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Hello,

Equity means we are making sure that every single child has the tools and support they need to be successful. This not only includes preK-12 students, but also students who choose to move forward in pursuing a college degree. ISBE's Equity Statement reflects the belief that we must affirm the strengths and assets that students bring with them to the classroom in the form of their diverse abilities, background, and life experiences. Financial barriers have caused significant inequities in accessing college and has forced Illinois students to leave the state for postsecondary education. The [Retention of Illinois Students and Equity \(RISE\) Act](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=101-0021) (<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=101-0021>), a new law that went into effect Jan. 1, allows more Illinois high school students to afford a college education by eliminating certain barriers.

For the first time in Illinois, eligible undocumented students and transgender students who are disqualified from federal financial aid will now be able to apply for all forms of state financial aid. Additionally, the RISE Act assists students who have lost state aid because they have surpassed the 75-credit hour limit on state Monetary Award Program grants before they are juniors. The RISE Act is in place to ensure equity for all college students who are residents of Illinois, encouraging students who are ineligible for federal aid or have to take additional courses to stay in Illinois and attend Illinois institutions of higher learning. Overall, the act is in place to create more equitable access to higher education for all Illinois students. Additional information and resources, including the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid, are available from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission at [www.ISAC.org](http://www.isac.org/) (<http://www.isac.org/>).

Additionally, in a continued effort to support Illinois education professionals, [Public Act 100-1078](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=100-1078) (<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=100-1078>) guarantees that applicants will not be denied a professional license issued by the Illinois State Board of Education based solely on citizenship or immigration status. This includes professional licenses for educators, school counselors, school social workers, school psychologists, school nurses, and speech-language pathologists. Please visit [ISBE's Educator Licensure webpage](/Pages/Professional-Educator-License.aspx) (</Pages/Professional-Educator-License.aspx>) to learn more about obtaining a professional license.

I strongly encourage you to share all of this information with your teachers, counselors, and communities to ensure all of our students and educators are supported in the path of their choosing.

Lastly, we recently lost an incredible advocate for transgender and LGBTQ equal rights. Alex McCray, who graduated from Williamsville High School and went on to attend Fontbonne University, received the American Civil Liberties Union's John R. Hammell Award for his contributions to fight for equal rights for Americans in 2017 and was named the Illinois Safe School Alliance Activist of the Year in 2016. Alex is remembered as a quiet but fierce trailblazer who strove to ensure resources and support for all students. He will be greatly missed.

Sincerely,

## DATES AND DEADLINES

Please note this is not a complete list of events, meetings, and deadlines. For more events and details, visit the [ISBE Calendar page](https://www.isbe.net/Pages/ISBE-Meetings.aspx) (<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/ISBE-Meetings.aspx>).

