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Dear Colleagues:

When the news is filled with turmoil and tragedy, some of it hitting so close to home, I want to remind you of the new tools we have to help people in crisis.

Anyone in distress – or anyone trying to help someone who is – can now call a simple three-digit number, **988**, to speak with a trained counselor. Studies have shown that even a brief 10- to 15-minute conversation can result in a caller feeling less suicidal, less depressed, and less overwhelmed. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline's existing 1-800-273-8255 number still works, but the service has received an update and will now be able to address more mental health concerns, as well as suicide

crises.

Students seeking emotional support can also text HOME to 741741, the Crisis Text Line, to reach a trained volunteer counselor.

Safe2Help Illinois also has 24/7 help available via a hotline (844-4-SAFEIL), a text line (72332), and email (HELP@Safe2HelpIL.com (mailto:HELP@Safe2HelpIL.com)) -- plus a website (<https://www.safe2helpil.com/>) full of resources for young people seeking help for themselves or a friend. Safe2Help Illinois provides a confidential way for students to share safety concerns. Its Ways To Get Help (<https://www.safe2helpil.com/ways-to-get-help>) page is a directory of specialized hotlines, and other sections of its website provide practical steps for dealing with depression or helping a distraught friend (<https://www.safe2helpil.com/591/Courage-To-Help/587/Helping-a-Friend-at-Risk-of-Suicide/tips/>). The checklist called 20 Questions To Ask Yourself If You Feel Like Giving Up (<https://www.safe2helpil.com/585/Suicidal-Thoughts/581/20-Questions-to-Ask-Yourself-if-You-Feel-Like-Giving-Up/tips/>) can help a teenager overcome a bout of anxiety or depression.

These three main resources should now be listed on all student ID cards for grades 6-12 and public colleges and universities. This requirement is the result of a new law (<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=1778&GAID=16&DocTypeID=HB&SessionID=110&GA=102>) proposed by a group of Naperville students who formed a mental health awareness organization called Beyond Charity (<https://www.beyondcharitychicago.org/home>). Their legislation was passed unanimously by the Illinois General Assembly and enacted by Governor JB Pritzker. We've provided the following suggested language for school ID cards to comply with the new law:

- **Dial 988 to reach the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline**
- **Text HOME to 741741 to reach the Crisis Text Line**
- **Contact Safe2Help Illinois: Dial 844-4-SAFEIL, Text SAFE2 (72332), email HELP@Safe2HelpIL.com (mailto:HELP@Safe2HelpIL.com)**

Lastly, I want to thank the school district leaders who attended the Illinois State Police webinars last week about our obligation to report clear and present danger and keep guns out of the hands of individuals who might use them to harm themselves or others. We are working with ISP on a list of your questions and answers, and we'll share that information in the coming days.

Suicide is the second-leading cause of death among young people, and young people are our number one priority. Thank you for sharing these resources with your students.

*Pictured: The National Beta Club is an education youth organization that promotes academic achievement, leadership, character, and service for elementary and secondary students. Seniors at Vienna High School traveled to Nashville, Tennessee, recently to participate in the club's National Senior Convention. Several Vienna students placed in a variety of competitions, including language arts, fiber arts, woodworking, color photography, and other categories. Congratulations to the Vienna High School students who were able to take advantage of this exciting opportunity!*

