



# Weekly Message

**May 17, 2016**

## Message From State Superintendent Tony Smith, Ph.D.

Hello,

Students from nearly 100 schools across Illinois came to the State Capitol last Tuesday to demonstrate creative uses of technology and how they enhance student learning as part of the [TECH 2016: Students for the Information Age](#) event. This showcase is a not-for-profit initiative sponsored by Illinois Computing Educators. It is aimed to raise awareness for legislators and the public about the critical role technology plays in 21st-century schools, and the need for additional funding to support equitable access for all students.

Elementary through high school students and their teachers put together exhibits showing a wide range of possibilities for incorporating technology into classroom learning, such as through robotics kits, green screen digital storytelling, and online platforms to create multimedia lessons.

Illinois schools are breeding grounds for extraordinary innovation and ingenuity. I want to applaud the efforts of these students, their teachers, and their schools for illustrating how technology can better engage and challenge our students and help them solve real-world problems. I am thankful for programs such as TECH 2016 and the organizations that support them. These efforts build on our initiatives to ensure adequate and fair access to technology in all Illinois schools.

Have a great week,  
Tony

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### Upcoming ISBE Dates and Deadlines

Please note this is not a complete list of events, meetings, and deadlines. For questions, call the Illinois State Board of Education at (866) 262-6663 or (217) 782-4321 or visit the agency's official website at <http://www.isbe.net>.

- **Deadline to complete the Educator Data Survey** – May 17 ([www.surveymonkey.com/r/J53XB23](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J53XB23))
- **“Pump Up P.E.: Promote Health, Learning, & Lifelong Fitness” training** – May 24 ([http://iphionline.org/pump\\_up\\_pe\\_springfield/](http://iphionline.org/pump_up_pe_springfield/))

- **2016 Statewide Suicide Prevention Training** – May 24 ([www.ipha.com/event/details/32/2016-statewide-suicide-prevention-training](http://www.ipha.com/event/details/32/2016-statewide-suicide-prevention-training))
- **Deadline to submit comments on ISBE’s application for federal fiscal years 2015 and 2016 School Improvement Grant (SIG) 1003(g) allocations from the U.S. Department of Education** – May 24 ([www.isbe.net/sos/htmls/sip\\_1003.htm](http://www.isbe.net/sos/htmls/sip_1003.htm))
- **Webinar on guidelines for entering 2016 salary data into Employment Information Systems** – May 25 (<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4206849509939692545>)
- **Deadline to apply for ISBE’s 2016-17 Student Advisory Council** – May 27 ([www.isbe.net/sac/](http://www.isbe.net/sac/))
- **ISBE offices closed for Memorial Day** – May 30
- **Deadline to submit nomination forms for the 2016-17 Those Who Excel/Illinois Teacher of the Year program** – June 6 ([www.isbe.net/those-who-excel/2017/03-10-twe-application16-17.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/those-who-excel/2017/03-10-twe-application16-17.pdf))
- **Part 30 (Programs for the Preparation of Principals in Illinois), Part 33 (Programs for the Preparation of Superintendents in Illinois) and Part 235 (Early Childhood Block Grant)** – Public comment ends June 13
- **Procurement in the 21st Century workshop** - June 15-16 (<http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnsclendar/asp/eventlist.asp>)
- **Deadline to apply for the 2016 Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Cycle** - June 17 ([www.idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/local-transportation-partners/county-engineers-and-local-public-agencies/funding-opportunities/ITEP](http://www.idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/local-transportation-partners/county-engineers-and-local-public-agencies/funding-opportunities/ITEP))
- **“Lead, Focus, Connect: Classrooms in Action Summer Expedition” conference** – June 21-22 ([www.isbe.net/common\\_core/htmls/workshops.htm#new](http://www.isbe.net/common_core/htmls/workshops.htm#new))
- **Deadline to apply for initial registration as a nonpublic school** – June 25 ([www.isbe.net/nonpublic/pdf/87-01\\_np\\_entity.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/nonpublic/pdf/87-01_np_entity.pdf))
- **Deadline to submit data in the Student Health - Vision system** – June 30
- **Deadline for Focus or Priority schools to update or develop and submit an Intervention or Transformation plan to ISBE** – June 30
- **Deadline to submit the FY17 Continuation Applications for the Alternative Learning Opportunities Programs (ALOPs)** – June 30 ([www.isbe.net/spec-ed/html/alop.htm](http://www.isbe.net/spec-ed/html/alop.htm))
- **Deadline to submit 2016-17 Migrant Education Program applications** – July 1 ([www.isbe.net/bilingual/htmls/migrant.htm](http://www.isbe.net/bilingual/htmls/migrant.htm))
- **ISBE offices closed for Independence Day** – July 4
- **Postmark deadline for waiver applications to be considered by the General Assembly in fall 2016** – Aug. 12, 2016 (See [www.isbe.net/isbewaivers/default.htm](http://www.isbe.net/isbewaivers/default.htm) for public notice requirements for all waiver requests.)
- **ISBE offices closed for Labor Day** – Sept. 5
- **ISBE offices closed for Columbus Day** – Oct. 10
- **Deadline to submit FY 2017 School District Budget/Joint Agreement Forms to ISBE** – Oct. 31 ([www.isbe.net/sfms/budget/default.htm](http://www.isbe.net/sfms/budget/default.htm))

