

The Commission Connection

January 2018



ILLINOIS
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**NATIONAL
SCHOOL CHOICE
WEEK!**

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"INTELLIGENCE + CHARACTER - THAT IS THE GOAL OF TRUE
EDUCATION"

Martin Luther King, Jr

KUDOS CORNER



Malik J. Fountain,

Southland Freshman Chezney Rowlett Wins First Place in...

Bulletin Board: A Post From the Community | RICHTON PARK, ILL-
January 3, 2018-Chezney Rowlett,
a freshman at Southland College
Prep Charter High School in
Richton Park, won first place in the
Chicago Bulls "Kids Talent Search"
on December 29,...

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Southland College Prep Sophomore,...

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Community | RICHTON PARK, ILL.
-January 9, 2018-Malik J. Fountain,
15, a Southland College Prep
Charter High School sophomore, is
the first-place winner of the
Veterans of Foreign Wars 16th
District's annual Voice...

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WHAT'S NEW AT THE COMMISSION

CONGRATULATIONS

On Tuesday, January 23, 2018, the Commission voted to renew the following charter schools:

- Betty Shabazz International Charter School – 3 year term
- Concept Schools Horizon Science Academy – Belmont – 5 year term
- Concept Schools Horizon Science Academy – McKinley Park – 5 year term





EMSA chooses Jacksonville administrator as its first...

A downstate elementary school principal will be the Elgin Math and Science Academy's first principal, school officials announced Tuesday. Lezlie Fuhr has been principal of North Jacksonville Elementary School since 2006, and in education for 22...

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2016-17 Annual Reviews are Underway



Annually, a school's progress is measured by the analysis of the school's academic performance, financial performance and organizational performance.

The assessment is then compiled into an **Annual Performance Review Report** which is an essential authorizing practice for effective oversight, communication with schools, and public accountability and transparency.

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

January 25 and 26, 2018

Free Anger Management Professional Development with Bryan Anderson of [Grab The Wheel](#)

INCS is hosting a free anger management PD. Space is capped at 27 participants per training, so at this time, Remaining spots will then be opened up on a first come-

first served basis, with priority given to schools who serve both age groups listed below.
Pre-K – 6th grade staff: [Register here](#) for the training on Thursday, January 25th, from 9:30am – 4:30pm.

7th – 12th grade staff: [Register here](#) for the training on Friday, January 26th, from



9:30am – 4:30pm.

For more information, contact Stephanie Arias, INCS at sarias@incschools.org

MA+H+CON

The Online Competition will be available for students to take between **Monday, January 22 and Friday, March 2, 2018.**

National Competition is on May 5, 2018 in Chicago, Illinois UIC Forum, [725 W Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL 60608.](#)

For more information: click [here.](#)

ISBE INFORMATION



Illinois
State Board of
Education

Message from State Superintendent Tony Smith, click [here.](#)

OPPORTUNITIES



Elgin Math & Science Academy is building their founding team. Click on the link below to find out more.

<https://elginmathandscience.com/join-our-team/>

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