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## INPEA March Update

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### March Message

It has been a busy March! Between keeping up with the General Assembly, planning INPAC, and dealing with all the increased media attention on Indiana's Choice Scholarship Program, where did the month go?

As we gear up for April **we will need your help** as finish the 2017 legislative session! **ENGAGEMENT** will be critical! Please make sure you and your school community are involved. Also, with all the media outreach to schools, we will be revisiting some of our CHOICE messaging recommendations. Please watch for an update in this area and a possible webinar series as well.

Remember we are always **STRONGER TOGETHER!**

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### Mark your calendars for INPAC 2017!

#### Leading for Success in a Time of Change

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

Book your stay at the Renaissance Indianapolis North Hotel today!

[Book here!](#)

Registration for INPAC will be coming soon!

### INPAC 2017 Keynote Speakers



**ABC's of Operational Vitality**



**Grit and Growth Mindset: Why Some Environments Motivate**

Chris Mominey

**People to Become Excellent**

Chief Operating Officer and Secretary  
for Education at the Archdiocese of  
Philadelphia

Dr. David Yeager

Assistant Professor of Developmental  
Psychology at the University of Texas  
at Austin

## **Raising the Bar!: Pre-conference added for Early Learning Leaders Pre-K – 3**

As INPEA continues its efforts to better outreach to early learning, INPEA has created a morning pre-conference of professional development specifically designed for early learning leaders. The pre-conference will be held on the morning of September 25th, before the start of the full Administrators' Conference. Early learning leaders can register just for the pre-conference or for the entire INPAC. Watch for more details in next month's update.

Other INPAC topics will include:

Monday – Financial planning, marketing, strategic planning, fund development and MORE!

Tuesday – Diversity, using data, Building successful teams, IDOE updates, instructional leadership, strengthening culture, and a "NEW" principals track.

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## **Legislative Update**

### **SB 355 - Child abuse education and policies (Messmer)**

SB 355 would require the IDOE make available model educational materials and model response policies and reporting procedures concerning child abuse and child sexual abuse to assist schools with the implementation of: (1) child abuse and child sexual abuse education programs in kindergarten through grade 12; and (2) child abuse and child sexual abuse response and reporting policies. SB 355 would also require that the: (1) materials and guidelines provided to assist a safe school committee in developing a plan and policy for a school include the model educational materials and the model response policies and reporting procedures; and (2) plan and policy developed by the safe school committee; must address the issues of child abuse and child sexual abuse. ***In 2018, SB 255 would require, not later than December 15 of each year, a public school, including a charter school and an accredited non-public school, to provide age appropriate and research and evidence based instruction on child abuse and child sexual abuse to students in k-12.***

**INPEA Stance: Voiced concern over additional requirements on schools but it's difficult to oppose preventing child abuse and child sexual abuse. We want also to make sure materials are mission appropriate for all schools.**

**Current Status:** Passed the House 93-0.

### **SB 504 - Programs and services in charter schools (Leising)**

SB 504 would require that educational service centers provide services to a participating charter or certain ***non-public schools upon the request of the school.*** (This is in addition to current law that requires educational service centers to provide services to a participating school corporation upon request of the school corporation.) Allows schools acting jointly, and through the educational services centers, to undertake action to reduce non-instructional expenditures and allocate the resulting savings to student instruction and learning.

**INPEA Stance:** INPEA is glad to see that non-public schools can now have access to these services if they choose to.

**Current Status:** Passed the House 87-0, and has been returned to Senate with amendments for conference committee.

### **HB 1001 – State biennial budget (T. Brown)**

The Senate version of the budget has a number of problematic issues which include: removal of the second voucher window, placing voucher expenses into a separate budgetline item, removes the tax credit cap escalator proposed in House budget, unclear whether non-public schools can access secured school grants as was proposed in the House budget.

All of these are important issues to our schools. **With that in mind watch for an Action Alert coming soon!**

### **HB 1004 - Pre-Kindergarten education (Behning)**

HB 1004 would expand early education matching grants. *The House and Senate versions of the bill differ significantly.* The House version allocated an additional 10 million dollars and had K-12 voucher linkage language. The Senate version removes the linkage and only allocates an additional \$3 million dollars. The House version expands to 5 additional counties. The Senate version expands to all counties but with \$7 million dollars less. The Senate version also includes a \$1 million allocation for an online Pre-K option.

