

THE COMMISSION CONNECTION

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Southland College Prep Voice and Band Students Earn...

Bulletin Board: A Post From the Community | RICHTON PARK, ILLINOIS-March 26, 2018- Thirty-nine Southland College Prep Charter High School vocal and band musicians earned gold, silver and bronze medals for excellent, superior and good performances ...

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IN THE NEWS



Southland Prep breaks ground on \$2M performing arts center

A \$2.15 million performing arts center is expected to open at Southland College Prep Charter High School in Richton Park in early August, officials said. Construction of the 5,216-square-foot addition began Tuesday at 4601 Sauk Trail. The new...

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WHAT'S NEW AT THE COMMISSION

House Bill 768

On March 2nd, the Governor vetoed HB768 which would eliminate the rights of charter schools to appeal to the Illinois State Charter School Commission. The bill also proposed that new and existing charter schools that are denied, not renewed or revoked by the local school district be subject to judicial review only. The House had until March 17th to override the veto, but it was not called for a vote, therefore the Governor's veto stands.

Highlights from the 2016-17 Annual Performance Reports

Horizon Science Academy - McKinley Park is far exceeding its Assigned School Composite averages for all subgroups on PARCC in both ELA and Math by at least 10 percentage points. Further, McKinley Park is meeting the State average on PARCC for Math and ELA for all subgroups.



Prairie Crossing Charter School earned a Good Standing status by receiving a Meets or Exceeds in ALL Domains (Academic, Organizational and Finance). In addition, 60.3% of Prairie Crossing's students are meeting or exceeding on PARCC as compared to the State average of 34%.

Southland College Prep Charter School earned a Good Standing status by receiving a performance rating of Meets or Exceeds in ALL Domains (Academic, Organizational and Finance). Further, Southland exceeded the Assigned School Composite average on the SAT by over 100 points, and exceeded the State four-year graduation rate, with a 99.1% grad rate compared to the State's 87% graduation rate

The Commission is pleased to announce a new staff member to the

Welcome



team: Administrative Assistant Linda Sylvester.

Linda spent over 20 years with the Golden Apple Foundation and is excited to bring her expertise to the Commission.

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

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



Verify 2018 Spring Enrollment Counts in SIS Monday, April 16, 2018 4PM

ISBE collects the student enrollment data on both October 1 and March 1. Evidence-Based Funding (EBF) calculations use the greater of the three-year average or current year for each data set.

Final enrollment for each year is the average of the October 1 and March 1 data sets.

The Student Information System (SIS) will capture your district's March 1, 2018, enrollment or "Spring Enrollment" at 4 p.m. on April 16.
No corrections will be allowed following the deadline.

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



ENROLLMENT
COUNTS

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PLANNING

End of School Year 2018 Planning for School Year 2019

Webinar

April 26, 2018 1:30PM

Register Now!

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1524994429765619715>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



Commission Collaborative Workshop in May

More details forthcoming!

ISBE INFORMATION

New Data Dashboard

Opt-in Today!

Click [here](#) for more information



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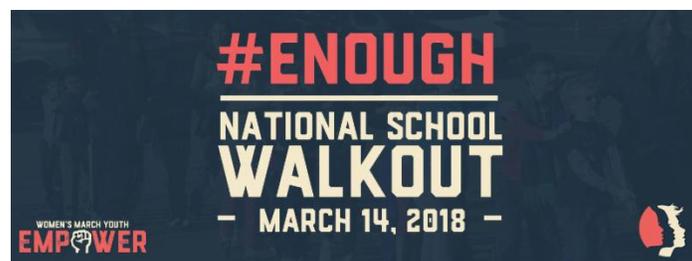
Message from State Superintendent Tony Smith, click [here](#).

OPPORTUNITIES

TEACHING
TOLERANCE 

Teaching Tolerance is pleased to announce a new project: Teaching Tolerance Educator Grants. These grants, ranging from \$500-\$10,000, will further their mission by supporting projects that promote affirming school climates and educate youth to thrive in a diverse democracy. For more information, click on the following link:

<https://www.tolerance.org/about/educator-grant-guidelines>



Students from Prairie Crossing Charter School, Horizon Science Academy - McKinley Park and Southland College Prep walked out of their classrooms for 17 minutes to participate in peace circles to call for stronger firearm laws since the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida





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