<b>Feb. 19-20</b>	<a href="https://www.imsa.edu/site_section/next-generation-science-standards/">K-5 Next Generation Science Standards Leadership Conference (Marion)</a> ( <a href="https://www.imsa.edu/site_section/next-generation-science-standards/">https://www.imsa.edu/site_section/next-generation-science-standards/</a> )
<b>Feb. 24-25</b>	<a href="https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Wellness.aspx">ISBE School Wellness Conference</a> ( <a href="https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Wellness.aspx">https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Wellness.aspx</a> )
<b>Feb. 24</b>	<a href="https://www.isbe.net/Documents/ISBE-Strategic-Plan-Meetings.pdf">ISBE Strategic Plan Stakeholder Meeting (Springfield)</a> ( <a href="https://www.isbe.net/Documents/ISBE-Strategic-Plan-Meetings.pdf">https://www.isbe.net/Documents/ISBE-Strategic-Plan-Meetings.pdf</a> )
<b>Feb. 26</b>	<a href="http://bit.ly/datadiveforschoolimprovement">Data Dive into Summative Designations to Identify Next Steps for School Improvement (ROE 4)</a> ( <a href="http://bit.ly/datadiveforschoolimprovement">http://bit.ly/datadiveforschoolimprovement</a> )
<b>Feb. 27-28</b>	<a href="https://www.isbe.net/Pages/AccountabilityTechnicalAdvisoryCommittee.aspx">Accountability Technical Advisory Committee meeting</a> ( <a href="https://www.isbe.net/Pages/AccountabilityTechnicalAdvisoryCommittee.aspx">https://www.isbe.net/Pages/AccountabilityTechnicalAdvisoryCommittee.aspx</a> )
<b>Mar. 2-3</b>	<a href="http://ilcareerconnections.org/">2020 Career Connections Conference (Chicago)</a> ( <a href="http://ilcareerconnections.org/">http://ilcareerconnections.org/</a> )
<b>Mar. 4-5</b>	<a href="http://ilcareerconnections.org/">2020 Career Connections Conference (Springfield)</a> ( <a href="http://ilcareerconnections.org/">http://ilcareerconnections.org/</a> )
<b>Mar. 4</b>	<a href="http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp">New Summer Food Service Program sponsor training (Marion)</a> ( <a href="http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp">http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp</a> )
<b>Mar. 5</b>	<a href="http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp">Community Eligibility Provision and Alternative Breakfast Service Models workshop (Collinsville)</a> ( <a href="http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp">http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp</a> )
<b>Mar. 6-7</b>	<a href="https://sites.google.com/view/ilteacherleadersummit/home">2020 Illinois Teacher Leadership Summit Powered by Teach to Lead</a> ( <a href="https://sites.google.com/view/ilteacherleadersummit/home">https://sites.google.com/view/ilteacherleadersummit/home</a> )
<b>Mar. 6</b>	<a href="https://www.isbe.net/nonpublicprograms">Deadline to submit 2019-20 Nonpublic School Application for Recognition Renewal in IWAS</a> ( <a href="https://www.isbe.net/nonpublicprograms">https://www.isbe.net/nonpublicprograms</a> )
<b>Mar. 9-10</b>	<a href="http://ilcareerconnections.org/">2020 Career Connections Conference (Carbondale)</a> ( <a href="http://ilcareerconnections.org/">http://ilcareerconnections.org/</a> )
<b>Mar. 11</b>	<a href="http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp">Community Eligibility Provision and Alternative Breakfast Service Models workshop (Bloomington)</a> ( <a href="http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp">http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp</a> )
<b>Mar. 16</b>	<a href="https://www.isbe.net/strategicplansurvey">ISBE Strategic Plan Engagement Session (Macomb)</a> ( <a href="https://www.isbe.net/strategicplansurvey">https://www.isbe.net/strategicplansurvey</a> )
<b>Mar. 17-18</b>	<a href="https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-State-Board-of-Education-Calendar.aspx">Illinois State Board of Education meeting in Macomb</a> ( <a href="https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-State-Board-of-Education-Calendar.aspx">https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-State-Board-of-Education-Calendar.aspx</a> )
<b>Mar. 18</b>	<a href="http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp">New Summer Food Service Program sponsor training (Fairview Heights)</a> ( <a href="http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp">http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp</a> )
<b>Mar. 19</b>	<a href="http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp">Summer Food Service Program current sponsor training (Fairview Heights)</a> ( <a href="http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp">http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp</a> )

Mar. 23	<a href="https://www.isbe.net/Pages/RFPs.aspx">Deadline to submit Early Childhood Block Grant proposals (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/RFPs.aspx)</a>
Mar. 24	<a href="http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp">Community Eligibility Provision and Alternative Breakfast Service Models workshop (Chicago) (http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp)</a>
Mar. 25	<a href="http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp">New Summer Food Service Program sponsor training (Alsip) (http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp)</a>
Mar. 26	<a href="http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp">Summer Food Service Program current sponsor training (Alsip) (http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp)</a>
Mar. 31	<a href="https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Nutrition-and-Wellness-Champions.aspx">Deadline to nominate School Nutrition &amp; Wellness Champion (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Nutrition-and-Wellness-Champions.aspx)</a>
Apr. 8	<a href="http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp">New Summer Food Service Program sponsor training (Peoria) (http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp)</a>
Apr. 15	<a href="https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-State-Board-of-Education-Calendar.aspx">Illinois State Board of Education meeting in Springfield (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-State-Board-of-Education-Calendar.aspx)</a>
Apr. 15	<a href="http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp">New Summer Food Service Program sponsor training (Schaumburg) (http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp)</a>
Apr. 21	<a href="https://ilmtss.net/conference/profile/2020-mtss-for-equity-and-excellence">Illinois MTSS Network: MTSS for Equity and Excellence Conference (https://ilmtss.net/conference/profile/2020-mtss-for-equity-and-excellence)</a>
Apr. 22	<a href="https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7011768573844247298">Webinar: Summer Food Service Program current sponsor training (https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7011768573844247298)</a>
May 4	<a href="https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/crsa/Pages/default.aspx">CRSA Symposium 'No More Closed Doors' (https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/crsa/Pages/default.aspx)</a>
May 6	<a href="http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp">New Summer Food Service Program sponsor training (Springfield) (http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp)</a>
May 10	<a href="https://nbrc.illinoisstate.edu/firsttime/index.php">Deadline to submit National Board Candidate Fee Subsidy application (https://nbrc.illinoisstate.edu/firsttime/index.php)</a>