Sincerely,  
  
*Carmen*

## 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>).

Jul. 19	CTE Educator Plan Time: Information Technology ( <a href="https://niu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4NJpWEVxQImNSD4">https://niu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4NJpWEVxQImNSD4</a> )
Jul. 19	Deadline to email public comment on ESEA waiver to <a href="mailto:essa@isbe.net">essa@isbe.net</a> ( <a href="https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Title-I-School-Improvement-Waiver-Request.pdf">https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Title-I-School-Improvement-Waiver-Request.pdf</a> )
Jul. 20	Safe2Help Illinois Informational Session – Email <a href="mailto:Info@Safe2HelpIL.com">Info@Safe2HelpIL.com</a> to RSVP ( <a href="mailto:Info@Safe2HelpIL.com">mailto:Info@Safe2HelpIL.com</a> )
Jul. 21	Webinar: DVRT overview ( <a href="https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3944366447352373515">https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3944366447352373515</a> )
Jul. 22	Safe2Help Illinois Informational Session – Email <a href="mailto:Info@Safe2HelpIL.com">Info@Safe2HelpIL.com</a> to RSVP ( <a href="mailto:Info@Safe2HelpIL.com">mailto:Info@Safe2HelpIL.com</a> )
Jul. 26	CTE Educator Plan Time: Manufacturing, Engineering, Technology & Trades ( <a href="https://niu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4NJpWEVxQImNSD4">https://niu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4NJpWEVxQImNSD4</a> )
Jul. 26	CTE Educator Plan Time: General/All Career Pathways ( <a href="https://niu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4NJpWEVxQImNSD4">https://niu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4NJpWEVxQImNSD4</a> )
Jul. 27	CTE Summer Speaker Series Educator Panel: Family & Community Engagement and Postsecondary Placement ( <a href="https://niu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e3Q5kmQMiq66Z38">https://niu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e3Q5kmQMiq66Z38</a> )
Jul. 28	Safe2Help Illinois Informational Session – Email <a href="mailto:Info@Safe2HelpIL.com">Info@Safe2HelpIL.com</a> to RSVP ( <a href="mailto:Info@Safe2HelpIL.com">mailto:Info@Safe2HelpIL.com</a> )
Jul. 28	CTE Summer Speaker Series Educator Panel: Active Recruitment of Special Populations into CTE Programs and Nontraditional Careers ( <a href="https://niu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e3Q5kmQMiq66Z38">https://niu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e3Q5kmQMiq66Z38</a> )
Jul. 31	Deadline to apply for 2022-23 Student Advisory Council ( <a href="https://isbe.submittable.com/submit/9dc1d805-6881-473a-a72d-c06eef3f08e4/2022-23-student-">https://isbe.submittable.com/submit/9dc1d805-6881-473a-a72d-c06eef3f08e4/2022-23-student-</a>

advisory-council-application)

<b>Jul. 31</b>	Deadline to submit FY 2023 IDEA Part B - Consolidated Application in IWAS to ensure July 1 start date
<b>Aug. 2</b>	CTE Summer Speaker Series Educator Panel: Elimination of Barriers for Individual CTE Students ( <a href="https://niu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e3Q5kmQMi66Z38">https://niu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e3Q5kmQMi66Z38</a> )
<b>Aug. 3</b>	CTE professional learning session: Social & Emotional Learning Leads to College & Career Readiness ( <a href="https://niu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3l8Vvfnby7wT52K">https://niu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3l8Vvfnby7wT52K</a> )
<b>Aug. 4</b>	CTE professional learning session: PaCE Framework Overview ( <a href="https://niu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dnHn4IA9lcaFPbo">https://niu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dnHn4IA9lcaFPbo</a> )
<b>Aug. 5</b>	CTE professional learning session: Illinois Career Pathways Overview ( <a href="https://niu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e5Vrz9EwN3A5LuK">https://niu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e5Vrz9EwN3A5LuK</a> )
<b>Aug. 6</b>	Save the Date! Those Who Excel & Teacher of the Year Banquet in Normal, IL
<b>Aug. 11</b>	Webinar: Data Collections Q&A ( <a href="https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/5536366923325644814">https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/5536366923325644814</a> )
<b>Aug. 16</b>	FY 2022 Site-Based Expenditure Reporting submission window closes ( <a href="https://www.isbe.net/site-based">https://www.isbe.net/site-based</a> )
<b>Aug. 18</b>	Webinar: 2022 Report Card Open Forum #1 ( <a href="https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4280831299400667408">https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4280831299400667408</a> )
<b>Aug. 19</b>	Deadline to apply for U.S. EPA Electric School Bus Rebate Program ( <a href="https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus/school-bus-rebates-clean-school-bus-program">https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus/school-bus-rebates-clean-school-bus-program</a> )
<b>Sept. 15</b>	Deadline to submit letter of intent to use alternate SY 2022-23 School Climate Survey ( <a href="https://www.isbe.net/Pages/5Essentials-Survey.aspx">https://www.isbe.net/Pages/5Essentials-Survey.aspx</a> )
<b>Sept. 16</b>	Deadline to Submit Capital Needs Assessment Survey ( <a href="https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Capital-Needs-Assessment-Survey.aspx">https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Capital-Needs-Assessment-Survey.aspx</a> )
<b>Sept. 21-23</b>	Bilingual Program Directors meeting ( <a href="https://www.isbe.net/Documents/FY23-Bilingual-Prog-Dir-Mtg.pdf">https://www.isbe.net/Documents/FY23-Bilingual-Prog-Dir-Mtg.pdf</a> )
<b>Oct. 10</b>	Deadline to apply for Early Childhood Construction Grant ( <a href="https://www2.illinois.gov/cdb/professionalgrowth/grants/Pages/ecgp.aspx">https://www2.illinois.gov/cdb/professionalgrowth/grants/Pages/ecgp.aspx</a> )
<b>Dec. 1</b>	Deadline to apply for the School Technology Revolving Loan Program ( <a href="https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Educational-Technology.aspx">https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Educational-Technology.aspx</a> )
<b>Jan.</b>	SY 2022-23 School Climate Survey administration window

