



Weekly Message

May 31, 2017

Message From State Superintendent Tony Smith, Ph.D.

Hello,

I shared my thoughts on President Donald Trump’s proposed federal education budget at the State Board of Education meeting last week. Though a proposed budget is not an enacted budget, the proposed federal budget is not one I can support. So many of the things that we stand for in Illinois – including nurturing the development of the whole child and providing high-quality educational opportunities from early childhood through postsecondary – would be significantly jeopardized by the cuts. We can always work on improving efficiency and effectiveness, but cutting \$9 billion, particularly for our most needy students, is a mistake. [I have invited you](#) to send stories and data that counter the proposed cuts to essa@isbe.net over the past month. Please continue to share your stories with us. We will continue to advocate for the supports our schools and communities need.

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After the Board meeting, I once again had the chance to taste the winning [Cooking up Change](#) lunch, prepared this year by Edgar Villegas, Jeffrey Gonzalez, Naheishia Hitchcock, and Raudel Ruiz from



Richards Career Academy High School. The students prepared a delicious meal of chicken vesuvio and spaghetti, chopped caesar salad, and caramelized pear-
pone. Teams of student chefs enrolled in Chicago Public Schools’ Career and Technical Education Culinary program participated in the 10th annual Cooking up Change competition last November. The competition challenged the student chefs to create dishes that their peers would enjoy while following strict nutritional guidelines with limited ingredients, budget, time, and equipment. Congratulations to Chicago’s 2016

champions! The winning dishes were served to all CPS students earlier this month.

Cooking up Change is an initiative of the [Healthy Schools Campaign](#), a nonprofit organization based in Chicago that aims to ensure that all students have access to a healthy school environment. The Chicago

winners will head to the Cooking up Change National Finals on June 12, 2017, in Washington, D.C., where they will compete against other local contest winners from across the country.

Summer break is beginning for schools across the state, so we want to make sure that all students continue to have access to healthy meals. Many children rely on free and reduced-priced meals during the school year, and the Summer Food Service Program steps in to help fight hunger during the summer months by providing free meals for children 18 and under. We are excited to be able to administer this program, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. **Families and children can call (800) 359-2163, text “FoodIL” to 877-877, or visit SummerMealsIllinois.org to find the nearest summer meals sites.** The webpage will continue to be updated as more sites are added.



It is not too late to become a meal site. This [fact sheet](#), available in English and Spanish, includes background information on the Summer Food Service Program and tips for how local organizations can participate. Interested organizations can call our Nutrition and Wellness Programs Division at (800) 545-7892 to be referred to a local sponsor. Summer food sites can be housed at schools, parks, recreation centers, health districts, churches, summer camps, libraries, housing projects, migrant centers, and other locations. Thank you for all you do to support Illinois children – even after the school year ends!

Enjoy the rest of the week!

Tony

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 submit final grant amendments for projects ending June 30** – May 31
- **Deadline for SFAs to submit Procurement Procedures and Code of Conduct documents** – May 31
- **Deadline to submit nomination forms for the 2017-18 Those Who Excel/Illinois Teacher of the Year program** – June 6 (www.isbe.net/Documents/03-10-those-who-excel.pdf)
- **Illinois State Board of Education meeting** – June 14
- **Deadline to submit IL-EMPOWER RFA** – June 15 (www.isbe.net/Pages/Request-for-Proposals.aspx)
- **Lead, Focus, Connect Conference** – June 19 (educationregistration.org/index.php/iarss)
- **Deadline to submit data in the Student Health Data Vision and Dental** – June 30
- **Deadline to submit SY 2017-18 CEP documentation** – June 30
- **Deadline to submit SY 2016-17 E-Report Card Data Form 86-43** – June 30
- **Deadline to submit FY 2018 Alternative Learning Opportunities Program (ALOP) Continuing Application** – June 30 (www.isbe.net/Pages/Special-Education-Alternative-Learning-Opportunities-Programs.aspx)
- **ISBE Offices Closed for Independence Day** – July 4
- **2017 Special Education Director’s Conference** – July 19-21 (www.isbe.net/Pages/SpecialEducationDirectorConference.aspx)
- **School Nutrition Programs Back to School Conference** – Aug. 2-3 (www.isbe.net/Pages/SNPB2S.aspx)

