

Dear Program Directors:

Comprehensive Planning

Planning for the FY16 TBE/TPI and Title III Application

Join us for a webinar on Mar 10, 2015 at 10:00 AM CDT.

Register now!

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3205645207297568514>

This webinar will review TBE/TPI, LIPLEPS and Immigrant Program funding and program requirements and discuss how districts can plan for the FY16 ELL Consolidated Application.

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

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Illinois Seal of Biliteracy

We are excited to let you know that the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) recently approved the rules related to the Illinois Seal of Biliteracy. You can find the updated rules in section 1.442 of the Administrative Rules: <http://www.isbe.net/rules/archive/default.htm>

The Division of English Language Learning (DELL) is starting a new webpage about the Seal of Biliteracy: <http://www.isbe.net/bilingual/htmls/biliteracy.htm>. We are finalizing training materials for individuals coordinating this program in their district, including a recorded webinar, lists of approved assessments, and other resources related to the program. The information will be posted on that webpage within the next couple of weeks.

Community & Family

Bilingual Parent Summit—Save the date: May 9, 2015

The Tenth Annual Statewide Summit for Bilingual Parents will be held on May 9, 2015. The summit attracts around a 1,000 parents and educators each year. The summit addresses a variety of topics that will help participants in their roles as educators, parents, and/or members of a Bilingual Parent Advisory Council. We hope to keep offering presentations in multiple languages and to have interpreters available for parents. Last year there were sessions presented in Spanish, Polish, Arabic, and Korean.

Planning for the event is on the way and we will let you when registration will start and when brochures (in multiple languages) will be available online.

Sponsors and Feeding Sites Sought for Summer Meals!

The Illinois State Board of Education and its partner No Kid Hungry seek non-profit organizations, including schools, to serve as sponsors and feeding sites for the Summer Meals

program. The federally-funded program provides healthy nutritious meals to kids 18 and under when school is out.

During the school year, many Illinois children receive free- and reduced-price meals through the School Breakfast and National School Lunch Programs. But, over the summer, these same children are at risk of hunger or poor nutrition. The Summer Meals program is designed to ensure that children have access to the nutritious meals they need to grow, learn and play during the summer months and to help ensure their bodies and minds are healthy, strong and ready for the next school year.

Community organizations, non-profits and government entities can participate. No activities are required, but are encouraged. These can include tutoring, language instruction or cultural activities.

Find out more through a Summer Meals information session. The next meetings are as follows:

February 26	Elgin	10am-Noon	Gail Borden Public Library 270 North Grove Avenue, Elgin, IL 60120
March 10	Lincoln	1 – 2 pm	The Oasis Senior Center, 2810 Woodlawn Road, Lincoln, 62656
March 11	Waukegan	10 am – 12 pm	Community Action Partnership of Lake County 1200 Glen Flora Avenue, Waukegan, IL 60085

For more information or to register contact Suzy Lee, slee@gcfd.org, 773-843-2604, or call the Summer Food Program at the Illinois State Board of Education, 800-545-7892. Or register for program trainings at <http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscaalendar/asp/eventlist.asp>

Professional Development

Annual Fall Bilingual Program Directors’ Meeting—Save the date: September 16-17, 2015

Our Annual Bilingual Program Directors’ Meeting will be held September 16-17, 2015 in Oak Brook, IL. Please save this date. In response to feedback, we are excited to announce we are now moving to a larger venue that will allow us to accommodate up to two participants from each district. Please plan your budget accordingly.

Additional details will be published as they become available.

DELL New Leadership Workshop for EL Program Directors—Save the date: August 3-4, 2015

DELL is planning to have a Two Day New Leadership Workshop for new EL Program Directors to be held in early August 2014 in the Bloomington/Normal area. The workshop will include a one day presentation by ISBE DELL staff on August 4, 2015 and an optional one day

presentation by WIDA on August 3, 2015. We will publish the details before the end of the school year, so please keep the workshop in mind for you or any administrator/coordinator in your district who might benefit from participating.

The New Leadership Workshop is geared to support English Learner (EL) Program Directors, Coordinators, and/or Administrators who are new to their position or the field of English learners, or have been working with the EL program for a short period of time. Previous participants have found this workshop helpful in gaining an overview of rules and requirements, administrative procedures related to the EL program (grants and compliance monitoring processes), as well as a program models and other considerations related to working with English Learners.

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