

# SCHOOL BUS

## THE COMMISSION CONNECTION

*AUGUST 2017*



We trust you are enjoying your summer break and hope this newsletter finds you relaxed in anticipation for the upcoming 2017-18 school year.

### KUDOS CORNER

Southland College Prep Wins Federal Grant to Help Other Schools Adopt New Models for Raising Student Achievement

Click [here](#) to read more.



Congratulations to Betty Shabazz International Charter School - 2017/18 recipient of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant. The program will assist Betty Shabazz to continue introducing students to a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables they may not otherwise have an opportunity to learn about or eat. The school serves

fresh fruit and salad daily so that students get accustomed to eating healthy foods instead of fast food.

Southland College Prep was highlighted on the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Best Practice Corner website. Click on the video link to watch.



## WHAT'S NEW AT THE COMMISSION



### Elgin charter school supporters appeal U46's denial decision

Officials from the Elgin Math and Science Academy have filed an appeal challenging last month's denial by the U46 school board. The charter school's organizing group filed the appeal this week with the Illinois State Charter School Commission,...

[Read more](#)

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



On July 25th, the Commission voted to deny the Mastery Academy Charter School appeal.

The Commission is currently facilitating a Special Education Cooperative (Co op) for the Commission schools with a targeted implementation for Fall 2017. This venture will be highly beneficial for sharing resources, best practices, and costs for special education mandates.



### **IDEA Part B Flow-Through and IDEA Part B Preschool Grants Now Available in IWAS**

Applications for the IDEA Part B Flow-Through and IDEA Part B Preschool grants are now available through IWAS for school year 2017-2018 (FY18). Please submit the applications as soon as possible.

More information can be found [here](#).

Charter Schools Program Grant Cohort III RFP Intent to Apply Now Available  
For details, click [here](#).

### **Grant Accountability Transparency Act Required FY2018 GATA Grantee Pre-Qualification Process**

All grantees must complete the registration process and be qualified to do business with the State of Illinois. The grantee pre-qualification registration portal may be accessed directly on the GATA website [here](#).



## **UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS**

### **August 9, 2017**

#### *Back to School Webinar with Superintendent Smith*

State Superintendent Tony Smith will lead a webinar for district administrators at 1PM on August 9th in preparation for the 2017-18 school year.

To register, please go [here](#).



### **September 7, 2017**

Public Hearing for Elgin Math and Science Academy Charter School



### **September 20, 2017**

SY18 1st Quarter Commission Collaborative Meeting  
&  
Charter School Renewals Kick Off

### **October 3, 2017**

Commission Meeting  
Location TBD

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

City Year AmeriCorps is hiring for the 2017-18 school year. If you or someone you know is interested in applying, click on the link below for more details.



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