## 2020 CENSUS: EVERYONE COUNTS

### CENSUS RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS – STATISTICS IN SCHOOLS

The Statistics in Schools program provides high-quality and free curriculum materials for educators using Census Bureau data. This week's resource for students in grades 5 and 6 serves as a starting point or introduction to the 2020 Census. The resource allows students to design their own city with police stations, schools, libraries, pet stores, and even an ice cream shop! [Learn more about the resource \(https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/sis/2020census/2020-resources/ell-adult-esl/city-planning-census-data.html\).](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/sis/2020census/2020-resources/ell-adult-esl/city-planning-census-data.html)

NEW

## CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

### CTE MONTH – FEBRUARY 2020

The Illinois Senate recently filed a [resolution](http://ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=&SessionId=108&GA=101&DocTypeId=SR&DocNum=983&GAID=15&LegID=124042&SpecSess=&Session=) (http://ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?

DocName=&SessionId=108&GA=101&DocTypeId=SR&DocNum=983&GAID=15&LegID=124042&SpecSess=&Session=) designating February 2020 as Career and Technical Education Month! The resolution raises awareness about the many benefits associated with high-

quality career and technical education (CTE) programs. Learn more about incorporating CTE in your districts and communities. Visit [ISBE's CTE webpage](#) (/Pages/Career-Technical-Education.aspx) to find professional development opportunities, as well as multiple tools and resources.

## UPCOMING 2020 CAREER CONNECTIONS CONFERENCE – MARCH 2-3, MARCH 4-5, MARCH 9-10

In a response to the growing needs for high-quality through CTE programs, Career Connections 2020 will deliver three multi-disciplinary regional conferences throughout the state focusing on three overarching goals:

1. Improvement of instruction
2. Better alignment to core academics
3. Enhanced connections to career and postsecondary opportunities

Integral features of the conference will include hands-on and innovative learning opportunities that highlight various components of interdisciplinary education accentuated through CTE, including exploratory sessions, networking opportunities, industry-led partnerships, student showcases, educator recognition, and apprenticeship programs. The conference will focus on three themes: equity, outreach, and integration of core academics, and include keynote speaker Andrew McPeak of Growing Leaders: Ready for Real Life. He will address the expectations, identity, and attitudes of Generation Z, and how instructors can teach and empower the emerging generation. In addition, the conference will include breakout sessions regarding three main themes: equity, outreach, and integration of core academics. [Register and see full details](http://ilcareerconnections.org/) (<http://ilcareerconnections.org/>).

## EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS

### NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION CANDIDATE FEE SUBSIDY NOW AVAILABLE

ISBE is pleased to announce the \$1,900 [National Board Candidate Fee Subsidy application](https://nbrc.illinoisstate.edu/firsttime/index.php) (<https://nbrc.illinoisstate.edu/firsttime/index.php>) is now available for Illinois teachers and counselors wishing to pursue National Board Certification beginning the 2020-21 school year. Applications are due by **May 10**.