### **System of Support & District Intervention**

#### **Comments on Federal FY 2015 and FY 2016 School Improvement Grant Application**

ISBE invites comments on its application for federal fiscal years 2015 and 2016 School Improvement Grant (SIG) 1003(g) allocations from the U.S. Department of Education. ISBE’s Division of Statewide System of Support and District Intervention (SSDI) invites comments on the SIG

1003(g) application, which is posted at [www.isbe.net/sos/htmls/sip\\_1003.htm](http://www.isbe.net/sos/htmls/sip_1003.htm).

All comments will be included with the Illinois submission to the U.S. Department of Education. Please send comments to A. Rae Clementz at [aclement@isbe.net](mailto:aclement@isbe.net) by May 24.

Please contact System of Support staff by telephone at (217) 524- 4832 with any questions about this request, the Illinois application to the U.S.

Department of Education, or any other aspect of the SIG 1003(g) grant program.

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## **School Business Services**

### **Capital Needs Assessment Survey**

[Public Act 93-0489](#) requires the State Board of Education and the Capital Development Board to file a comprehensive assessment report of the capital needs of all school districts with the General Assembly every two years. Jan. 1, 2017, is the due date for the next report.

ISBE asks all districts to complete and submit the Capital Needs Assessment Survey. While the survey will be open until **Sept. 6**, ISBE is sending the survey early to give districts the flexibility of completing the survey prior to summer recess and the startup of school in August/September. Full participation in the assessment will help ensure an accurate portrayal of the capital needs of all districts throughout the state.

On May 12, all district superintendents and regional superintendents were emailed a copy of the Capital Needs Assessment Survey along with a cover letter. If you did not receive a copy of the email, please contact ISBE.

Additional forms, if needed, can be accessed at [www.isbe.net/finance](http://www.isbe.net/finance). Completed forms can be submitted to School Business Services, 100 N. First St., Springfield, IL, 62777-0001, or to [finance1@isbe.net](mailto:finance1@isbe.net).

Contact Christine Kolaz, School Business Services, at (217) 785-8779 with further questions.

### **School District/Joint Agreement Budget Forms Now Available**

The fiscal year 2017 School District/Joint Agreement Budget forms (ISBE Form 50-36/50-39) are now available on the School Business Services Division website with related additional information and instructions. The forms can be found at [www.isbe.net/sfms/budget/default.htm](http://www.isbe.net/sfms/budget/default.htm).

