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The Illinois State Board of Education wishes everyone a safe and happy 4th of July holiday! Please see below for important COVID-19 resources and agency updates.

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) (<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/ISBE-Meetings.aspx>).


June 30	Deadline to submit Student Dental Data via IWAS
June 30	Deadline to submit the Illinois Quality Framework Supporting Rubric and the School Improvement Report via IWAS
June 30	Webinar: FY 2021 Budget and AFR Requirements and Revisions (https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/6093576311877856528)
June 30	Deadline for families to apply for Pandemic EBT (http://www.dhs.state.il.us/OneNetLibrary/27897/documents/Brochures/4980.pdf)
July 1	Deadline to verify Entity Profile System information in IWAS (https://www.isbe.net/Documents/eps-guide.pdf)
July 3	ISBE offices closed for Independence Day
July 7	Webinar: Integrative STEM Elementary Resources (https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6843282713634053392)
July 7	Webinar: The KIDS Assessment Post-COVID-19 – Local Perspectives (https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUzd-igqT0sHNO5_zOxZcYgDyTgngnnhMUt)
July 10	Deadline to submit applications for Well-Rounded Education through Student-Centered Funding Demonstration Grants (https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/05/11/2020-09999/applications-for-new-awards-well-rounded-education-through-student-centered-funding-demonstration)

July 13	Deadline to submit Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) RFP (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/21st-Century-Community-Learning-Centers.aspx)
July 14	Webinar: Data Quality Dashboard 2.0 (https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/937600152017414414)
July 20	Deadline to submit FY 2020 English Learner Evidence-Based Funding Expenditure Reports via IWAS
July 20	Deadline to submit state and federal expenditure reports in IWAS for the period ending June 30
July 20	Deadline to submit FY 2020 EL-EBF expenditure reports to ISBE (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/EL-EBFExpenReport.aspx)
July 31	Deadline to submit public comments on Transitional English (https://niu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eFpmYiypMd8yZ2B)
July 31	Deadline to submit budget amendment for FY 2020 Title III
July 31	Deadline to submit 2019-20 Bilingual Education Program Delivery Report in IWAS (https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Program-Delivery-Report-%28PDR%29-and-Annual-Report.aspx)














COVID-19 – IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Each week, this section will contain a list of the resources and information posted to the [COVID-19 webpage](/Pages/covid19.aspx) (/Pages/covid19.aspx) over the past week. Please continue to check the [COVID-19 webpage](/Pages/covid19.aspx) (/Pages/covid19.aspx) on a daily basis for the newest updates and information.


• Special Education

- [Special Education FAQ Return to In-Person Instruction](/Documents/SpEd-FAQ-Return-to-InPerson-Instruction-2020630.pdf)  (/Documents/SpEd-FAQ-Return-to-InPerson-Instruction-2020630.pdf) – **June 30**

• Remote Learning & Transition Considerations

- [Part 3: Starting the 2020-21 School Year](/Documents/Part-3-Transition-Planning-Phase-4.pdf)  (/Documents/Part-3-Transition-Planning-Phase-4.pdf) - **June 23**
 - [Frequently Asked Questions](/Documents/FAQ-Part-3-Transition-Guidance.pdf)  (/Documents/FAQ-Part-3-Transition-Guidance.pdf) – **Updated June 30**
 - [IDPH Update on Appropriate Use of Face Shields](/Documents/IDPH-Update-Appropriate-Use-Face-Shields.pdf)  (/Documents/IDPH-Update-Appropriate-Use-Face-Shields.pdf) – **June 30**
 - [School and District Fall Reopening Toolkit](/_layouts/Download.aspx?SourceUrl=https://www.isbe.net/Documents/School-District-Fall-Reopening-Toolkit.docx)  (/ _layouts/Download.aspx?SourceUrl=https://www.isbe.net/Documents/School-District-Fall-Reopening-Toolkit.docx) - **June 25**
 - [Webinar Presentation](/Documents/Transition-to-the-Fall-PowerPoint.pdf)  (/Documents/Transition-to-the-Fall-PowerPoint.pdf) - **June 24**
 - [Webinar Recording](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/6169791159827317763)  (https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/6169791159827317763)
 - **School Building Posters – June 23**
 - [8.5x11](/Documents/ISBE-School-Reopening-Poster-Letter.pdf)  (/Documents/ISBE-School-Reopening-Poster-Letter.pdf)
 - [Spanish](/Documents/ISBE-School-Reopening-Poster-Letter-SP.pdf)  (/Documents/ISBE-School-Reopening-Poster-Letter-SP.pdf)
 - [24x36](/Documents/ISBE-School-Reopening-Poster.pdf)  (/Documents/ISBE-School-Reopening-Poster.pdf)
 - [Spanish](/Documents/ISBE-School-Reopening-SP.pdf)  (/Documents/ISBE-School-Reopening-SP.pdf)
 - [What Parents Need to Know](/Documents/ISBE-Signage-Parents-English.pdf)  (/Documents/ISBE-Signage-Parents-English.pdf)
 - [Spanish](/Documents/What-Parents-Need-Know-SP.pdf)  (/Documents/What-Parents-Need-Know-SP.pdf)
 - [Phase 4 Requirements - Social Media Graphics](/Documents/Phase-4-Social-Media-Graphics-English.zip)  (/Documents/Phase-4-Social-Media-Graphics-English.zip)
 - [Spanish](/Documents/Social-Media-Spanish.zip)  (/Documents/Social-Media-Spanish.zip)

