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INPAC Conference Receives High Marks "Quality Leaders for Quality Schools"

Participant evaluations rated INPEA's Administrators Conference (INPAC) Excellent to Very Good. Dinner Speaker, Tennessee Representative John DeBerry and Keynoter, Gary McGuey, received consistent rave reviews. Registrations were down slightly this year. INPEA continues to evaluate how best to serve its member schools through its professional development opportunities. If you haven't completed an evaluation (even if you did not attend) you can do so here: <u>ATTENDEES</u> <u>Non-Attendees</u>

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INPEC 2014

October 23 & 24 - Save the Date! Planning is underway for INPEC 2014. The Steering Committee met to frame the overall conference direction including the program, theme, and keynoters. If you'd like to be involved in the program planning, contact John at the INPEA office. jelcesser@inpea.org

Also, watch for our INPEC survey as we gather your input for the program for INPEC 2014!

Voucher Schools Info

NUMBERS

This year's voucher applications increased 215% to 20,047 applicants.

Of the approximately 2200 Choice Scholarship students with identified special needs 312 selected the non-public school as their special education service provider.

DATES

October 31- First Semester Payment Made November 1 - Special Education Assurance Form due for all voucher schools.

November 27 - DOE - SV Special education student count due for schools serving students with a CSEP.

<u>RULES</u>

The State Board is beginning the final rule making process for HEA 1003. We assume at this point it will involve only the special education part of the law. Prior to the public hearing phase the state board will review language at its December Board meeting.

Special Education (CSEP)

Thanks to Kara Bratton of Lutheran Special Education Ministries for developing a CSEP template and sharing it with INPEA. It was previously e-mailed to INPEA members. If you would like an additional copy e-mail the INPEA office.

Dues & Data Have you submitted yours?

Dues statements were sent out last month. Thanks to the schools who have already submitted their payments. If at all possible, please submit dues payments by the end of November. THANKS for your support!

Schools also received an e-mail with their password and INPEA data submisson link. As always, this data is important in telling the statewide non-public school story. A few bugs that were reported early in the process have been addressed. Please submit your data by the end of November. Thanks!

Legislative Liaison Webinar **December 4th**

We have had a great deal of success legislatively over the past few years. It is critical that our grassroots are engaged and ready to go to defend our prior successes.

For that reason, it is important that legislative liaisons remain active and engaged. We will hold our annual training and update for liaisons on December 4th @ 4:00pm ET. We will repeat that session at 6:00pm ET if needed.

Registration information will be sent next week.

If you have a new liaison please share this with them. Also make sure that we have their contact information.

Seclusion & Restraint Plan

The passage of SEA 345 requires that all public, charter and state accredited non-public schools have a seclusion and restraint plan in place by July 2014.

A Commission called for in the law (on which INPEA has a seat) has developed a model plan and a committee of nonpublic school leaders are adapting the plan with a non-public school lens.

Training resources are also being developed by the Commission. Templates and resources will be made available as they become available.

A-F Commission

Legislative and IDOE leadership appointed a

Commission to revise the metrics used to calculate A-F School Accountability grades. The Commission has made a recommendation that will be vetted this Wednesday with various education leaders (including INPEA) and then voted on by the State Board this Friday. We will pass information along as it becomes available.

We hope to know soon when grades will be released based on 2013 ISTEP/ECA scores.

Great Schools Updates

A few weeks ago INPEA sent out an email request for schools to update the on-line profiles on the great school Website. This ensures that parents that use this site as a tool for school selection are making decisons based on current and accurate information. Instructions can be found <u>HERE</u>

INPEA Job Posting

Offce and Communication Coordinator

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Application Deadline - November 20th

Thanks for all you do!

Sincerely, *John*

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