- **Postmark deadline for waiver applications to be considered by the General Assembly in fall 2017**– Aug. 11 (See www.isbe.net/Pages/Waivers.aspx for public notice requirements for all waiver requests.)
- **Deadline to submit Annual Pupil Transportation Reimbursement claim** – Aug. 15
- **Deadline to submit FY 2018 School District Budget/Joint Agreement Forms** – Oct. 31

Special Education Services

Special Education LEA Data Profiles Available

The district special education profiles for Illinois' public school districts have been updated on the ISBE website. A reader can view these profiles to see how a district is performing on indicators critical to special education. The profiles for school years 2014-15 and 2015-16 can be reviewed at <http://webprod1.isbe.net/LEAProfile/SearchCriteria1.aspx>.

Student Performance data (Profile Section Two) is available via the Illinois Report Card, which can be found at www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-State-Report-Card-Data.aspx. This is part of a transition to include this data in the annual Report Card. In the future, having special education data integrated into the Report Card will provide access to all pertinent data within one report.

School Health and Wellness Programs

Save the Date: Illinois-Iowa 2017 School Wellness Conference Nov. 2

The Illinois-Iowa 2017 School Wellness Conference, hosted by Action for Healthy Kids, is set for 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, in Rock Island. Conference sessions will highlight successful school health and wellness-related outreach in schools, innovative projects that improve the overall health of the school community, and emerging issues impacting school health and wellness.

[Registration is underway online](#) for School Wellness Conference. Early bird registration ends Sept. 15. If interested in sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities, see the Call for Exhibitors on the registration website. For questions, contact Ryan Monroe at rmonroe@actionforhealthykids.org.

Level of Personnel Licensed to Perform Nursing Procedures for Students

Special Education Rule 226.800, item k, and other state laws and regulations prohibit non-nurse school staff to perform activities that require a nurse (or other qualifying health care professional credential) to perform those duties. Such services include medication administration, tube feedings, tracheal care, catheterizations, and other activities that normally require a medical order for such service to be performed outside of the home. The rule does allow for some of those activities to be performed by non-health care licensed staff if permitted by other existing law (e.g., the Care of Students with Diabetes Act; the Administration of Undesignated Epinephrine or Opioid Antagonist Act; and the State Policy on Administration of Medication to students, which allows school administrators, in addition to nurses, to give medications or allow other school staff to assist students who are experiencing a medical emergency). None of those services are currently permitted to be delegated to non-nurse or non-administrator in existing law or rule, except as referenced here. Contact ISBE School Health / School Nursing Principal Consultants for further guidance, if needed.

Next Session of Medical Review Course for Non-Certified RNs

Special education rule 226.840 lists the credentials required to administer certain types of evaluations for students in or being considered for special education services. Medical Review is limited to the credentials set forth in Section 226.160 of special education rule. Since July 1, 2016, the requirement is a Registered Nurse (RN) with ISBE Professional Educator License (PEL) endorsed for school nursing, or an RN or Medical Doctor (MD) meeting other requirements if the district demonstrates inability to hire an ISBE-licensed school nurse. No other credentials are recognized as qualified to administer or perform the health evaluation through its conclusion (relevant findings or report of no relevant findings; planning for provision of nursing or health services, if needed; and

periodic evaluation of the plan). Other RNs or MDs may conduct portions of the Medical Review, if qualified, and other staff may be assigned specific tasks, such as vision or hearing screening, by the qualified RN. The components of the evaluation are described in Section 226.160.

