

# The Commission Connection

NOVEMBER 2017

## KUDOS CORNER



Since October was National Principals Month, thank you to School Leaders/Principals of the State Commission schools. We truly appreciate your leadership and dedication to families. Enjoy this thank you video made in partnership with the Illinois Principals Association.

<https://youtu.be/x-x-w993mlg>

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE COMMISSION



2017 Renewals

On September 20th, the Commission kicked off the 2017-18 Renewal Process for four Commission schools. The renewal application can be found [here](#). Applications are due on Monday, November 13, 2017.

## RENEWAL PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE

**Horizon Science Academy -**  
McKinley Campus  
2245 West Pershing Road, Chicago  
Wednesday, November 15, 2017  
4PM - 6PM

**Betty Shabazz International**  
Barbara Sizemore Campus  
6547 South Stewart, Chicago  
Thursday, November 16, 2017  
4PM - 8PM

**Horizon Science Academy -**

**Amandla Charter School**

Belmont Campus  
2456 North Mango, Chicago  
Wednesday, November 29, 2017  
4PM - 6PM

6820 South Washtenaw, Chicago  
Thursday, November 30, 2017  
4PM - 6PM

## UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

### Monday, November 6, 2017

2016-17 (FY 2018) Annual Claim for Pupil Transportation Reimbursement – Correction Period Now Open

The review and amendment (if needed) process for the Pupil Transportation Reimbursement Claim is now open and will end at **midnight on Monday, Nov. 6**. All revisions must be completed and transmitted on or before that time. No revisions will be accepted after that date in order to close the claim file and schedule the three remaining quarterly payments.

If you have questions regarding the amendment process, contact Mark Morten at (217) 782-5256 or [mmorten@isbe.net](mailto:mmorten@isbe.net)

### Tuesday, November 7, 2017

2018 Assessment Process Update Webinar

1:30PM

Register now!



<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2139840229412437763>

In observance of Veteran's Day, the Commission office will be closed on **Friday, November 10**.

### Monday, November 13, 2017

Renewal Applications are due

### Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Commission Meeting

James R. Thompson Center: 100 W. Randolph, Room 9-031 Chicago, IL 60601

3PM - 6PM



### Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Illinois 5Essentials Survey Window Opens

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

### Wednesday, November 15, 2017

2017-18 Immunization/Health Examination and Eye Examination Data Collection

As mandated by Section 5/27-8.1 of the School Code, immunization/health examination data must be submitted for all Illinois schools in grades PreK-12 by 11:59 p.m. Nov. 15.

Below are important links to reference when submitting your data:

[Student Health Data – Immunization System – IWAS User Guide for Electronic Submission Immunization Data Entry Worksheet](#)

[How to Calculate Actual Unduplicated Count of Students](#)

[Immunizations and Compliance with State Law – Guidance](#)

### **Thursday, November 16, 2017**

School Year 2018 Fall Enrollment / Evidence Based Funding Final Deadline is Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 4:00 PM. SIS will finalize the final Fall Enrollment / Evidence Based Funding data on November 16 for students enrolled on October 2, 2017. For more information, log on to your ISBE - IWAS account and check your Inbox.



In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday, the Commission office will be closed on **Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24.**

## **ISBE INFO**

### **Charter School Program – QSO – Cohort III Request for Proposals Available Nov. 1**

The electronic Charter Schools Program - QSO Program Design and Initial Implementation Request for Proposals (RFP)-Cohort III is available on Nov. 1 through ISBE's IWAS system. All responses must be submitted electronically to ISBE by 4 p.m. on Dec. 18. This grant opportunity can provide up to \$950,000 to new charter school development teams to aid with design of the charter school and the initial implementation costs during the first two years of operation.

Any applicants interested in applying will need to submit the Letter of Intent to Apply Form in order to gain electronic access to the RFP. The Letter of Intent to Apply, and further grant eligibility information can be found at [Charter Schools Grants and RFPs web page](#).



**Illinois  
State Board of  
Education**

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

Didn't have an opportunity to participate in the Evidence-Based Funding Data Verification Process webinar on November 2? Click [here](#) to download a copy of the presentation deck.

### **Policy Reminders for Assisting Students Displaced by Hurricane Maria**

Schools have begun to enroll children displaced by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico and by hurricanes in other areas. Students transferring from out of state normally would be required to show proof of immunizations and a physical examination completed within the past year.

However, the children who are in school in Illinois due to being displaced should be protected under the McKinney-Vento Act for homeless students. These students must be



admitted to school immediately while the district and family or friends the students may be placed with try to obtain immunization records.