- FY2017 School District/Joint Agreement Budget, ISBE Form 50-36/50-39

- Links to Current Rules and School Code Requirements.
- Dates to Remember
- Additional Help Guides and Other Useful Links

FY 2017 School District Budget/Joint Agreement Forms must be submitted to ISBE no later than **Oct. 31**. The School Code, Section 17-1 (105 ILCS 5/17-1), requires school districts/joint agreements to electronically submit the adopted annual budget to ISBE and also requires school districts that adopt an unbalanced budget in the operating funds to complete a Deficit Reduction Plan to balance the budget within three years. Additional deadline dates are included in the webpage.

Amended FY 2016 budgets must be completed and adopted no later than June 30. Please submit the amended budgets to ISBE through the [Attachment Manager](#) to School Finance Reports (SFR).

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## **College and Career Readiness**

### **Information on Spring 2016 AP Exam Fee and IB Payment Changes**

The U.S. Department of Education expects to award approximately \$28,483,000 in new grants to cover the fees for Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) programs.

Based on the anticipated number of applications and other available information, the department expects this amount to be sufficient to pay all but \$15 of the cost of each AP exam taken by low-income students. This will show on College Board invoices as Option 1: Illinois Fee Reduction credit.

The anticipated 2016 AP Exam Fee breakdown for qualifying low-income students at your school is available at [www.isbe.net/advanced-placement/?col2=open#CollapsiblePanel2](http://www.isbe.net/advanced-placement/?col2=open#CollapsiblePanel2).

Note that funding will be available contingent upon a sufficient appropriation for the AP Test Fee Program.

For fiscal year 2016, AP Test Fee program funds may not be used to pay AP test candidate registration fees on behalf of low-income students. Therefore, the candidate registration fees charged by the

International Baccalaureate Organization are also not allowable costs under this program for FY 2016.

For more information, please visit <https://professionals.collegeboard.org/testing/ap/about/fees>.

The IB Fee Payment Program 2015-16 School Reimbursement Form is available at [www.isbe.net/advanced-placement/pdf/20-75-ap-ib-reimb.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/advanced-placement/pdf/20-75-ap-ib-reimb.pdf).

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## English Language Learning

### Migrant Education Program Application

The Migrant Education Program application for funding for the 2016-17 fall and regular school year is available on the Division of English Language Learning webpage at [www.isbe.net/bilingual/htmls/migrant.htm](http://www.isbe.net/bilingual/htmls/migrant.htm).

Funding is available under Title I, Part C, of the reauthorized Elementary and Secondary Education Act for supplemental academic and support services for qualifying migrant children and youth. Applications must be submitted no later than **July 1**.

Children ages 0-21 who have not graduated from high school may be eligible for the program if they have moved within the past three years across state or school district lines with a parent or guardian seeking temporary or seasonal work in agricultural production, fishing, or food processing industries. Youth who move to obtain this work on their own may also be eligible.

A certified recruiter must document that children qualify as migrant students. ISBE can assist districts with this process. For more information, contact Beth Robinson at (312) 814-3519 or [berobins@isbe.net](mailto:berobins@isbe.net).

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## Illinois Science Assessment

### FAQ Document for Parents Available Online to Help Answer ISA Questions

A new frequently asked questions document is now available to help districts give parents more information about the new Illinois Science Assessment and the state's science standards.

The FAQ is posted on ISBE's Hot Topics page at [www.isbe.net/assessment/pdfs/isa/isa-faq-parents.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/assessment/pdfs/isa/isa-faq-parents.pdf).

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## School Health Issues

### Statewide Suicide Prevention Training

The 2016 Statewide Suicide Prevention Training is scheduled for May 24 at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield and via videoconference at five other satellite sites across the state.

Kevin Hines, one of the few people who has survived jumping off the Golden Gate Bridge, will give the keynote. The event provides Continuing Education Units for multiple professions.