For those districts that have, on or after July 1, 2016, tried to recruit and hire a certified (PEL) school nurse for a position with IEP duties, and have not been successful, the district or co-op may either 1) apply to ISBE to use the services of an RN who completed the IEP Review Course but was not employed with the district before July 1, 2016, and has an IEP Designation as verified on ELIS, or 2) apply to ISBE to send an RN with at least a bachelor's degree in nursing, education, or a related field to the ISBE Medical Review Course. Before the application may be approved, all documentation verifying the job posting, recruitment effort, results, and qualifications of the RN candidate must be reviewed by ISBE. See www.isbe.net/Documents/sped-med-review-req-160701.pdf for more information on the specific documents required. Any RN who is either certified (PEL with endorsement in school nursing) or holding an IEP Designation for Special Education Privileges, is listed on ELIS with those credentials. Please verify that the RN also holds a license at www.IDFPR.com (license look-up function).

The next session of the Medical Review Course is set to begin Sept. 6 and run through Oct. 17 (six weeks). Please send all required documents via email to JGerdes@isbe.net no later than Aug. 31 for review and approval.

Reimbursement for nursing services: Only RNs with the PEL and endorsement in school nursing may be claimed for special education reimbursement as professional (certified) staff. Other nurses providing special education services may be claimed, if eligible, as Non-Certified Health Aide (NHA). By definition, a staff member claimed as NHA for reimbursement must hold either an RN or LPN license issued by Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Others serving in a health aide or assistant position (paraprofessional), but do not hold a nurse license, may not be claimed as NHA. Refer to ISBE guidance on Claimable FTE and Reimbursement for Nursing Services provided by the Division of Funding and Disbursement Services at

www.isbe.net/Documents/Nurses_FTE_Clarification.pdf.

Information Regarding P.A. 99-0927

P.A. 99-0927 (Lightford/Lilly) was signed into law in January of this year. Beginning next school year, the required health examination must include an age-appropriate developmental screening and an age-appropriate social and emotional screening. The Illinois Department of Public Health is responsible for drafting rules and changes to the Child Health Examination form related to this Public Act and is currently forming the required working group to draft rules. ISBE will share additional information once available.

The full text of the Public Act can be found at <http://ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/99/PDF/099-0927.pdf>. For more information, please contact Michele Carmichael at mcarmich@isbe.net.

Those Who Excel

Reminder: 2017-18 Applications Must be Postmarked by June 6

The 2017-18 Those Who Excel/Illinois Teacher of the Year nomination form is available at www.isbe.net/Documents/03-10-those-who-excel.pdf.

Fill out the form using Internet Explorer, then print it out. Be sure to have your district superintendent or chief administrator sign the form. Attach the other required information and mail it to:

Illinois State Board of Education
Communications Division
100 N. First St., S-404
Springfield, IL 62777-0001

Nominations must be postmarked by June 6. Please call the Communications Division at (217) 782-4648 if you have questions.

Educator Effectiveness

Administrator’s Academy Providers of Evaluator Retraining

In an effort to ensure accuracy in reporting evaluator retraining completion data, the student growth academy (AA Course #1779) was divided into three separate courses. This required changing the course number(s), as well as the title of the courses, to guarantee clarity on which academies educators must take.

The changes are as follows:

AA Course #3000 – Teacher Evaluator Retraining: Student Growth

AA Course #3001 – Administrator Evaluator Retraining: Student Growth

AA Course #3002 – Teacher and Administrator Evaluator Retraining: Student Growth. (Note: This course is for those educators who hold both initial designations. Educators taking this academy must successfully complete the teacher AND principal application/dissemination components.)

Registrants will need to register for one of the three new AA designations depending on which credit they wish to secure. In most cases, the entity awarding credit will be offering all three courses at the same time.

It is absolutely imperative that providers and academy coordinators keep and maintain diligent records to safeguard educators receiving the proper retraining credit.

Five providers have already recorded and completed workshop data for AA #1779 in IAAMS. ISBE staff has reached out already to those entities in order to move the data from AA 1779 to the appropriate AA 3000, 3001, or 3002 course.

Also, close to 30 workshop sessions are currently scheduled to run prior to June 30 and close to 50 workshops are scheduled after July 1. ISBE staff will be transferring the workshop session “intent to deliver” information from AA 1779 to the respective AA 3000, 3001, and 3002 courses.

