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Another Successful Year! For Indiana's Nonpubs and INPEA

It's hard to believe that we have another school year behind us! Students and teachers (well at least most teachers) are home for the summer. And a what a successful school year it was! Academic and athletic success stories abound. Many schools have seen enrollments stabilize or increase and a number of significant improvements were made to the school choice programs by the General Assembly.

It's been a good year for INPEA too! Membership is on the rise. Approximately 2300 people attended our 2012 INPEC Conference, which received high marks by all. INPEA also continues to be a central player in Indiana's education reform movement and has experienced an increased visibility on the national scene as well.

We have even higher hopes for next school year! INPEA has been spearheading a quality initiative to help ensure that ALL students choosing our schools will be successful. We also are working on a special education initiative to further explore how our schools can effectively serve students with special needs especially in light of the voucher law changes.

We want to thank all of you for your commitment to INPEA but more importantly for your commitment to the students who are choosing your schools. We look forward to working closely with you in the coming school year as we continue to provide quality, diverse educational and formational opportunities for Hoosier families! If you would like to find out how you can get more directly involved in INPEA initiatives and programs, give John a call at 317-236-7329.

INPEA Administrators Conference
"Quality Leaders for Quality Schools"
September 26-27
Pre-registration is now open!

INPEA Administrators Conference will be held on September 26-27 at the Indianapolis Marriott East. How do we ensure quality as our student demographic becomes more diverse? It starts with the leader! That's the focus of our 2013 Administrators Conference! "Quality Leaders for Quality Schools"

The Pre-session starts on Thursday at 1:00pm ET with a focus on meeting students' individual needs. Sessions such as: Literacy and the Common Core, Data Driven Instruction, Special Education, Individualized Classroom, and Working with High Need Populations are some of the topics.

Our Thursday evening dinner will feature dinner speaker Dr. Howard Fuller the grandfather of the Milwaukee voucher program, our 2013 legislative leadership award presentation, a social and entertainment provided by the Guerin Catholic Chorus.

Friday kicks off at 8:30am ET with Franklin/Covey keynoter, Gary McGuey. Gary is the author of *The Inspirational Teacher* and *The Mentor: Leadership Trumps Bullying*. Gary has keynoted in both the education and business settings. He brings a rare mix of knowledge, wisdom, and humor to each speaking engagement.

The day continues with 15 sessions focusing on a variety of areas dealing with quality leadership. Topics include: high tech principals, blended learning, a culture for success, math standards, successful boards, STEM, assessing quality, transformational leadership to name a few.

On Thursday there will be 3 concurrent sessions and on Friday there will be 5. So don't miss a session, bring a team! One person can't cover everything. For registration information click [Register Here](#) Don't forget you can use your Title IIA dollars.

Legislative Update

2013 was a pretty successful session, especially in the area of School Choice. There were a number of family friendly improvements made to Indiana's school choice programs. INPEA hosted two webinars to discuss the changes so we won't go into great detail here.

HEA1003/1001 - Choice Improvements

A number of changes benefited private school current families as certain changes eliminated the prior year public requirement for eligibility. These included siblings, students living in the boundary of an F school, students with special needs (IEP, ISP), and families who meet the means test for the scholarship tax credit program. The bills also allow for income improvement for families who originally qualified below the 150% of free and reduced level and whose income has increased but stayed below 200%. Starting July 1 SGO scholarships must be a minimum of \$500 to qualify for a voucher or for siblings to qualify for a voucher.

There will be a summer study committee looking at the impact of the voucher program. This could play an important role in any future changes to the program.

HEA 1427 Common Core/Recognition/ISTEP/A-F

After considerable discussion and political maneuvering a bill was passed that pauses the state board from further implementation of the common core. There will a number of public meetings both by the legislature and the state board to allow further input before further implementation.

The general feeling is that common core implementation will resume with possibly some enhancements to the standards and possibly a name change that would imply Indiana maintaining control of Indiana standards. Most nonpubs (and many pubs) are proceeding with some level of continued implementation.

The bill also requires that the department not have different performance criteria for non-public schools in state recognition programs.(e.g. 4 Star Program)

Requires a review/study of ISTEP

Requires the State Board to develop a new A-F metric that includes individual growth measures (not peer based growth)

HEA 1334 Teacher Liability Insurance

Allows the State Department of Administration to contract with public or non-public school teachers to provide liability insurance.

HEA 1341 Standard Electronic Transcripts

Provides that by July 2015 all students in all accredited high schools will be able to request that their transcripts be transmitted electronically to state education institutions.

HEA 1381 Public School Transfers (FYI)

With certain exceptions, school corporations cannot create policies that limit transfers except for the reason of capacity.

SEA 345 Use of Seclusion and Restraint in Schools

Requires the establishment of a commission that will develop a model seclusion and restraint plan that can be used for **all public and accredited non-public schools to develop their own school plan for the 2014-15 school year**. INPEA has a seat on the commission.

Other Legislation

HEA 1001 Budget Bill

Early Education Matching Grant Program

Even though the state sidestepped any significant movement in preschool education, it did create a commission to study the issue and established a small pilot matching grant program. There are significant requirements around the grant program (too lengthy to list here). For more information consult section 212 of the budget bill or call our office.

For more information on any Bill [Click Here](#)

INPEA Annual Appeal

"Moving Forward"

INPEA recently mailed out its second Annual Appeal to complement INPEA dues in operating the association.

INPEA has played a key role in a number of improvements for Indiana's non-public schools, including the increased access for parent's to choice programs.

If you've already supported the appeal, thank you. If you have not yet responded, we hope you will.

Thanks again!

IHSAA Non-Public School Board Seat

Many of you are aware that John Marks of Concordia Lutheran High School, who served as the non-public school rep on the IHSAA Board, retired last year.

An election was held for that seat and Dave Worland of Cathedral High School was elected to replace John.

We wish Dave the very best and know he will do a great job!

Thanks Dave for taking on this important responsibility!

State Reporting

INPEA continues to attempt to work with IDOE in reviewing the degree of reporting required of state accredited non-public schools. We have had some difficulty meeting with Technology/Data persons in the new IDOE administration. Again we are focusing primarily on the necessity of some of the C series forms.

We were successful in getting language into the Choice legislation which limits the required data for voucher schools to student performance data.

We will continue to push this issue and keep you

informed.

Withholding Record Reminder

Since we are at the end of the school year, just a reminder that there was legislation passed in 2012 that requires when a non-public school is withholding records for delinquent tuition and/or fees, that they must provide sufficient verbal information for the appropriate placement of the child to the receiving school.

If you have questions contact John.

Special Education

In light of the changes in the voucher program, INPEA is working with a variety of experts in the field to determine how best to support schools who are hoping to enroll more students with special needs. We will keep you informed on this initiative. If you have particular expertise or interest in this area and would like to be involved, contact John.

INPEA Dues

The INPEA Board voted to approve a modest increase for INPEA membership dues for the 2013-2014 school year.

The dues for preschool is \$1.00 per student (no change) and for K-12 is \$2.40 per student.

Thanks to all the schools who consistently pay their membership dues. Your support is critical to our continued viability and growth!

It's been great working with you this year! We look forward to serving you in the coming school year as well. Blessings on your summer! Hope to see you at INPAC in September!

Sincerely,
John



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