The satellite sites for the event are:

- Rockford – University of Illinois Rockford
- Chicago – Chicago Reed
- Mattoon – Lakeland Community College
- Collinsville – Illinois State Police
- Carterville – John A Logan College

Each site will host a panel of local experts to talk about collaboration and networking in their area. The goal is to encourage local collaboration and networking and increase awareness of local strategies.

Additional information and online registration are available on the Illinois Public Health Association (IPHA) webpage at [www.ipha.com/event/details/32/2016-statewide-suicide-prevention-training](http://www.ipha.com/event/details/32/2016-statewide-suicide-prevention-training).

For more information, contact Angie Wanger, IPHA, at (217) 522-5687 and [awanger@ipha.com](mailto:awanger@ipha.com) or Jennifer Martin, Illinois Department of Public Health, at (217) 558-4081 and [Jennifer.L.Martin@illinois.gov](mailto:Jennifer.L.Martin@illinois.gov).

### Guidance on Rule 226.800(k) Related to Nursing Services

Schools are required to assure that all administrators, teachers, school support personnel, and professional staff are properly licensed and qualified for their assignments. In addition, the district is to ensure that paraprofessionals are assigned only to tasks for which

their approval is valid. Paraprofessionals and other non-licensed personnel must be utilized in compliance with the School Code and the Regulations as established by ISBE

([www.isbe.net/recognition/pdf/compliance-probe-ref-guide.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/recognition/pdf/compliance-probe-ref-guide.pdf)).

A recent regulation, 226.800(k), adds clarifying language to supplement 1.760, which requires that staff performing nursing services be properly licensed as nurses (LPN or RN). To ensure compliance with both the School Code and ISBE rules, school staff should review the job descriptions and duties of their paraprofessionals and teacher aides and consider other staffing arrangements, if necessary, to be compliant with regulation and law. Any perceived violation of an ISBE rule governing the provision of services for students with disabilities may be submitted via the complaint process at [www.isbe.net/special-ed/html/complaint\\_investigation.htm](http://www.isbe.net/special-ed/html/complaint_investigation.htm).

### **New Healthy Child and Family Development Resource Website**

The Consortium for Science-Based Information on Children, Youth, and Families has launched a new web-based resource center. The website promotes healthy child and family development by highlighting science-based information for those who care for, or work with, children. The site is at <http://infoaboutkids.org/>.

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### **Every Student Succeeds Act**

#### **New Date Added to ESSA Listening Tour**

An additional date has been added to ISBE's listening tour to collect feedback on the new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

The tour will stop National Louis University's downtown Chicago campus, 122 S. Michigan Ave., on May 19. For more details and a complete schedule of listening tour dates, visit [www.isbe.net/essa](http://www.isbe.net/essa).

With assistance from the Regional Offices of Education, ISBE is holding meetings across the state to provide overview information on ESSA and allow participants to share their ideas on how this important law should be implemented.

The tour is the first opportunity to provide input on ESSA. ISBE will also engage stakeholders throughout the process until full implementation takes place in 2017-18.

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### **Summer Conference**

#### **Lead, Focus, Connect: Classrooms in Action Summer Expedition June 21-22**

ISBE and the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools are hosting the "Lead, Focus, Connect: Classrooms in Action Summer Expedition" conference on June 21 and 22 at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield.

The conference will update participants on various state initiatives and focus on topics including math, English language arts, science, instructional supports, standards-based reporting, social science, and the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). Presenters will include classroom teachers and school leaders, Regional Office of Education representatives, and ISBE content specialists.

The June 21 conference aims to update and expand educators' knowledge of current state initiatives. June 22 will provide targeted, classroom-specific practices and resources.

Go to

[www.isbe.net/common\\_core/htmls/workshops.htm#new](http://www.isbe.net/common_core/htmls/workshops.htm#new) for the complete list of conference sessions and the registration form. The deadline to apply is June 7.