Lastly, please note that **no further Administrator’s Academies will be approved for evaluator re-**

training. If you have questions regarding which Administrator’s Academies are being offered for evaluator retraining, please contact those entities that are approved providers for them (ROEs, ISCs, IPA, IASA, IEA, and IFT).

Nutrition Programs

Reminder: CEP Enrollment Deadline Set for June 30

The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) provides schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program and participate in or are initiating a School Breakfast Program for the 2017-18 school year with an alternative method for counting and claiming student meals in high-poverty Local Education Agencies (LEAs).

LEAs electing to participate in CEP agree to serve all students lunches AND breakfasts at no charge for four successive school years. Those that wish to participate in CEP for SY 2017-18 must have the CEP Agreement, CEP Participation Listing, and supporting documentation to the Illinois State Board of Education’s Nutrition and Wellness Programs Division no later than June 30, 2017.

Enrollment and identified student data must be as of April 3, 2017. (April 1, 2017, is on a weekend.) Evaluation worksheets are also available so that you can determine if CEP is the right choice for your schools. [Complete information is available online.](#) If you have any questions regarding CEP, please contact Roxanne Ramage (rramage@isbe.net) at (800) 545-7892.

Healthier Meals Cooking Classes Offered in Chicago and Springfield

Kendall College Culinary School in Chicago will host three Healthier Meals Cooking Classes in June. The sessions of “Baking and Whole Grains” are set for June 3 and June 4. Two classes will be offered on June 3 (8 a.m. and 1 p.m.) and one on June 4 (8 a.m.). The class will also be offered at 10 a.m. June 7 in Springfield through Lincoln Land Community College.

Attendees get the opportunity to increase their professional skills with hands-on cooking in a state-of-the-art kitchen and receive a certificate of completion

for the course. **Those working with the Child and Adult Care Food Program, the National School Lunch Program, and the School Breakfast Program are all welcome to attend the classes.**

To register for the courses, look under “Training Opportunities” at <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Child-Adult-Care-Food-Program.aspx> and click “Healthier Meals Cooking Classes.”

Space is limited! Please note that while this is considered the Level 3 course in the Healthier Meals Cooking Class series, the Level 1 and 2 courses are not required before taking “Level 3: Baking and Whole Grains.” For questions, call the Nutrition and Wellness Programs Division at (800) 545-7892.

Data Analysis

2016-17 Dental Examination Data Collection

As mandated by Section 5/27-8.1 of the School Code, **Student Dental data must be submitted on or before June 30.** Please submit this data through IWAS. For assistance with your submission, please refer to the IWAS Dental User Guide at www.isbe.net/Documents/dental_user_guide.pdf.

The following resources can be found on the Dental Health [webpage](#):

- Learn more about student dental data collection by checking the **School Dental Examinations Information Sheet** at www.isbe.net/Documents/dental_information.pdf.
- Forms acceptable for the school year 2016-17 include the **IDPH Proof of School Dental Examination Form**, a tool for dentists to record student dental information. Find it at www.idph.state.il.us/HealthWellness/oralhlth/DentalExamProof10.pdf.
- The **IDPH Dental Examination Waiver Form** is for students who are unable to obtain the required dental examination at www.idph.state.il.us/forms/ohpm/Dental%20Exam%20Waiver.pdf.
- The **Dental Information-Data Entry Worksheet** allows you to enter your data and double-check your aggregate numbers, Find it

at

www.isbe.net/documents/dental_worksheet.xls.

Public school districts may enter the data for each of their schools or approve school IWAS users to enter the data. Regardless of who enters data, it is the responsibility of the nonpublic school administrator/public school district administrator to review the accuracy of entered data and assure submission of the finished data to ISBE by the deadline.

Again, note that all dental data must be submitted for all schools serving any combination of kindergarten, grade 2, and/or grade 6 students (enrolled as of May 15) **by June 30.**

If you have any questions on this collection, please contact Marjorie Ribeiro at (312) 814-7239 or mrribeiro@isbe.net.