A physical examination should be obtained as soon as possible since the students may not have had a recent physical exam to meet the Illinois' out-of-state transfer student requirement. Additionally, any injury or social-emotional trauma may be addressed during such an exam. The district must help the family find those resources. The host family may be able to pay for the services or the displaced family may be eligible for free or reduced costs at some public clinics if their bank accounts are inaccessible due to loss of power in the affected area.



The 2017 Illinois State Report Cards were released earlier this week. Currently, the official 2017 Illinois State Report Card, including the District and School Report Cards, is available from ISBE's [e-Report Card Site](#). Additional data can be found at the [Illinois State Report Card Data site](#).

Beginning November 3, the 2017 Interactive Illinois Report Card will be available [here](#).

## OPPORTUNITIES

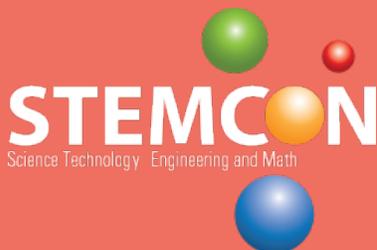


[Elgin Math and Science Academy \(EMSA\)](#) Charter School, a new K-8 school opening in Fall 2018, is seeking a [Founding Principal](#) to help them bring their vision to life.

Applications are due November 15 for a start in December 2017 or January 2018. Interested candidates must apply by November 15, 2017 by sending a Cover Letter and Résumé/Curriculum Vitae to [ApplyToEMSA@gmail.com](mailto:ApplyToEMSA@gmail.com).

Looking for a creative student project? The [Made By Milk contest](#) asks a team of students to repurpose milk cartons into a work of art. Entries are due Nov. 15.

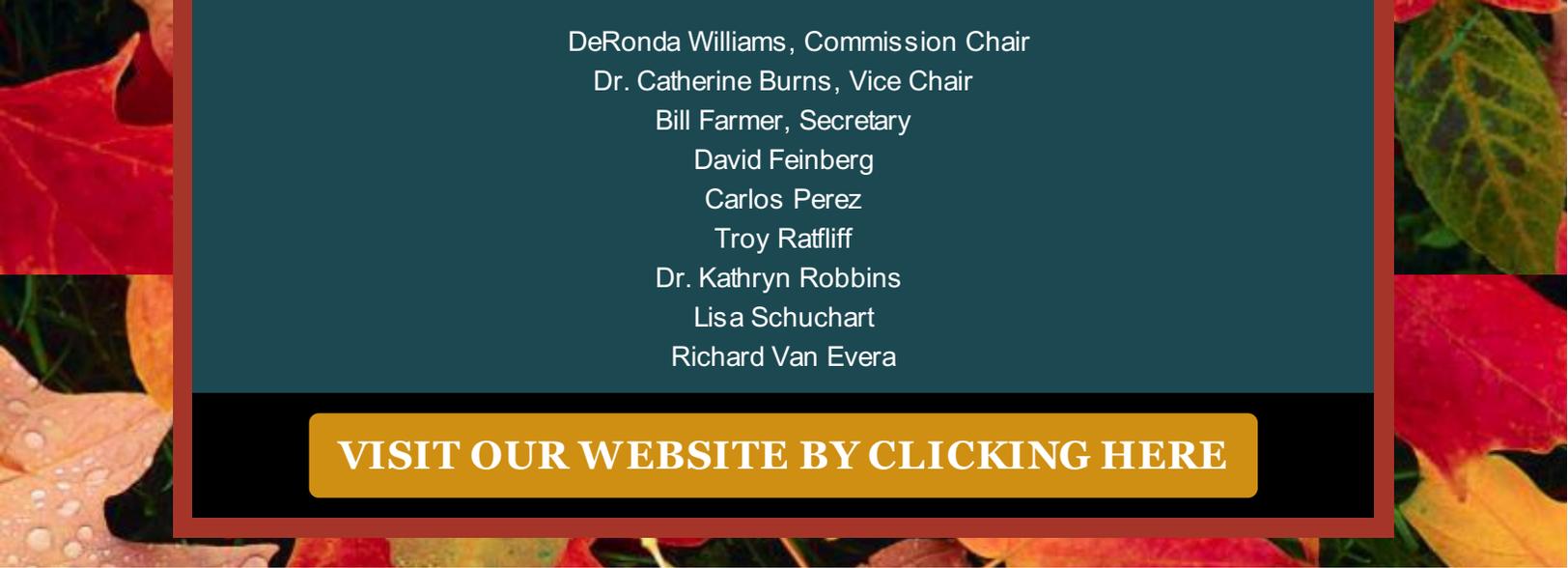
The Illinois Network of Charter Schools is seeking to fill a Legislative Affairs Manager position vacancy. For more information, click [here](#).



Registration for STEMCON 2018 is now open; a platform for STEM educators and administrators. STEMCON is a conference for K-12 STEM educators to collaborate, connect and share best practices. For more information click [here](#).

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