**INPEA Stance:** INPEA fully supports the expansion of the early education matching grants and the prekindergarten pilot program. The Senate Education committee amended out the kindergarten Choice Scholarship pathway, although INPEA fully supports the bill without the pathway, INPEA hopes that through conference committee, that the Choice provision will be added back in.

**Current Status:** Passed Senate 38-11. Will move on to conference committee.

### **HB 1384 - Various Education Matters (Behning)**

HB 1384 is an omnibus bill with a number of unrelated topics. Two aspects which are following most closely deals with choice consequences and choice participation as it relates to accreditation. The bill proposes that the SBOE may accredit a non-public school that enters into a contract with the SBOE to become a Freeway school at the time the non-public school enters the contract. Typically there has been a one year waiting period before a school can be freeway accredited. The bill also allows a voucher consequence appeal if certain conditions are met. *"A Choice Scholarship school may submit a request to the state board to waive or delay certain consequences if it is placed in the two lowest categories or designations of school improvement for a particular school year. Provides that the state board may grant a request to an eligible school that requests a delay or waiver if the Choice Scholarship school demonstrates that a majority of students in the eligible school demonstrated academic improvement during the preceding school year."*

**INPEA Stance:** INPEA supports this bill which would allow a Choice Scholarship school to submit a request to the SBOE to waive or delay certain consequences if it is placed in the two lowest categories or designations of school improvement for a particular school year. It would also allow that the SBOE may grant a request to an eligible school that requests a delay or waiver if the Choice Scholarship school demonstrates that a majority of students in the eligible school demonstrated academic improvement during the preceding school year.

**Current Status:** Passed the Senate Education committee 7-4, moves on to Senate floor.

### **HB 1430 - Suicide awareness and prevention (Olthoff)**

HB 1430 would require each school corporation, charter school, and accredited non-public school to have all teachers and any other appropriate school employees who provide instruction to students 5-12 to attend or participate in evidence based in service youth suicide awareness and prevention training every three school years.

**INPEA Stance:** INPEA voiced concern about another responsibility be added on schools, but again hard to oppose teen suicide prevention.

**Current Status:** Passed the Senate 47-0.

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## **Indiana Department of Education Data Collection**

Data collection is vital for schools, especially those who are accredited or participating in the Indiana Choice Scholarship Program.

Each collection has a specific reporting period or collection window. Click [here](#) to view a list of data collections and their approximate due dates.

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## Revised 2016 IREAD-3 results

The Department of Education announces the revised 2016 IREAD-3 results. Results have been re-calculated due to inconsistencies in the reporting metric. This affects the results from the inception of the assessment in 2012 through 2015. The republished calculations allow for informed comparisons which utilizes consistency in the number of students included in the denominator.

The revised calculations are available on Learning Connection, Compass, and the DOE website. The calculation accounts for the number of students enrolled during the assessment as the denominator and the number of students that pass the assessment as the numerator. Students who participated in ISTAR or received a Medical Necessity Exception are removed from the denominator.

This calculation accounts for the following:

Number of students that pass in either administration (best attempt) = Overall pass percentage rate for school

Number of students enrolled in grade 3 taking IREAD-3 for the first time during Spring and Summer administration in a given year

Schools are not required to take action on the revised percentages retroactively. The revised calculation method will be applied for IREAD-3 pass calculations following the Summer 2017 administration window.

To read more about IREAD, go [here](#).

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## 2017 Annual Choice Conference

The 2017 Choice Conference is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 11, 2017** at the Indiana Government Center South (Conference Rooms A and B). The meeting will run from 9am to 4pm EST.

The purpose of the Choice Conference is to have people hear from different parts of the IDOE and gather information that impacts the Choice Scholarship Program and how schools operate. This meeting will provide information that is not available at regional meetings and serves as a great resource for the school year ahead.

You can register for the Choice Conference [here](#). The conference is not mandatory but it is recommended to hear the dialogue of the meeting and ask questions that may arise with the material. Please type any questions you may have for the meeting [here](#) so we can attempt to incorporate them into the presentations.

Please contact [choiceschool@doe.in.gov](mailto:choiceschool@doe.in.gov) if you have any questions or concerns.