The National Board Resource Center (NBRC) provides free support for teachers and counselors throughout their journey to National Board Certification. Email Director Kristin Mason at [kamason5@ilstu.edu](mailto:kamason5@ilstu.edu) (<mailto:kamason5@ilstu.edu>) or call the NBRC at (309) 438-1833 for more information.

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards was founded as a nonprofit dedicated to improving teaching and student learning:

- Just as teachers differentiate instruction for their students, the National Board process differentiates professional development for teachers. There are 25 certificates available across various disciplines, age ranges, and developmental levels.
- Ninety-seven percent of teachers change their teaching after going through the National Board process.
- More than a decade of research from across the country confirms that students taught by National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) outperform their peers taught by non-NBCTs.

Many teachers have commented that after completing the process that it was the best professional development experience of their career. [View more information about the process](https://www.nbpts.org/) (<https://www.nbpts.org/>).

## IL-EMPOWER

### DATA DIVE INTO SUMMATIVE DESIGNATIONS – NEW SESSION ADDED

School teams are encouraged to attend the Data Dive into Summative Designations to Identify Next Steps for School Improvement facilitated by Rae Clementz, director of Accountability. The three-hour professional learning session is being hosted by the Illinois Association of Regional School Superintendents at the following Regional Office of Education (ROE).

- **Feb. 26 (12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)** - ROE 04, Boone/Winnebago 300 Heart Blvd., Loves Park - [Registration now available.](#) (<http://bit.ly/datadiveforschoolimprovement>)

The purpose of the data dive is for school teams to jointly look at designation data to better understand factors driving a school's designation. Attendees should bring any available local data as well their 2019 summative designation scores report found in the Student Information System. Registrations are being received through the host ROE.

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## ISBE ACCOUNTABILITY

### UPCOMING TAC MEETING – FEB. 27-28

ISBE's Accountability Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will be convening on Feb. 27-28 at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The ISBE Accountability TAC brings together experts and leaders with broad experience developing, implementing, and/or validating statewide school accountability systems. The ISBE Accountability TAC includes professionals from Illinois and throughout the nation in order to provide both a local and national perspective. The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the [TAC webpage](#) (</Pages/AccountabilityTechnicalAdvisoryCommittee.aspx>) once available.

NEW

## NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS


### 2019-20 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION RENEWAL NOW AVAILABLE

The Nonpublic School Application for Recognition Renewal is now available in IWAS for completion and submission by currently recognized schools for the 2019-20 school year. This voluntary annual renewal of application information must be submitted via IWAS; paper applications will not be accepted. The window for applying will close on **March 6**. A User Guide is being prepared. It will be accessible from within the IWAS application when it is available for reference.

There are two prerequisites to completion of the application for renewal of recognition. Nonpublic schools seeking to renew recognition must have renewed their registration **AND** submitted their immunization data before they can submit the Nonpublic School Application for Recognition Renewal. Schools that failed to renew their registration via IWAS through the [Nonpublic Registration Renewal Report](#) (<https://sec.isbe.net/iwas/asp/login.asp?js=true>) must contact Dr. Gary Greene or Derreck Langwith at (217) 785-9998.

Schools that failed to complete the Student Health Data will need to log into the IWAS Student Health Data-Immunizations application to enter their data. This application is still open for data collection. Update the grades missing in the Immunization data application in your Entity Profile System.

- For assistance entering data, please contact the Data Strategies and Analytics Department at [datahelp@isbe.net](mailto:datahelp@isbe.net) (<mailto:datahelp@isbe.net>) or (312) 814-9192.
- For technical assistance with IWAS, please contact the ISBE Help Desk at (217) 558-3600.
- Questions regarding school health issues and Student Health Immunization/Health Examination policy should be directed to the Wellness Department at [schoolnurse@isbe.net](mailto:schoolnurse@isbe.net) (<mailto:schoolnurse@isbe.net>) or (217) 782-5270.
- Questions concerning either registration or recognition of nonpublic schools should be directed to ROE/ISC Services (217) 785-9998.

Nonpublic schools seeking [initial recognition](#) should not use IWAS. Instead, they must complete and submit the paper application for [Initial Recognition of Nonpublic Schools](#)  (/Documents/87-01-Nonpublic-Registration-Renewal-Report.pdf). This application may be submitted at any time.