23 - Mar. 31, 2023

NEW

## LEARNING RENEWAL

This section will focus each week on the learning renewal that is taking place in Illinois schools. We invite you to share

(<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?>

id=hv5kA8ZJ9Eq1LDNameV30Ufi4KgH87ICv6FRRQI8cviUNTdHWktDS1NJWjJZVDFaQ09RVINCUVdMRi4u) how you are investing federal relief funds to help students recover.

## SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING HUBS PLAN FOR YEARS AHEAD

Illinois' seven Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Hubs (/SELHUBS) are providing a wide range of SEL supports for districts across the state via book studies, workshops, resource libraries, and more. The professional learning opportunities are continuing to grow, which prompted SEL Hub leaders from across the state to gather in Springfield last week. Hub leaders came together for a strategic planning session to share their success stories and plan for the years ahead. Area 1 SEL Hub Director Maureen McAbee noted that school leaders have shared how SEL issues have become more of concern since the onset of the pandemic.

"We are trying to help our schools be more strategic and long-term in their planning," said McAbee. "We really want to help them identify what is working to meet the SEL needs of students and staff and what they could do differently."

The hub provides coaching to schools and districts that can include conducting an assessment and creating an action plan so schools can go from "putting out fires" in the short term to creating a long-term sustainable plan.

Contact the SEL Hub (/selhubs) in your region if your district is interested in learning more about the SEL resources available.

## ILLINOIS TUTORING INITIATIVE NOW HIRING TUTORS FOR FALL 2022

The Illinois Tutoring Initiative (/ILTutoringInitiative) is seeking paid tutors as the initiative expands to approximately 60 school districts in fall 2022 to support learning recovery. The hourly wage for tutors has increased to \$50 per hour to support students in grades 3-8 in literacy and math (in-person) and high school math (online). Check out this video to learn more about the Illinois Tutoring Initiative. Interested in becoming a tutor? The first step is to fill out an interest form (/Pages/hiring-tutors.aspx).

NEW

## CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

### 2022-23 ISBE CTE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING CALENDAR

We are pleased to announce the initial ISBE Career and Technical Education (CTE) Professional Development calendar for the 2022-23 school year. This calendar is considered an initial calendar because we are already adding events to it. We are also excited to share that there is no cost to participate in any of the events sponsored by ISBE and the Northern Illinois University Illinois CTE Project.

All sessions are open and free of charge to all Illinois educators, including teachers, clinicians, counselors, and administrators from early childhood through 12th grade settings as well as postsecondary educators. For example, Administrator Academy workshops are not only open to school administrators, but to all educators.

Participants who complete workshops will earn Illinois professional development hours or, when applicable based on the workshop and one's position, Administrator Academy credit.

Here are just a few of the upcoming CTE professional learning events:

- 9 a.m.-noon Aug. 3 - Social & Emotional Learning Leads to College & Career Readiness ([https://niu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3l8Vvfnby7wT52K](https://niu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3l8Vvfnby7wT52K)) (online)
- 9 a.m.-noon Aug. 4 - PaCE Framework Overview ([https://niu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_dnHn4IA9lcaFPbo](https://niu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dnHn4IA9lcaFPbo)) (online)
- 9 a.m.-noon Aug. 5 - Illinois Career Pathways Overview ([https://niu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_e5Vrz9EwN3A5LuK](https://niu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e5Vrz9EwN3A5LuK)) (online)

Check out the extensive (and growing) ISBE CTE Professional Development calendar ([https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g-ZK7AXuktKd3DVe4ka5QM8\\_vF9QKzpifK85qGE75Gk/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g-ZK7AXuktKd3DVe4ka5QM8_vF9QKzpifK85qGE75Gk/edit)). Registration links will be continually added over the coming weeks.