For technical assistance with IWAS, please contact the ISBE Help Desk at (217) 558-3600.

Early Childhood Education

Community System Development Training and Technical Assistance RFSP Released

The FY 2018 Community System Development Training and Technical Assistance RFSP has been released. ISBE seeks an Offeror to provide a system of statewide supports for early childhood community systems development: training, technical assistance, and coaching to community collaborations that are focused on increasing enrollment of children ages 0-5 with high needs into high-quality early childhood programs. This assistance will focus on building the capacity of existing early childhood collaborations and supporting the efforts of communities working to develop an early childhood collaborative.

Proposals for the RFSP are due to ISBE no later than 2 p.m. on June 15. Information regarding the RFSP is available on the Illinois Procurement Bulletin at www.purchase.state.il.us. Questions regarding the RFSP should be sent to Craig Foxall at cfoxall@isbe.net.

College and Career Readiness

Registration Now Open for 2017 College Changes Everything® Conference

The seventh annual College Changes Everything® Conference will be taking place on July 20 in Tinley Park. This one-day conference focuses on effective practices and showcases resources available to help with increasing access to postsecondary education, college completion, and career readiness. This year's conference looks at how we can help ensure equity in our college and career readiness initiatives so all students are equipped for success. These efforts require identifying and addressing the obstacles and barriers to postsecondary education faced by some student populations, including reducing or eliminating opportunity gaps to improve outcomes for underrepresented students, and engaging all students in ways that are inclusive, culturally responsive, and socially just.

Attendees typically include, but are not limited to, high school leaders, counselors, and case managers; college access practitioners; college and university leaders and administrators; leaders from state agencies, non-profits, foundations, and community-based organizations; business leaders; and policymakers and elected officials. Breakout sessions are presented by state and national experts and practitioners, including topics such as college readiness, navigating the college-going process, after-school programs, support systems for undocumented students, mentoring programs, career readiness, and more.

The conference will take place from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Tinley Park Convention Center. Registration is \$40. Space is limited and fills quickly. To register, [click here](#). For more information about the conference, please visit the College Changes Everything® [website](#).

Charter Schools

INCS Hosting Gala to Celebrate 20 Years of Charter Public Schools in Illinois

The Illinois Network of Charter Schools is hosting a gala on Sept. 25 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago to celebrate 20 years of charter public schools' dedication to innovation, transformation, and opportunity for

Illinois families. Outstanding community members and students will be recognized at the event, which will include cocktails, dinner, student performances, and a keynote. Contact Rena Dascal, director of development, with questions or to purchase a ticket: rdascal@incschoools.org.

Find and Share Ideas at Best Practice Corner

ISBE's Charter Schools' webpage now has a [Best Practice Corner](#), where educators can share innovative ideas and practices occurring at charter schools throughout Illinois. Feel free to use any great ideas that you see on the page and do not hesitate to reach out to charter@isbe.net if you would like to include any practices of your own!

Assessment and Accountability

Reminder: SAT Score Reporting Portal Workshops in June

College Board will be providing training on the Score Reporting Portal for the SAT Suite of Assessments in June. The purposes of the workshops are to provide district and school leaders access to the Online Score Reporting Portal, an understanding of how to navigate and use the features of the portal, a step-by-step walk-through of exam results and an explanation of how to connect to resources and best practice tools, an overview of Khan Academy, and an explanation of how students are able to view and link their scores. For complete information on the workshops, please visit www.isbe.net/Documents/Score-Report-Portal-Workshop-Announcement.pdf.

School Business Services

School District/Joint Agreement Budget Forms Available

The FY 2018 School District/Joint Agreement Budget forms (ISBE Form 50-36/50-39) are now available at the School Business Services Division [website](#) with additional information and instructions, including links to current Rules and School Code requirements; dates to remember; additional help guides and other useful links.