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### **Special Education Services**

#### **Grant Proposals Due June 3**

The following grant proposals are now being accepted and are due by June 3:

- **Illinois Service Resource Center** – Entities experienced in providing technical assistance and professional development relative to the mental health and behavioral services for students with hearing and/or vision loss are eligible to apply. ([www.isbe.net/funding\\_opps/htmls/rfp.htm](http://www.isbe.net/funding_opps/htmls/rfp.htm))
- **Illinois Statewide Assistive Technology Exchange Network** – This grant seeks an entity to



establish an exchange program for recycling computers and other technology and donating the refurbished equipment to public schools and parents in Illinois, free of charge, through an application process.

([www.isbe.net/funding\\_opps/htmls/rfp.htm](http://www.isbe.net/funding_opps/htmls/rfp.htm))

- Illinois Statewide Assistive Technology Device Loan Program** – This grant seeks an entity that will loan assistive technology devices to school districts once the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team has identified the appropriate device to meet the student’s assistive technology needs. ([www.isbe.net/funding\\_opps/htmls/rfp.htm](http://www.isbe.net/funding_opps/htmls/rfp.htm))
- Illinois Statewide Assistive Technology Training and Resources** - This grant seeks an entity to provide technical assistance and training to educators and other users of assistive technology regarding how such technology is used to promote a student’s involvement with the general education curriculum, interaction with peers, and to assist the student in attaining postsecondary goals. ([www.isbe.net/funding\\_opps/htmls/rfp.htm](http://www.isbe.net/funding_opps/htmls/rfp.htm))

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### **Illinois Student Assistance Commission**

#### **Free ISAC Transcript Exchange Service for Schools and Students**

Since 2011, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) and Parchment have offered the ISAC Transcript Exchange service to all public and private high schools in Illinois. This partnership facilitates the electronic exchange of transcripts and other admissions documents between high schools and colleges.

ISAC is pleased to announce that the agreement between ISAC and Parchment will be extended for another three years. This extension means the software, upgrades, training, and support for this cost-saving, efficient service will continue to be free of charge for Illinois high schools.

The new contract also expands the free network for Illinois high school students, who can now request an electronic transcript to any destination worldwide at no cost. Formerly, the free service covered electronic transcripts sent to the 12 states participating in the

Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC). Students can now also send electronically to the NCAA, Common App, and any other electronic destination at no cost. Students have the option to send to paper destinations for \$2.25.

Under this new contract, alumni will see a \$3.15 fee when placing an electronic transcript request. Current students transition to alumni status on Aug. 1 after their graduation year.

The contract changes took effect on April 14. For more information, contact Julie Henschel at [Julie.Henschel@isac.Illinois.gov](mailto:Julie.Henschel@isac.Illinois.gov) or (847) 831-8349.

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### **Data Analysis**

#### **May 25 Webinar on Guidelines for Entering 2016 Salary Data into EIS**

ISBE is hosting a webinar from 1 to 3 p.m. May 25 that will define and review the guidelines for entering 2016 salary data into Employment Information Systems (EIS). This webinar will assist users with entering salary data as well as provide an update on relevant changes in EIS.

Please sign up to reserve your spot at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4206849509939692545>.

A question-and-answer session will be conducted at the end of the webinar. For tutorials explaining data entry with both EIS submissions and batch uploads, please see our EIS Basics Course at [www.isbe.net/eis/html/training.htm](http://www.isbe.net/eis/html/training.htm).

For further EIS assistance, please contact the EIS Help Desk at (217) 782-3950 or email [datahelp@isbe.net](mailto:datahelp@isbe.net). For technical assistance with IWAS, please contact the ISBE Help Desk at (217) 558-3600.

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### **Funding and Disbursements**

#### **Employer’s TRS Contribution on Federally Funded Salary for Summer Activities**

The Teachers’ Retirement System (TRS) requires earnings for summer work to be reported on an accrual basis. Earnings for work performed in June 2016 must be reported on the 2015-16 TRS Annual Report, even if the member is not paid for the June work until July

or August. The 2015-16 TRS and THIS contribution rates apply to accrued earnings for work performed in June, regardless of when the June earnings are paid to the teacher.