## COLLEGE CHANGES EVERYTHING RECORDED CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Nearly 1,200 attendees and session speakers participated in the 2022 College Changes Everything conference July 11-15 to examine and discuss best practices, collaborations, and resources available to promote and support student college access and success and career readiness. Session recordings and presentation materials from the conference are now available online (<https://www.collegechangeseverything.org/events/2022-cce-conference-information.html>).

NEW

DATA STRATEGIES AND ANALYTICS

2022 REPORT CARD OPEN FORUM #1

Please join us for a webinar [📄](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4280831299400667408) (<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4280831299400667408>) from **10-11:30 a.m. Aug. 18**. We'll briefly cover important dates and tools for managing your district's Report Card data and will provide an open forum for questions related to the Report Card.

REVISITING THE DRVT WEBINAR

The Data Review and Verification Tool (DVRT) is a real-time tool used to share Report Card calculations with school districts to ensure accuracy of the data for the Report Card. Several changes have been made this year in response to feedback from the field. Join us for a DVRT overview [📄](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3944366447352373515) (<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3944366447352373515>) and an opportunity to ask questions at **10 a.m. July 21**.

NEW

EARLY CHILDHOOD

EARLY CHILDHOOD CONSTRUCTION GRANTS

Governor JB Pritzker recently announced \$60 million in capital grant opportunities for Illinois early childhood education providers through the Rebuild Illinois Capital Program. The funding will support the construction, expansion, and renovation of facilities that support early student learning.

The initial grant installment delivers \$60 million to qualifying public school districts and not-for-profit early childhood facilities that provide educational, health, social, or child development services to children up to 5 years old and their families. Centers seeking to increase their capacity to provide care or educational opportunities for children in underserved communities are eligible for up to \$10 million under the Early Childhood Construction Grant. A 3 to 10 percent match is required.

Applications for the Early Childhood Construction Grant will be accepted through **Oct. 10**. For more information, including selection criteria, visit the Capital Development Board website (<https://www2.illinois.gov/cdb/professionalgrowth/grants/Pages/ecgp.aspx>).

NEW

FINANCE

QUARTILE RANKINGS FOR FY 2023 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS NOW AVAILABLE

Quartile rankings for the fiscal year 2023 Limitation of Administrative Costs Worksheet have been completed and can be found on ISBE's Limitation of Administrative Costs page (</Pages/Limitation-of-Administrative-Costs.aspx>).

School districts with administrative expenditures in the 25th percentile or below, commonly called the 4th quartile, may waive the limitation following a public hearing and with the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the school board. An eligible district that realizes that its Limitation of Administrative Costs budgeted for FY 2023 is going to increase greater than 5 percent can plan to hold a hearing to waive the limitation on the same day as the hearing to adopt the FY 2023 budget. The district may approve the administrative cost waiver at the same

meeting as it approves its FY 2023 budget. Alternatively, this hearing could also be held on the same day as any regularly scheduled or special board meeting. Districts are welcome to use the sample resolution located at the previously referenced webpage for the 4th quartile administrative costs waiver.


Any district waiving the limitation shall notify ISBE within 45 days after such action is taken. Districts can accomplish this by sending a copy of the approved and signed board resolution as an email attachment to [finance1@isbe.net](mailto:finance1@isbe.net) (<mailto:finance1@isbe.net>).

If you have questions, please contact Michelle Heninger at 217-785-8779 [mheninge@isbe.net](mailto:mheninge@isbe.net) (<mailto:mheninge@isbe.net>).

NEW

MULTILINGUAL

BILINGUAL DIRECTORS MEETING REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The Bilingual Program Directors meeting will take place on **Sept. 21-23** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont. For more details and to register, click here  (</Documents/FY23-Bilingual-Prog-Dir-Mtg.pdf>).


LITERACY SQUARED COHORT APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Literacy Squared is a free professional development cohort sponsored by ISBE for districts that have English learners. This cohort is geared to K-5 educators and administrators looking to build more in-depth knowledge of the Comprehensive Bilingual Model. For more information or to apply to be a part of the cohort, please visit the Multilingual webpage (</Pages/EL-LiteracySquared.aspx>).

NEW

WELLNESS

SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Public Act 102-0522 (<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=102-0522>), the Comprehensive Personal Health and Safety and Sexual Health Education Act, requires ISBE to adopt the National Sex Education Standards  (<https://siecus.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/NSES-2020-web-updated-1.pdf>) as the Illinois Learning Standards for sexual health education. These standards were adopted on June 14, 2022. Districts have the **option** to provide sexual health education instruction. **Parents/guardians may opt their children out of such instruction**, should a district choose to provide it, by submitting a request in writing.