FY 2018 School District Budget/Joint Agreement Forms must be submitted to ISBE no later than **Oct. 31**. School districts/joint agreements are required to electronically submit the adopted annual budget to ISBE per 105 ILCS

5/17-1. That statute 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.

Please submit the amended budgets to ISBE through the [Attachment Manager](#) to **School Finance Reports**.

Every Student Succeeds Act

IL-EMPOWER RFA Deadline Extended

The deadline for the IL-EMPOWER Request for Application (RFA) has been extended to 11:59 p.m. **June 15** due to high interest. Additionally, the RFA has been updated with a recorded webinar, including FAQs. The RFA, webinar, and additional information can be found at www.isbe.net/Pages/Request-for-Proposals.aspx. Any questions should be sent to il-empower@isbe.net.

Grant Accountability Transparency Act

Required FY 2018 GATA Grantee Pre-Qualification Process

The grantee pre-qualification registration portal may be accessed directly on the GATA website at www.illinois.gov/sites/GATA/Grantee/Pages/default.aspx. All grantees **must complete** the registration process and be qualified to do business with the State of Illinois.

To be qualified to **apply** for an FY 2018 grant award, an entity must complete the following four steps:

1. Authentication (New for FY 2018)

The Grantee Portal can be accessed through the Grantee Links heading on the GATA website. A personal or business email address is required to establish an account. Authentication is required through the Illinois.gov authentication portal. It establishes or verifies the relationship between an individual and the organization they represent. Authentication is performed once for each individual associated with a registration. If your email was not previously associated with the organization that you represent, click the “Create a new account” link below the “Sign in” button. After you have entered the required information, you

will receive a confirmation email that will instruct you to click a link to complete the account creation process. For help with the Illinois.gov Authentication Portal, please browse to www.illinois.gov/sites/accounts/Pages/default.aspx. Additional instructions may also be found at www.illinois.gov/sites/GATA/Grantee/Pages/GranteePortalFAQ.aspx.

2. Registration

Once your Illinois.gov account is created, you must return to the Grantee Portal log-in screen and enter your user name and password to continue. The system will then ask for your organization’s DUNS number. If the DUNS number for your organization is on record with GATA from the previous year, the system will associate you with your organization. The process may require the approval of the primary GATA system registrant for your organization. After accessing your entity’s registration information, you must click the “Edit” button found near the top of the screen. This will allow you to correct/confirm the listed information and select the appropriate organization type for your entity.

If the DUNS number that you enter is not found in the GATA system, the system will invite you to create a new grantee account for the entity related to that DUNS number. Please confirm that you entered the correct DUNS number before creating a new account. Creation of a new grantee account is accomplished by providing your organization’s:

- DUNS number (click [HERE](#) to view instructions on obtaining a DUNS number);
- FEIN;
- Organization type (NOTE: school districts, special education joint agreements, and education for employment consortiums should select “School District”);
- Secretary of State ID (NOTE: the following types of organizations have

been deemed EXEMPT from this requirement: school districts, colleges, universities, Regional Offices of Education, special education joint agreements, and education for employment consortiums);

- Organization name; and
- Address.

3. Grantee Pre-qualification

All entities must be qualified to do business with the State of Illinois. To be qualified for a grant award, an entity must:

- Be registered in the GATA Grantee Portal system as described above;
- Have a valid DUNS number (click [HERE](#) to view instructions on obtaining a DUNS number);
- Have a current SAM.gov account (click [HERE](#) to view instructions on obtaining a SAM Cage Code);
- Not be on the Federal Excluded Parties List (click [HERE](#) to verify utilizing the Quick Search);
- Be in Good Standing with the Illinois Secretary of State, as applicable) (click [HERE](#) to verify). (NOTE: the following types of organizations have been deemed EXEMPT from this requirement: school districts, colleges, universities, Regional Offices of Education, special education joint agreements, and education for employment consortiums.);
- Not be on the Illinois Stop Payment list; and
- Not be on the Department of Healthcare and Family Services Provider Sanctions list.