## SAFE & HEALTHY CLIMATE

### CORONAVIRUS TRAVEL ADVISORY & GUIDANCE/FAQS FOR K-12 SCHOOLS

The coronavirus outbreak in China has affected more than 75,000 people worldwide, prompting the [US. Department of State](#), (<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/china-travel-advisory.html>) the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/warning/novel-coronavirus-china>), and the [World Health Organization](#) ([https://www.who.int/ith/2019-nCoV\\_advice\\_for\\_international\\_traffic/en/](https://www.who.int/ith/2019-nCoV_advice_for_international_traffic/en/)) to issue travel advisories recommending against traveling to China.

As a result, numerous schools and universities have canceled yearly field trips to China and study abroad programs.

ISBE's top priority is the safety and well-being of all of Illinois students and school staff. In the wake of the recently issued travel advisories, ISBE highly recommends that any anticipated or planned travel to China should be postponed to a future date or canceled and replaced with another trip.

The Illinois Department of Public Health has released [updated guidance for K-12 schools](#)  (/Documents/2019-nCoV-Guidance-for-K-12-Schools.pdf) regarding the ongoing coronavirus outbreak. The document includes background information and frequently asked questions.

If your school has additional questions or concerns about the coronavirus, please contact your [local health department](#) (<http://www.idph.state.il.us/local/alpha.htm>).

NEW

## SCHOOL NUTRITION

### BRING HEALTHY MEALS TO CHILD CARE CENTERS IN ILLINOIS

ISBE's Nutrition Department will present a Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) New Sponsor Workshop for child care centers on March 4 in Springfield. Please help us spread the word to child care centers in your community! Consider sharing the following on your Facebook or Twitter:

- Learn how to bring healthy meals to child care centers in your community! [New CACFP sponsor workshop March 4](#) (<http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscaendar/asp/EventDetails.asp?EventId=1306>). Questions: Call (800) 545-7892 or email [cnp@isbe.net](mailto:cnp@isbe.net) (<mailto:cnp@isbe.net>).

CACFP is a federal program that provides healthy meals and snacks to children and adults receiving day care. In Illinois, ISBE administers CACFP for child care institutions and family day care homes.

The purpose of this workshop is to provide new CACFP childcare center sponsors with a better understanding of the program and to provide them with the tools required to successfully implement and operate the program. We encourage potential new sponsors to contact ISBE's CACFP team at (800) 545-7892 or [cnp@isbe.net](mailto:cnp@isbe.net) (<mailto:cnp@isbe.net>) to express interest and to ask any questions they may have. The CACFP New Sponsor Workshop is set for **8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 4** in Springfield at the IEA Professional Development Center (3440 Liberty Drive). [Registration is now available](#) (<http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscaendar/asp/EventDetails.asp?EventId=1306>).

Please note this training targets child care centers. The At-Risk Afterschool Meals component of CACFP offers federal funding to after-school programs that serve a meal or snack to children in low-income areas. Schools interested in bringing snacks or suppers with CACFP can call the ISBE Nutrition Department at (800) 545-7892 or email [cnp@isbe.net](mailto:cnp@isbe.net) (<mailto:cnp@isbe.net>).

## HELP FEED CHILDREN WITH SUMMER MEALS; TRAININGS SCHEDULED

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) needs additional sponsors and sites to help fill gaps in access to healthy meals. School districts, local government entities, and nonprofits are encouraged to become a Summer Meals sponsor and/or site to provide free, healthy meals and snacks in areas where poor economic conditions exist. This program is federally funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by ISBE.

SFSP sponsors manage and develop their own sites and receive federal reimbursement via ISBE to cover the administrative and operating costs of preparing and serving meals. School districts, local governments, and nonprofits can become sponsors and set up serving sites at schools, parks, recreation centers, resource centers, churches, summer camps, libraries, and other community locations. Those interested in becoming an SFSP sponsor and/or site should contact ISBE's Nutrition Department at (800) 545-7892.