• Executive Orders

- [Executive Order 2020-44](#)  (/Documents/EO2020-44.pdf) re-issues previous Executive Orders in response to the epidemic emergency and public health emergency - **June 26**

ASSESSMENT

ISBE-PROVIDED FALL 2020 SAT WITH ESSAY FOR 12TH-GRADE STUDENTS

The [Illinois School Code](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs4.asp?DocName=010500050HArt.+2&ActID=1005&ChapterID=17&SeqStart=14200000&SeqEnd=36700000) (<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs4.asp?DocName=010500050HArt.+2&ActID=1005&ChapterID=17&SeqStart=14200000&SeqEnd=36700000>) and [ISBE Rule](#)  (/Documents/ONEARK.pdf) require that public school students take the state's final accountability assessment (currently SAT with Essay) or its approved alternate assessment (currently Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment [DLM-AA]) in order to receive a regular high school diploma, unless exempt.


Students classified as Grade 12 in fall 2020 who were required to participate in the state's final accountability assessments in spring 2020 may **choose** to participate in the ISBE-provided fall 2020 SAT with Essay to meet the diploma requirement and have the opportunity to receive a timely college- and scholarship-reportable score. Grade 12 students who choose to participate in the ISBE-provided fall 2020 SAT with Essay will **not** be required or allowed to participate in the state's final accountability assessment in spring 2021. Students classified as Grade 11 in fall 2020 are **not** permitted to participate in the ISBE-provided fall 2020 SAT with Essay and are instead required to participate in the state's final accountability assessment or its approved alternate assessment, as appropriate, in spring 2021.


Students who were required to participate in the state's final accountability assessments in spring 2020 and choose not to participate in the ISBE-provided fall 2020 SAT with Essay are required to participate in the spring 2021 administration of SAT with Essay or DLM-AA, as applicable, to meet the diploma requirement.


Students who were required to participate in the state's final accountability assessments in spring 2020 and choose not to participate in the ISBE-provided fall 2020 SAT with Essay are required to participate in the spring 2021 administration of SAT with Essay or DLM-AA, as applicable, to meet the diploma requirement.

Test Dates for the ISBE-Provided Fall 2020 SAT with Essay for Grade 12 Students:

- Primary Test Date: **Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2020**
- Makeup Test Date: **Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2020**
- Accommodations Test Window: **Oct. 14-27, 2020**

IMPORTANT: Schools that were [scheduled to participate in spring 2020](#)  (/Documents/SAT-PSAT-Test-Sites-2020.pdf) are required to offer the ISBE-provided fall 2020 SAT with Essay to their Grade 12 students who choose to participate.

More details, including ordering processes and deadlines, about the ISBE-provided fall 2020 SAT with Essay will be available on the [ISBE SAT webpage](#) (<http://www.isbe.net/Pages/sat-psat.aspx>). A [frequently asked questions document](#)  (<http://www.isbe.net/Documents/Fall-SAT-Essay-FAQ.pdf>) is now available.

ISBE will not provide any fall 2020 testing for PSAT-related assessments (i.e., PSAT 8/9 and PSAT/NMSQT). However, ISBE will provide PSAT 8/9 for Grade 9 and PSAT 10 for Grade 10 in spring 2021, as previously communicated in www.isbe.net/Documents/State-Assessment-Dates-2020-21.pdf  (<http://www.isbe.net/Documents/State-Assessment-Dates-2020-21.pdf>).

