

# THE COMMISSION CONNECTION

May 2018

## KUDOS CORNER



Congratulations to  
Commission Chair DeRonda Williams  
who was selected to participate in the  
prestigious  
Pahara-Aspen Education Fellowship



### Illinois State Superintendent Visits Chicago Students

**Horizon Science Academy  
McKinley Park**, hosted the State Superintendent of Illinois for a visit and tour of the campus. Dr. Tony Smith visited classrooms, labs, spoke to teachers, and watched several student presentations.

As Dr. Smith wrapped up his visit, he had this to say: "I really do get the sense that this is a place of deep caring. I really enjoyed my visit and can see this is definitely a place for opportunity."



Commissioner Troy Ratliff and Managing Director/General Counsel Shenita Johnson also participated in the visit.

## IN THE NEWS



### Public charter schools push for study on equitable...

Public charter school supporters went to Springfield on Thursday to tell lawmakers they need to be considered equals with other public schools when it comes to getting money for school improvements. Thursday was Charter School Lobby Day at the...

[Read more](http://www.ilnews.org)  
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## 4 Star Chicagoan: Local teacher inspires students to...

He's a local teacher whose lessons go beyond the classroom. He's inspiring and challenging students to help the homeless.

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[abc7chicago.com](http://abc7chicago.com)



## Southland College Prep Senior John Mensik Earns National ...

Bulletin Board: A Post From the Community | RICHTON PARK, ILL. - May 15, 2018--John Mensik, a Southland College Prep Charter High School senior, has been named a recipient of a 2018 National 180 Student Award. He is one of 15 students across the...

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## Prairie Crossing celebrates Earth Week

Students and staff at Prairie Crossing Charter School in Grayslake celebrated Earth Week with environmental- and conservation-related activities and learning opportunities. Some highlights of the week included gardening with book buddies, making...

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[www.dailyherald.com](http://www.dailyherald.com)

## LEADING THE WAY

On May 16th, the Spring Commission Collaborative took place at West 40 ISC #2 in Hillside, Illinois. This session was focused on schools collaborating and drafting their school strategic plans for the 2018-19 school year. Click [here](#) for a copy of the presentation deck.





## EDUCATION WEEK **LEADERS** *to Learn from*

National Urban Fellow (NUF) Miguel Garcia participated in **Education Week Leaders to Learn From** Conference held in Washington DC. This was a great opportunity to learn how extraordinary trailblazers in the field are solving problems and driving change in school districts across the U.S.



Pictured from left to right  
Serdar Kartal, Horizon Science Academy - Belmont Principal, NUF Miguel Garcia and Cafer Cengiz, Horizon Science Academy - McKinley Park Principal

## UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS



**Commission Meeting**  
Tuesday, May 22nd, 3PM - 6PM  
Michael A. Bilandic Building  
160 North LaSalle, C-500  
Chicago, IL 60601

### UPCOMING WEBINAR: SIS End of School Year 2018 E-Report Card Data Verification

May 22, 2018 | 1:30PM - 3:00PM

The webinar will cover all data elements of the E-Report Card to ensure districts under the verification process and address any questions. [Register now!](#)

### E-Report Card System

The eReport Card system opened for data submissions on May 15 and will close July 31.

For more information click

<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/E-Report-Card-System-Opening-Data-Submissions.pdf>



## Important Information for Educators Renewing Licenses in 2018

Educators who hold a PEL and ELS-CTE license with an expiration of 6/30/2018 may

renew beginning April 1.

Educators who hold an ELS-PARA license with an expiration of 6/30/2018 may renew beginning April 15.

Educators who hold a SUB license with an expiration of 6/30/2018 may renew beginning May 1.

Click [here](#) for more information or click on the video below



### Student Information System (SIS)

- 2018 Student Enrollment Deadline July 1
- 2018 Student Course Assignment Data Deadline July 31
- 2018 Teacher Course Assignment Data Deadline July 31



## ISBE INFORMATION

### Webinar: SIS End of School Year 2018 and Planning for School Year 2019

[View the recorded SIS webinar](#) from April 26 to learn more about the assessment correction and scores process, end of school year 2018 tasks, exiting students, Report Card verification, and upcoming key dates and trainings.

### New Data Dashboard

Opt-in Today!

Click [here](#) for more information



**Illinois  
State Board of  
Education**

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

## OPPORTUNITIES

There are currently three Chicago-based open positions at INCS:

#### Director of Communications

Learn more about the position [here](#).

#### Event Manager

Find out more [here](#).



**ILLINOIS NETWORK OF  
CHARTER SCHOOLS**

Development Manager

Learn more [here](#).



**nacsa**  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZERS

Director of Authorizer Engagement  
and Advancement

Learn more about the position [here](#).

Staff Accountant

Learn more about the position [here](#).

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