Participation in one training session is required to become a new SFSP sponsor. [Registration is available](http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp) (<http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp>). The new sponsor training workshops are scheduled 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with registration beginning at 8 a.m. for the following dates and locations:

- March 4 in Marion
- March 18 in Fairview Heights
- March 25 in Alsip
- April 8 in Peoria
- April 15 in Schaumburg
- May 6 in Springfield

There are [two in-person trainings scheduled](http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp) (<http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp>) for current sponsors who have participated in the program for more than two years. These meet the annual training requirement.

- March 19 in Fairview Heights
- March 26 in Alsip

There is also a webinar training option for current sponsors who have participated in the program for more than two years scheduled for **1-4 p.m. April 22**. [Registration is online](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7011768573844247298) 🗓️ (<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7011768573844247298>).

## WORKSHOPS ON CEP AND ALTERNATIVE BREAKFAST SERVICE MODELS

The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is a non-pricing meal service option for schools and school districts in low-income areas. CEP allows high-poverty schools and districts to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students without collecting household applications. Instead, schools that adopt CEP are reimbursed using a formula based on the percentage of students categorically eligible for free meals based on their participation in other specific means-tested programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

This workshop will provide an overview of CEP requirements, share best practices, and outline the CEP application process, as well as highlight alternative breakfast model strategies.

This workshop is being presented in partnership with No Kid Hungry Illinois/Rise and Shine Illinois and the ISBE Nutrition Department. Registration begins each day at 8 a.m. The workshop begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes no later than 12:30 p.m. [Register online now](http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp) (<http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/eventlist.asp>). Workshop dates and locations include:

- [March 5 – Collinsville](http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/EventDetails.asp?EventId=1299) (<http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/EventDetails.asp?EventId=1299>)
- [March 11 – Bloomington](http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/EventDetails.asp?EventId=1300) (<http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/EventDetails.asp?EventId=1300>)
- [March 24 – Chicago](http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/EventDetails.asp?EventId=1301) (<http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnscalendar/asp/EventDetails.asp?EventId=1301>)



### COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

- The **Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)** and **University of Illinois at Chicago's Division of Specialized Care for Children** are seeking feedback on the health of Illinois women, children, adolescents, and families. Please share the confidential and anonymous [survey](https://bit.ly/2R1Lqd2) (https://bit.ly/2R1Lqd2) with your networks and communities to help collect feedback to help IDPH better understand and meet the need of these groups. The [survey is also available in Spanish](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ILTitleVSpanish) (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ILTitleVSpanish). The due date is March 27.

### EDUCATOR OPPORTUNITIES

- Apply to the **Illinois Teaching Policy Fellowship**. This fellowship is for educators who want to change the status quo and influence state policies that affect students' access to excellent teachers and teaching -- policies like teacher preparation and licensure, teacher diversity, assessment, discipline, curriculum, education funding, and more -- without leaving the classroom. Make sure that your voice is heard! [The application for the Teaching Policy Fellowship](https://teachplus.tfaforms.net/327972) (https://teachplus.tfaforms.net/327972) is due March 8.
- Become a **Teach Plus Kindergarten Readiness Innovator**. Do you have an innovative solution to an issue that impacts kindergarten readiness? Would you like to help spread this solution to other educators, positively impacting student learning while receiving an implementation grant, professional development, and leadership coaching? The [Kindergarten Readiness Innovation Initiative](https://teachplus.org/kindergarten-readiness-innovator) (https://teachplus.org/kindergarten-readiness-innovator) helps Teach Plus recruit, select, train, and support outstanding educational leaders to lead an effort to innovate a solution to an issue relating to kindergarten readiness. The application is due by March 8.