Please contact assessment@isbe.net (mailto:assessment@isbe.net) with any questions.

UPCOMING WEBINAR: THE KIDS ASSESSMENT POST-COVID-19 – LOCAL PERSPECTIVES

Children beginning kindergarten this fall will have experienced varying degrees of disruption, differing access to technology, and increased levels of stress and trauma due to the COVID-19 pandemic. High-quality early childhood experiences help children build the foundational skills needed to enter school ready to learn; however, this year's incoming kindergartners will have been away from their teachers and peers for over five months when school begins. Identifying children's social-emotional needs and skills when they return to school will be essential.

The Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS) is an observationally based assessment that allows teachers to document student's abilities across multiple areas of growth, defined by the state's learning standards. KIDS helps teachers and families understand where gaps exist, and what supports or resources are needed to support each child based on individual strengths and challenges.

Please join the Ounce of Prevention Fund, ISBE, the McCormick Foundation, the Stone Foundation, and Advance Illinois for a virtual discussion exploring the benefits of KIDS for strengthening kindergarten entry this year. This webinar takes place from **10-11:30 a.m. on July 7**. [Registration is now available](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUzd-igqT0sHNO5_zOxZcYgDyTgngnnhMUT) (https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUzd-igqT0sHNO5_zOxZcYgDyTgngnnhMUT).

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

UPCOMING WEBINAR ON FREE STEM CURRICULUM ELEMENTARY RESOURCES – JULY 7

Educators at elementary schools and districts are invited to join ISBE staff and representatives of the International Technology and Engineering Education Association for a webinar on Integrative STEM Elementary Resources from 10:30-11:30 a.m. on July 7. ISBE wants to help more students be exposed to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) and careers they may not otherwise have a chance to experience, so we are offering a pilot this year for elementary schools to receive FREE access to STEM curriculum and other STEM resources.

[Registration is now available](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6843282713634053392) (https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6843282713634053392). Contact Steve Parrott at sparrott@isbe.net (mailto:sparrott@isbe.net) for more information.

DATA REPORTING

FY 2020 SITE-BASED EXPENDITURE REPORTING WINDOW OPENS JULY 1

The reporting window for fiscal year 2020 Site-Based Expenditure Reporting opens on Wednesday, July 1 in IWAS. Report submissions are due by Aug. 14, 2020, with an option to edit submissions until Aug. 31, 2020. All Local Education Agencies are required to submit this annual report. Tools and resources are available, including:

- [FY 2020 and FY 2021 Site-Based Expenditure Reporting Guidance](https://www.isbe.net/site-based) (/Documents/SBER-Guidance-FY20-FY21.pdf) - Available at www.isbe.net/site-based (/site-based).
- [FY 2020 enrollment reports, optional data calculation template, and optional data import template - Available in IWAS](https://www.isbe.net/site-based) (/Documents/SBER-preliminary-tools.pdf).
- Office hours every Thursday, 9 a.m.-noon - Sign up for a slot at <https://calendly.com/site-based> (https://calendly.com/site-based).
- Send any questions not addressed by guidance or other resources to site-based@isbe.net (mailto:site-based@isbe.net).

August will be here before you know it! Begin your site-based expenditure reporting now for more (virtual) hands-on help and greater opportunity to analyze and digest your data in time for FY 2021 budgeting decisions.

EVIDENCE-BASED FUNDING

FY 2021 EBF APPROPRIATIONS UPDATE

Governor Pritzker signed Public Act 101 – 0637 into law on June 10, 2020. This public act appropriates school funding for FY 2021. There is no new tier funding provided for FY 2021. All organizational units and specially funded units will receive their Base Funding Minimum, which is equal to their FY 2020 Evidence-Based Funding (EBF) distribution. You may view the distribution amounts on the [EBF Distribution Calculation sheet](https://www.isbe.net/~/layouts/Download.aspx?SourceUrl=/Documents/FY21-Flat-Funding-BFM-Only.xlsx) (/layouts/Download.aspx?SourceUrl=/Documents/FY21-Flat-Funding-BFM-Only.xlsx).

Contact State Funding and Forecasting with any questions you may have at (217) 782-0249.