Earnings for work performed in July and August 2016 must be reported on the 2016-17 TRS Annual Report. The 2016-17 TRS and THIS contribution rates apply to accrued earnings for work performed in July and August, regardless of when the July and August earnings are paid to the teacher.

Based on several questions from the field regarding what federal TRS rate to use for SUMMER salaries, the Teachers' Retirement System ([trs.illinois.gov/](http://trs.illinois.gov/)) has instructed local educational agencies to use the new employer TRS contribution on federally funded salaries that are providing services AFTER the start of the new fiscal year (July 1, 2016). Below are three scenarios and what federal TRS rate to use in each scenario:

1. FY 2016: federally funded staff/teachers that have completed their assignments by June 30, 2016, but being paid after July 1: The CURRENT RATE (FY 2016) applies (36.06 percent).
2. FY 2016: federally funded staff/teachers providing services and being paid after July 1: The NEW RATE (FY 2017) applies (38.54 percent). (Please note that an FY 2016 amendment may be needed in this scenario.)
3. FY 2017: federally funded grant staff: The NEW RATE applies (38.54 percent).

More information is available on the TRS website at <http://trs.illinois.gov/employers/payments/contributions.htm>.

Further questions can be directed to the TRS Employer Services Division at [employers@trs.illinois.gov](mailto:employers@trs.illinois.gov) or (888) 877-0890.

### **Deadline for Final FY 2016 State & Federal Grant Amendments & End Date Extensions**

Many state and federal grant projects are approaching a June 30 end date for obligating fiscal year 2016 grant funds. All state and federal project end date extension requests and final budget amendments must be

received at ISBE no later than 30 calendar days prior to the end date of the project.

As a reminder, please be advised of the following regarding the need for a project end date extension:

- An end date extension past June 30 is NOT needed for regular term staff salaries paid on a 12-month salary schedule.
- An end date extension past June 30 is NOT needed to pay obligations (e.g., purchase order for supplies) incurred June 30 or prior.
- An end date extension past June 30 IS NEEDED for new activities and obligations incurred July 1 or later (e.g., Summer School, Professional Development).

Final amendments for state and federal grants with a project end date of June 30, 2016, must be received by ISBE no later than May 31, 2016. For those grants with a project end date of Aug. 31, 2016, the last day amendments will be accepted is Aug. 1, 2016. However, budget increases for state-funded grant projects must be received by June 30, even if the project end date has been extended. For grant applications in the electronic Grants Management System (eGMS), the deadline is also referenced on the Program Overview page under "Amendment Due Date."

**Note to Special Education and Education for Employment Cooperative Administrators:** Member district amendments need to be submitted to the Cooperative/EFE Administrator timely to accommodate a final review for accuracy and approvability before acceptance and approval to ISBE on or before the May 31/Aug. 1 deadline.

Questions regarding this information can be directed to Funding and Disbursements at (217) 782-5256.

### **Update on Criminal Background Checks**

#### **Districts Urged to Register for CHIRP Web Portal for Criminal History Records**

In an effort to reduce costs and improve efficiency, the Illinois State Police (ISP) Bureau of Identification will soon be unable to print and mail criminal history responses to districts and other users.

The ISP currently offers the Criminal History Information Response Process (CHIRP) web portal to registered users, which provides electronic responses. The website gives customers unlimited access to electronic criminal history record responses during the life span of the response. Please register and begin utilizing CHIRP as soon as possible in order to avoid any future disruption in the delivery of responses.

CHIRP is available at <https://chirp.isp.state.il.us/CHIRP/login.action>. The troubleshooting guide may be requested from the Bureau of Identification Customer Support Unit. All IT-related support questions should be directed to your agency's help desk prior to contacting the ISP Customer Support.

If you have questions about the CHIRP website, contact the Customer Support unit at [BOI\\_Customer\\_Support@isp.state.il.us](mailto:BOI_Customer_Support@isp.state.il.us).

