified Playground Safety Inspector Training](#) on May 2-4 at [The Monon Community Center](#) in Carmel, IN.

According to the Consumer Products Safety Commission, 200,000 children are treated annually for playground accidents. Of these, 70% or 140,00 occurred at public parks and schoolyards.

How does your equipment measure up? How many preventable injuries occurred at your facilities?

[The National Recreation & Park Association's CPSI certification program](#) provides the most comprehensive & up-to-date training on playground safety issues, including hazard identification, equipment specifications, surfacing requirements & risk management methods.

If you are interested, more information & registration can be found [here](#).

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The IWiLL TEAM works together to share their lessons, questions, energy, and awe while insuring every participant's enjoyment, sense of wonder, personal and professional connections, health and safety.

This touring program includes, 4 star accommodations in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and along the Sea of Galilee, breakfast buffets daily, 9 other meals, entrance fees and the 24/7 services of our dedicated team. Offering combined Land and Air costs under \$5000 pp.

CEUs are available upon completion of this 10 day educational tour.

***For further information visit:
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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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