FUNDING & DISBURSEMENTS

STATE AND FEDERAL JUNE 30 EXPENDITURE REPORTS DUE JULY 20

State and federal expenditure reports for the period ending June 30 are due on or before **July 20**. As you complete these reports, please keep in mind the following:

- Reports must be year-to-date that reflect expenditures from the start date of the project through June 30.
- Expenditures must be reconciled to the general ledger and align to the approved budget.
- Any amount reported in an expenditure account (cell) not budgeted or not within the acceptable expenditure variance will not be accepted.
 - ISBE allows a variance of 10 percent or \$1,000 per an object total, whichever is greater without going over the total budget

Outstanding Obligations

- An outstanding obligation is any liability for which funds are committed prior to the end of the reporting period (i.e., June 30) for services, contracts, and subawards made that is expected to be paid, usually within 90 days.

IMPORTANT: Do not enter a value in Outstanding Obligations on Line 34 of the expenditure report unless it is supported by a purchase order, payroll records, etc., such as:

- July and August payroll costs for teachers and staff on a 12-month payment schedule,
- Purchase orders for equipment or supplies,
- Personal and contractual services for which final invoice is pending payment.

If you have a specific question about an expenditure report due for a particular program, please email the [appropriate staff in Funding and Disbursements \(/Pages/Funding-and-Disbursements-Contact-Information.aspx\)](#).

NEW

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES INFORMATION RELEASED FOR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

A recent change in Illinois law allows non-professional academic employees at a public or private school (custodian, teacher's aide, cafeteria worker, bus driver, security staff, clerical worker, etc.) to use their academic wages to establish unemployment benefits during the summer months and during vacation breaks and holidays this year. This change in the law is limited to March 15, 2020, through January 2, 2021. This change does not apply to instructional or principally administrative employees, including, but not limited to, teachers, counselors, principals, vice principals, and deans ("professional academic employees"). Federal law does not allow professional academic employees unemployment benefits between terms or during vacation breaks or holidays when they have a contract or reasonable assurance of returning to their position when school resumes.

Another change to Illinois law allows educational institutions to be non-charged for the unemployment charges for non-professional academic employees from March 15, 2020, through January 2, 2021. This will be processed in conjunction with the quarterly Statement of Amount Due for Benefits Paid (Form BEN-118R) if your educational institution is a reimbursable employer, or a Statement of Benefit Charges (Form BEN-118) if it pays contributions. You will receive information in August from the Illinois Department of Employment (IDES) detailing how taxable employers will not be charged for the unemployment charges, and reimbursable employers will be not be charged 50 percent and the process for federal reimbursement of the remaining 50 percent.

IDES is asking for the help of each educational institution in the state. Please utilize IDES' [Academic Personnel Reporting \(https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/employers/Unemployment_Taxes_and_Reporting/Pages/default.aspx\)](#) to notify IDES of professional academic personnel who have reasonable assurance to return to work in the next academic year. For more details, please refer to [IDES webpage](#)

NEW

MULTILINGUAL

2019-20 BILINGUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM DELIVERY REPORT DUE JULY 31





Districts that received \$5,000 or more in state EBF for English Learner services and/or federal Title III LIEP funds in FY 2020 **must** submit this report in IWAS by **July 31**. For more information, including a list of required districts to report, visit the ISBE [Multilingual Data & Reports website](#) (/Pages/Program-Delivery-Report-(PDR)-and-Annual-Report.aspx).


NEW

NUTRITION PROGRAMS

ADDITIONAL USDA FLEXIBILITIES/WAIVERS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020-21

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) extended four nationwide waivers for school year 2020-21, giving key flexibilities to school districts to provide meals to students with appropriate safety measures. When the new school year begins, school districts will return to participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) with the following initial flexibilities. ISBE will continue to work with USDA for any additional flexibilities needed to provide meals to students.