Our new Sexual Health webpage (</sexualhealth>) includes a resource list, a non-regulatory implementation checklist, a recorded webinar, and information for parents/guardians. School districts that choose to provide instruction in sexual health education must develop or select a curriculum that is aligned with the new standards. ISBE has compiled a list of local organizations and publicly available resources (</Pages/Sexual-Health-Resources.aspx>) for your reference. Please contact [sexualhealtheducation@isbe.net](mailto:sexualhealtheducation@isbe.net) (<mailto:sexualhealtheducation@isbe.net>) with any questions.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

FY 2023 IDEA PART B GRANTS RELEASED

All districts must submit a substantially approvable FY 2023 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) grant application in the ISBE Web Application Security system as soon as possible -- but no later than **July 31** -- to receive the earliest start date of July 1, 2022. More information can be found on the ISBE Special Education webpage (</Pages/IDEA-Part-B-Grant-Program-Information.aspx>). Contact your grant coordinator at 217-782-5589 or via email if you have programmatic questions.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Ed Leaders Network

State-mandated training for the 2022-23 school year are now available in the ELN Learning Library (<https://eln.bridgeapp.com/login>). Just search for "state mandated" to pull them all up or go to the programs for Illinois Annual Mandated Training, Illinois Bi-Annual Mandated Training, and Illinois Recommended Training. As a reminder, Illinois public school educators receive free access to these courses and more through our partnership with Ed Leaders Network.

### Project Connect

Project Connect (<https://www.erikson.edu/academics/professional-development/district-infancy-programs/project-connect/>) supports kindergarten teachers to improve their ability to observe, document, and interpret children's behavior and thinking using the Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS). Project Connect helps teachers use KIDS data to inform instruction and meet children's developmental needs. This one-year program, which is underwritten by a generous grant, is of low cost to districts and schools and is a great opportunity for kindergarten teachers. Start your district (<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=wltmnPDhUki-JY2n-M8k2x6CQhUyZMBCtTke75NclapUNkswTk1WRVILQzRPS0hWWjVKSEtTTdaNSQIQCN0PWcu>) or school (<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=wltmnPDhUki-JY2n-M8k2x6CQhUyZMBCtTke75NclapURVhCUU41NTZZVjIjWVVIDUkkwU0FJQTM2TyQIQCN0PWcu>) application now!

### IDNR ENTICE Workshops

Register soon for ENTICE (Environment and Nature Training Institute for Conservation Education) professional development workshops for educators sponsored by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. ENTICE workshops provide background information, networking opportunities, hands-on lessons, supplemental resources on the topic and the opportunity to work with resources professionals. Correlations to relevant Next Generation Science Standards and/or Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards are provided. Visit [enticeworkshops.com](https://www.enticeworkshops.com) (<https://www.enticeworkshops.com>) for a complete list of workshops and to register. Experience ENTICE!

## EDUCATOR RECOGNITION

### Mundelein teacher receives 2022 APA TOPSS Charles T. Blair-Broeker Excellence in Teaching Award

Congratulations to Melissa Schaefer Adams, MA, for being named a national winner of a 2022 APA TOPSS Charles T. Blair-Broeker Excellence in Teaching Award by the American Psychological Association's (APA) Committee of Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools (TOPSS). Schaefer Adams, a psychology teacher at Mundelein High School in Mundelein, was recognized for her commitment to psychology education. Read more Schaefer Adams on the APA website (<https://www.apa.org/ed/precollege/psychology-teacher-network/spotlight/melissa-schaefer-adams>).

## FEATURED ISBE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Senior Data Analyst (/Lists/ISBECareers/CareerDisplayForm.aspx?ID=696)
- Senior Data Analyst (/Lists/ISBECareers/CareerDisplayForm.aspx?ID=700)
- eGMS Team Member (/Lists/ISBECareers/CareerDisplayForm.aspx?ID=701)
- Processing of School District Financial Reports and Grant Reviewer (/Lists/ISBECareers/CareerDisplayForm.aspx?ID=702)
- Educator Misconduct Investigator (/Lists/ISBECareers/CareerDisplayForm.aspx?ID=698)
- Administrative Support (/Lists/ISBECareers/CareerDisplayForm.aspx?ID=699)

View all open positions at ISBE (/Pages/Careers-at-ISBE.aspx).