### UPCOMING EVENTS


- The Illinois Reading Council is hosting the **2020 Illinois Reads Book Selection Festival** on March 14 at Illinois Valley Community College in Oglesby. A statewide project promoting reading for Illinois citizens, ILLINOIS READS annually recommends six books in each of six different age categories ranging from read-to books for infants to books for adult readers. Visit the [Illinois Reads webpage](http://www.illinoisreads.org/) (http://www.illinoisreads.org/) for additional information on the upcoming event.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Ed Leaders Network is offering an on-demand, online course on Conflict Resolution at Work that will be led by Karen Wagnon. [Log in to your ELN account to enroll](https://edleadersnetwork.org/) (https://edleadersnetwork.org/).
- The Institute of Child Nutrition will present a webinar on Success With School Breakfast from 2-3 p.m. on Feb. 27. Attendees will identify useful strategies for promoting school breakfast. [Registration for the School Nutrition STAR Program webinar is online](https://theicn.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wxotiMC-RLe9SOVKGq2GIQ) (https://theicn.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_wxotiMC-RLe9SOVKGq2GIQ). A continuing education certificate will be available after completion of the webinar.
- Western Illinois University is hosting the **69th annual Math Teachers Conference** on April 17. They are currently looking for additional presenters if you have something from your classroom to share. View the [conference webpage](http://www.wiu.edu/cas/mathematics_and_philosophy/teachers_conference/index.php) (http://www.wiu.edu/cas/mathematics\_and\_philosophy/teachers\_conference/index.php) for speaker proposal forms, general information, and registration.
- Ed Leaders Network is hosting a webinar on **E-Learning Days in Place of School Cancellations** from 1-2 p.m. on March 17. [Registration is now available](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2633568246318269196) (https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2633568246318269196).
- The **35th annual Illinois Conference on Teaching Mathematics** is taking place from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Feb. 20 at John A. Logan College in Carterville. [View the program and register online](https://conferenceservices.siu.edu/conferences/illinois-conference-on-teaching-mathematics.php) (https://conferenceservices.siu.edu/conferences/illinois-conference-on-teaching-mathematics.php).



## SCHOOL RECOGNITION

- [Twenty-three Illinois schools](https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/pdf/ap-cs-female-diversity-award-2019-school.pdf)  (<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/pdf/ap-cs-female-diversity-award-2019-school.pdf>) earned the **2018-19 College Board AP® Computer Science Female Diversity Award** (<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap/awards/ap-computer-science-female-diversity-award>) for achieving high female representation in AP Computer Science A and/or AP Computer Science Principles. Schools honored with the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award have expanded young women's access to AP computer science courses. College Board honors schools with 50 percent or higher female representation in either or both of the two AP computer science courses, or whose percentage of the female examinees meets or exceeds that of the school's female population. Congratulations!

## STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- [The 46th annual Illinois Young Authors' Conference](/Pages/Young-Authors.aspx) (/Pages/Young-Authors.aspx) is a celebration of the written work of children in grades K-8. This year's conference will be held **May 16** at Normal West High School, Normal. The conference is designed as a celebration to honor exceptional writing by students and provide an opportunity for these young writers to meet published authors and to hear how the authors themselves create the characters and stories that have become their books. The deadline to register for this year's conference is **April 11**.
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is now accepting **Youth Preparedness Council** (<https://www.ready.gov/kids>) applications. Do you know a teenager interested in disaster preparedness or community service? FEMA is now [accepting applications for the Youth Preparedness Council](https://community.fema.gov/applytoYPC) (<https://community.fema.gov/applytoYPC>). The deadline to apply is March 8.
- **TODOS: Mathematics for All** will recognize up to six Chicago-area students in grades 5-12 at a ceremony during the 2020 National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Centennial Meeting and Exposition in Chicago. Each student will receive a calculator donated by Texas Instruments and a certificate from TODOS. Nominating teachers of award winners will receive a one-year membership/extension in TODOS and a recognition certificate. To be eligible for TODOS Student Awards, students should be nominated by their mathematics teacher. Teachers may nominate a maximum of two students for the award. To best serve the mission of TODOS, a student nominated for an award must be a member of an underrepresented group — in particular, Latina/o — and should meet at least ONE of the eligibility criteria listed on the application. All [applications for TODOS Student Awards](http://stemed.uchicago.edu/TODOSawardapp/) (<http://stemed.uchicago.edu/TODOSawardapp/>) must be received on or before **March 2**.

## FEATURED CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Learn more and apply for the below career opportunities at ISBE!
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    - [Education Law Generalist - Charter School Focus](/Lists/ISBECareers/CareerDisplayForm.aspx?ID=386) (/Lists/ISBECareers/CareerDisplayForm.aspx?ID=386)
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