- [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-Congregate Feeding in the Child Nutrition Programs](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19NoncongregateNationwideWaiverSY-20-21s.pdf)  (https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19NoncongregateNationwideWaiverSY-20-21s.pdf): Under this waiver, sponsors can provide non-congregate meals during COVID-19-related operations. This will allow school districts to provide meals for students utilizing remote learning. Under normal circumstances, NSLP, SBP, and CACFP meals must be served in a congregate setting and must be consumed by participants on site.
- [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Service Time Flexibility in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Child and Adult Care Food Program](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19MealTimesNationwideWaiver-SY20-21s.pdf)  (https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19MealTimesNationwideWaiver-SY20-21s.pdf): Under this waiver, program operators may establish meal service times that support streamlined access to nutritious meals. This works in conjunction with the non-congregate feeding waiver to allow multiple meals to be picked up at one time. It also provide flexibility for serving meals due to scheduling issues (such as busing schedules due to number of riders, etc.) related to social distancing while learning on site.
- [Nationwide Waivers to Allow Parents and Guardians to Pick Up Meals for Children](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19ParentPickupNationwideWaiverSY20-21s.pdf)  (https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19ParentPickupNationwideWaiverSY20-21s.pdf): Under this waiver, program operators may distribute meals to a parent or guardian to take home to their children without the children being present in non-congregate delivery methods.
- [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Child Nutrition Programs](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19MealPatternNationwideWaiverSY20-21s.pdf)  (https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19MealPatternNationwideWaiverSY20-21s.pdf): Sponsors should continue to make every effort to serve meals that meet the meal pattern requirements and the nutrition standards to the greatest extent possible. However, the USDA and ISBE recognize that sponsors may experience challenges in meeting those requirements. Sponsors that are unable to meet the meal pattern requirements must [submit a form](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hv5kA8ZJ9Eq1LDNameV30Zg1Orq2YAhFjWBvcgcC5EJUM113RjIONTFGWjlyVzFUNU0xM0xROTdBWC4u) (https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hv5kA8ZJ9Eq1LDNameV30Zg1Orq2YAhFjWBvcgcC5EJUM113RjIONTFGWjlyVzFUNU0xM0xROTdBWC4u) to ISBE to report their circumstances and request a waiver. Waiver requests must be submitted on a weekly basis as needed. ISBE will approve use of this waiver on a case-by case basis.

The USDA also issued a [Nationwide Waiver to Allow Offer Versus Serve \(OVS\) Flexibility for Senior High Schools in the National School Lunch Program for School Year 2020-21](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19OVSNationwideWaiverSY20-21s.pdf)  (https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/COVID-19OVSNationwideWaiverSY20-21s.pdf). Generally, schools that participate in NSLP that serve Grades 9-12 are required to implement OVS, allowing older students to have a

choice in the number of meal components selected for a reimbursable meal. This USDA waiver provides flexibility for all schools to package complete reimbursable meals for ease of distribution in non-congregate settings as well as altered on-site methods, such as meals in the classroom or other locations. This allows schools flexibility on how best to offer meal services to students.

ISBE Nutrition Department staff is available to assist with questions and concerns from our districts/sponsors. Please reach out to us at cnp@isbe.net (mailto:cnp@isbe.net). Thank you for all you're doing to feed students in need during these challenging times.

APPLY FOR EMERGENCY MEAL DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT GRANTS

[Action For Healthy Kids \(AFHK\)](https://www.actionforhealthykids.org/) (<https://www.actionforhealthykids.org/>) announced the availability of Emergency Meal Distribution Equipment Grants to assist with grab-and-go curbside meal pickups, hot and cold food storage containers, grab-and-go packaging materials, and mobile distribution to families in outlying or rural communities.

The grants are sponsored by ALDI and Cargill. AFHK is working with equipment vendor Hubert to provide selected school districts with equipment credits for \$1,000-\$2,000 per site to purchase equipment to be used now and into the fall.


School districts providing meals during school closures because of the COVID-19 pandemic may apply for as many sites/schools that can use equipment. AFHK will fund as many within a district as possible.

- Applications will be reviewed and awarded on a rolling basis: Applications submitted by Friday of each week will be reviewed and awarded by the following Friday.
- Awarded districts will receive a letter detailing their award with a purchasing code for their Hubert orders, and awarded districts will work with Hubert customer service to order the items needed.
- Deadline: Rolling deadline until all funds are awarded.

For more information, including a link to download the application, visit the [Action for Healthy Kids webpage](https://www.actionforhealthykids.org/covid-19-support-for-schools-and-families/) (<https://www.actionforhealthykids.org/covid-19-support-for-schools-and-families/>).

NEW SCHOOL BUSINESS SERVICES

FY 2020 ROUND 1 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE PROJECT GRANTS QUARTERLY EXPENDITURE REPORTS

All school districts that were awarded a School Maintenance Project Grant will be receiving an email explaining that they will need to complete a quarterly report for expenditures through June 30, 2020. Please follow the [instructions](#)  (</Documents/smpg-quarterly-exp-inst.pdf>) found within IWAS or on [ISBE's website](#) (</Pages/School-Maintenance-Project-Grant.aspx>) to complete the Quarterly Expenditure Report.

All School Maintenance Grants have been approved by ISBE and submitted to the Comptroller's Office for payments. The payments for the grants have just started to be paid by the Comptroller's Office. Your district may or may not have received the payment as of this notice. Please know the payments are forthcoming.