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## In Brief

### Student Recognition

- **Tremont High School's Roboteers Team 2481** won first place in the [FIRST \(For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology\) Robotics Competition](#) in St. Louis. More than 20,000 students from around the globe participated in the FIRST Championship events, and Tremont students were part of an alliance of four teams to be named world champions. Congratulations, Roboteers!

### Upcoming Events

- May is **Better Hearing and Speech Month** and the theme for 2016 is "Communication Takes Care." The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs would like to help raise awareness about the importance of face-to-face communication and encourage the public to make time for device-free interaction when possible. For more information and resources, visit [www.asha.org/bhsm/](http://www.asha.org/bhsm/).
- The Regional Offices of Education in Region 5 will host the **Midwest New Directions Conference** on June 14-15 in Collinsville. The conference aims to bring the biggest and best names in education to present on the most up-to-

date and relevant topics. For more information and to register, visit [www.directionsconference.com/](http://www.directionsconference.com/).

### Professional Development

- Registration is open for the **2016 Summer School Nurse Emergency Care (SNEC) courses**. SNEC will take place in the following cities: Elgin, Joliet, Marion, Oak Brook (NOTE: registration has filled for this class and a waiting list is in place), Peoria, Rockford, Skokie (NOTE: registration has filled for this class and a waiting list is in place), and Springfield. The three-day course is open to all registered nurses in Illinois and is designed to enhance the assessment, triaging, and treatment skills of the school nurse when confronted with the acutely ill or injured student or staff member. The course registration fee is \$130. Register online at [www.luc.edu/sneccourses](http://www.luc.edu/sneccourses). Contact Ramona Rendon at [rrendon@luc.edu](mailto:rrendon@luc.edu) or Evelyn Lyons at [evelyn.lyons@illinois.gov](mailto:evelyn.lyons@illinois.gov) with questions.
- Lewis University, in partnership with the Illinois Association of School Nurses, is offering a two-day **workshop for registered nurses working in schools**. It will present an overview of the legalities of working in schools, nursing responsibilities, overview of special education processes, preparation for emergencies and disaster, application of the nursing process in a school setting, state and national standards of school nursing, and guidelines for running a school health offices and a month-by-month overview of school health services. It is designed for nurses who do not hold a Professional Educator License endorsed in school nursing. The workshop will be held in Springfield on June 15-16 ([www.lewisu.edu/rn-working-in-schools-springfield/index.htm](http://www.lewisu.edu/rn-working-in-schools-springfield/index.htm)) and in Oak Brook on Aug. 1-2 ([www.lewisu.edu/rn-working-in-schools](http://www.lewisu.edu/rn-working-in-schools)).

### Student Opportunities

- **Latino Art Beat** is offering \$1,000-minimum scholarships to the winners of its 2016 visual arts competition for high school juniors and seniors. For the arts competition, students may select one of two themes: "Friendship: Between the Youth of the USA and Cuba" or "What Hispanic Heritage & Culture Means to Me." Artwork must be accompanied by an entry form and original essay describing the piece. Latino Art Beat is also



offering its film and animation competition for students under 21 who attend a high school or college in Illinois. Films must be original, with an original score and 15 minutes or less total running time. The deadline for all entries is May 27. For more information, visit [www.latinoartbeat.com](http://www.latinoartbeat.com) or contact [latinoartbeat@hotmail.com](mailto:latinoartbeat@hotmail.com).

- The Tourette Syndrome Camp Organization will host the 23rd annual **Tourette Syndrome Camp USA** from June 26 to July 2 at YMCA Camp Duncan in Ingleside. The camp serves boys and girls ages 7-16. Details and registration information are available at [www.tourettecamp.com](http://www.tourettecamp.com).

### **Employment Opportunities**

- Watch for vacancy lists and find instructions for applying on ISBE's Human Resources webpage at <http://www.isbe.net/hr/Default.htm>.