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## Michelle Doyle Educational Consulting

ESSA – Despite some changes at the Federal level, plans continue to move forward on implementing changes in the ESSA law here in Indiana. Indiana has appointed an Ombudsman (Mrs. Robin Bess) and while also making school corporations aware of the funding changes. Michelle Doyle, a national expert of private school participation on Federal Programs is conducting a free webinar series on the ESSA changes. Last weeks she conducted a very timely training on consultation. You can find her PowerPoint here as well as written update she has put together. Her future webinars are listed below. Mark your calendars. Schools want to be prepared for their upcoming consultation meeting or the 2017-18 school year.

- April 11- Changes in ESSA: It's a Brave New World!
- April 25 -Title I Under ESSA: No One Left Behind!
- May 2 - Pt 1: Title IIA; Pt 2: Title IVA

ESSA Toolkit: Your Guide to Getting the Most out of the Every Student Succeeds Act, by Michelle L. Doyle, is available for the purchase price of \$30, by emailing [michelle.doyle.essa@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.doyle.essa@gmail.com).

ESSA Consultation Resources: [checklist](#) and [powerpoint](#).

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## INPEA Invites You to Attend Regional Choice Meetings with IDOE for 2017

All meetings will take place from 9AM-12PM

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

### 8th Diocese of Evansville

4200 N Kentucky Avenue, Evansville, IN 47711

Register [here](#)

### 10th LCMS Fort Wayne

1145 S Barr Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Register [here](#)

### 12th Kingsway Christian School

7979 E CR 100 N, Avon IN 46123

Register [here](#)

## NEW DATES ADDED

### 15th St. Peter's Lutheran School School

719 5th Street, Columbus, IN 47201

Register [here](#)

### 16th St. John's Lutheran School

111 Kingsbury Avenue, LaPorte, IN 46350

Register [here](#)

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## 18th Annual Islamic Schools of North American Education Forum

April 14-16, 2017  
at the Westin O'Hare in Rosemont, IL

### **Preparing Islamic Schools for a Changing World**

Knowledge, discoveries and innovations are expanding at an exponential rate. Studies show that 65% of today's school children will be employed after they graduate college in jobs that don't exist today. Our students will face challenges that we cannot foresee in both their faith and practice. Educators must be prepared to teach students to think critically, acquire knowledge independently, and evaluate it from an Islamic prism. This year's ISNA Education Forum program aims to provide educators with some tools and insights that will enable them to help their students develop into spiritual lifelong learners and problem solvers who are ready to contribute positively to the world that awaits them.

To view more about the ISNA conference or to register, go [here](#).

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### **The Summit's Passport: Innovative Education**

The Summit's highly-acclaimed **Passport: Innovative Education** ([click here for a short video](#)) is celebrating its 5th Anniversary! This year's symposium will take place July 16-21, 2017, at The Summit in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Enjoy a week of encouragement and learning from awarding-winning educators, leadership experts, and a unique network of teachers from across the United States and around the world, as you learn how your leadership influence can shape the character development of your students. Registration for our FREE teachers symposium is currently open! Apply online at <http://www.thesummitfw.com/education>.

Teachers attending this year will have two options:

- Residential option: Stay as a guest in our Executive Retreat Center, with lodging, meals, social activities, and access to Fitness Center included.
- Commuter option: Local educators living near Fort Wayne, Indiana, have the option of commuting to The Summit campus located at 1027 W. Rudisill Blvd.

We hope you'll consider giving yourself a gift by applying to be apart of The Summit's 5th Passport: Innovative Education cohort! Don't delay! Applications are reviewed for acceptance on a first come, first serve basis! If you are looking for a professional learning experience that will excite and renew your joy of teaching, plan on joining us in Fort Wayne, Indiana this July!

[Apply Now!](#)

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### **INPEA Dues Increase**

As you know, dues are essential to the operations of INPEA and its advocacy and support of Indiana non-public schools. In order to continue serving and advocating for our schools, INPEA Board of Directors voted to increase its dues cost to \$3.60 per Kindergarten-12th grade student and to \$1.10 for Pre-Kindergarten students. This dues increase will affect the 2017-18 dues invoices (which are based off of 16-17' enrollment).

If you have any questions about dues, please feel free to contact our Office Operations Coordinator, Belinda, at 317-236-7329 or at [bbetton@inpea.org](mailto:bbetton@inpea.org).



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