The grants have been approved, and the funds are being released. All recipients approved for the FY 2020 Round 1 School Maintenance Project Grants are required to submit a June 30 Quarterly Expenditure Report to comply with GATA requirements. The report is due within 20 days from the end of the quarter. These reports are available in [IWAS](#) (<https://sec1.isbe.net/iwas/asp/login.asp?js=true>). Please note: If your district has not yet started the approved school maintenance project(s) and/or has not expended any funds, please insert \$0.00 to report accordingly.

Please contact Tiana Mathis with the School Business Services Department at tmathis@isbe.net (mailto:tmathis@isbe.net) or SMPG@isbe.net (mailto:SMPG@isbe.net) if you need assistance.

IN BRIEF

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- The College of Education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is hosting “**Exploring Education Summer Camp**,” which is designed to meet the key goals of fostering a love for and appreciation of teaching and helping future educators explore possibilities within the field. We also are committed to helping participants understand the importance of equity and justice in education. The virtual camp will be held from **10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** on **July 14**. For more information and to register, visit the [program website](https://education.illinois.edu/current-students/undergraduate/for-future-educators/exploring-education-summer-camp) (<https://education.illinois.edu/current-students/undergraduate/for-future-educators/exploring-education-summer-camp>).
- The **2020 Illinois Manufacturing Month** is set for October. Manufacturing Month is a great way to introduce middle and high school students to the wide array of occupations that make up modern manufacturing and awaken the creative spirit in every student. More information on manufacturing can be found on the [Creators Wanted](https://url.emailprotection.link/?bvavJAFdIXmDzY4Q5112N2oWHm6G-hap2HF3_rmZBvQLpnAXp1gyLFbOLu4fFquMDmKL2JzBsvRjb-lzINN_R4w~~) (https://url.emailprotection.link/?bvavJAFdIXmDzY4Q5112N2oWHm6G-hap2HF3_rmZBvQLpnAXp1gyLFbOLu4fFquMDmKL2JzBsvRjb-lzINN_R4w~~) website. If your school would like to host a virtual or onsite event, please contact Jim Nelson at Jnelson@ima-net.org (<mailto:Jnelson@ima-net.org>). Manufacturing Month is sponsored in Illinois by the Illinois Manufacturers’ Association and the IMA Education Foundation.
- The Illinois Department of Human Services, with support from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, launched the **Summer Youth Employment Project** (<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=125094>) (SYEP) in response to COVID-19. This program is designed to target current youth and new youth interested in working toward a goal of developing workplace skills and gaining employment experience while exploring potential Career Pathways. Youth 16-24 are eligible to participate. The primary objective for youth served in the C-SYEP program is to develop their essential employability skills and to earn a minimum of 180 hours of entry-level work experience. [View additional information](https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=125094) (<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=125094>).

DISTRICT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- The College of Education and Social Science at Lewis University is applying for a **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant** from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to enable and improve telemedicine services in rural areas. They are looking to partner with districts and/or schools to deliver free mental health, speech-language pathology, and occupational therapy telehealth services to students. For more information, please reach out to Kip Kline, associate dean of the College of Education and Social Sciences at Lewis, via email at KlineCh@lewisu.edu (<mailto:KlineCh@lewisu.edu>). Please contact him as soon as possible if you are interested.

EDUCATOR RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITY

- Consider nominating a friend, colleague, or family member who works in a school district in the United States and has done an excellent job during these challenging times for the **10th Annual Life Changer of the Year Award Program** (<https://www.lifechangeroftheyear.com/how-it-works>). Nominations are being accepted through the summer.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING RESOURCES

- **IDEAu - Learn, Grow, Impact** – It starts with U and building a culture that teaches the whole student – every student. Join the Illinois Digital Educators Alliance (IDEA) for a summer virtual institute **July 15-17**. Sessions will be presented by national and state educators sharing best practices and centered around social-emotional learning, building relationships, and culture and community, especially in a remote setting. Each day will also showcase a student panel where we will hear their insights as learners. Keynote speakers include Joe Sanfelippo, Ken Shelton, and Teresa Lance. For more information, please visit [IDEA's website](https://isbe-my.sharepoint.com/personal/jseiler_isbe_net/Documents/WEEKLY%202020/bit.ly/ideaU2020) (https://isbe-my.sharepoint.com/personal/jseiler_isbe_net/Documents/WEEKLY%202020/bit.ly/ideaU2020).

FEATURED CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Learn more and apply for the below career opportunities at ISBE!
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