Pre-qualification status will be verified after Grantee Registration is submitted and nightly thereafter. If an entity has a pre-qualification issue, the specific issue and remediation support is provided through the Grantee Portal. Entities on the Federal Excluded Parties List are not eligible to do business with the State of Illinois.

4. Fiscal and Administrative Risk Assessment (ICQ)

Entities must complete an FY 2018 Internal Controls Questionnaire (ICQ) as the Fiscal and Administrative Risk Assessment. The ICQ is completed annually for each fiscal year. All state agencies will utilize the results of the ICQ. The entity can access the ICQ from the Grantee Portal. The portal provides access to prior year ICQ responses for those entities that received grants in FY 2017. The FY 2018 ICQ template must be completed prior to making application for an FY 2018 grant. The ICQ should be completed by someone with financial or accounting experience.

The status of compliance with each of the requirements described above is displayed in the Grantee Portal for each registered entity. Again, **completion of these four steps is required prior to making application for funding for FY 2018.**

Entities must also complete a programmatic risk assessment for each grant award in FY 2018. **The programmatic risk assessment will be included in each electronic grant application through ISBE. Paper grant applicants will be directed to the IWAS system once applications have been received.**

The ISBE “GATA Grantee Status Report” provides updated status information for all ISBE grantees and can be found under “Resources” on the left side of the [ISBE GATA website](#). Please direct any questions you might have related to the GATA registration and pre-qualification process to GATA@isbe.net or (217) 782-5630.

In Brief

Professional Development

- Illinois Classrooms in Action is offering **Virtual Lesson Study Experience**, a professional development opportunity for grades 3-12 math/science educators. The cost is \$45 and the dates are July 17 – Aug. 9. Limited space is available. Please RSVP to math/science content specialist Jeanine Sheppard at jmsheppard@gmail.com to reserve your spot on the team.

- Lewis University is offering a **Registered Nurses Workshop** on July 24-25 in Oak Brook. “RNs Working in the Schools” is designed for nurses who do not hold ISBE Professional Educator Licenses endorsed in school nursing. Continuing education credit is provided to all participants who attend the entire two days and complete the evaluation. This workshop is provided annually to help ensure that nurses working with school children are as prepared as possible prior to seeking a Professional Educator License in school nursing. To register, visit www.lewisu.edu/rn-working-in-school.
- Loyola University is offering a **School Nurse Emergency Care Course** throughout June and July in eight locations across Illinois. This three-day course is open to all Registered Nurses within Illinois and is designed to enhance the assessment, triaging, and treatment skills of the school nurse when confronted with an acutely ill or injured student. The course registration fee is \$130. To register, visit www.luc.edu/snecourses.

Educator Recognition

- **Congratulations to Mary Catherine Coleman** from Frances W. Parker School in Chicago for receiving the 2017 American Association of School Librarians’ Collaborative School Library Award. Congrats, Ms. Coleman!
- **Congratulations to Steve Jenkins**, a building trades teacher at Robinson High School, for receiving a 2017 Golden Apple Award by WTHI-TV. Congrats, Mr. Jenkins!

District Recognition

- **Congratulations to Belleville Public School District 118** for receiving the National District of Character recognition for 2017 from character.org. Great job!

Funding Opportunities

- Looking for funding to improve the healthy eating and physical activity opportunities at your school? Learn more at Fuel Up to Play 60. Up to \$4,000 per year is available to qualified K-12 schools enrolled in Fuel Up to Play 60 to jumpstart healthy changes. The deadline to apply is June 14.

Upcoming Events

- The Tourette Syndrome Camp Organization will host the **24th Annual Tourette Syndrome Camp USA** from June 25 – July 1 at YMCA Camp Duncan in Ingleside. For more information, visit www.tourettecamp.com.

Student Recognition

- **Congratulations to the FFA members** who were named State Proficiency Winners in each area and will be moving on to the national level competition!

ISBE Employment Opportunities

- Watch for ISBE career opportunities and find instructions for applying at www.isbe.net/Pages/Careers-at-ISBE.aspx.