



# Weekly Message

**Aug. 23, 2016**

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

Hello,

“Back to School” has in many ways drifted from its traditional meaning. For some, it signals the start of the shopping season for supplies and clothes. For others, it means the mornings will begin with a burst of activity to ensure everyone is out the door on time and has what they need.

For me, I derive no greater joy than “Back to School” kicking off the formal learning season for the children in Illinois. Our children are our greatest resource, and I am eternally grateful to all of you who help shape, teach, mentor, and provide support for them. You help our children grow and achieve in the classroom, prepare them for higher learning, and position them for the best success in life.

I want to share what “Back to School” looks like across the state. I invite you to take pictures in your districts – teachers getting their classrooms ready, staff and students on the first day of school – and send them to [BackToSchool2016@isbe.net](mailto:BackToSchool2016@isbe.net). [Tag us](#) in your Facebook posts or [tweet at us](#) #ILBacktoSchool and we will highlight your stories on our social media pages.

The vision for ISBE is: *Illinois is a state of whole, healthy children nested in whole, healthy systems supporting communities wherein all citizens are socially and economically secure*. Commercialism of “Back to School” does not play a role in providing the necessary supports; it is about all the great administrators, support staffs, families and communities, educators and students coming together for thousands of magic moments of learning.

We have created a “Back to School” webpage that is full of resources for both administrators and families. I encourage you to use it and share the information. We tried to be very proactive in pointing out materials that can help you and your teams best support families and students as the new school year begins. For those of you who were unable to join the Back to School Webinar last week, we have also posted the recording on the webpage. Please visit [www.isbe.net/b2s16-17](http://www.isbe.net/b2s16-17).

My best wishes to all this 2016-17 School Year. I know it will leave a permanent impression on the lives of our children. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

Have a great week!  
Tony

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## Upcoming ISBE Dates and Deadlines

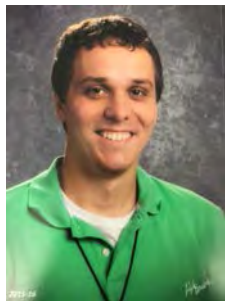
Please note this is not a complete list of events, meetings, and deadlines. For questions, call the Illinois State Board of Education at (866) 262-6663 or (217) 782-4321 or visit the agency's official website at <http://www.isbe.net>.

- **Nutrition and Wellness Programs Division Electronic Direct Certification Webinar** – Aug. 24 (<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1896151058993677570>)
- **State Board of Education Meeting** – Aug. 25 (<http://www.isbe.net/board/pdf/2016-board-meetings.pdf>)
- **Nutrition and Wellness Programs Division Certification of Household Eligibility Applications Webinar** – Aug. 30 (<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4165417714397894658>)
- **Deadline to apply for 2017 School Nutrition Program if school starting in Aug.** – Aug. 31 (<http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/instructions.htm>)
- **Deadline to file affidavit for school treasurer bonds** – Sept. 1 ([www.isbe.net/sfms/html/t\\_bonds.htm](http://www.isbe.net/sfms/html/t_bonds.htm))
- **Deadline to submit the Letter of Intent to Participate in an Alternative Survey** – Sept. 1 ([www.isbe.net/5essentials/pdf/2016-17/survey-letter-of-intent-16-17.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/5essentials/pdf/2016-17/survey-letter-of-intent-16-17.pdf))
- **Deadline to submit Employment Information System (EIS) salary data** – Sept. 1 ([www.isbe.net/eis/](http://www.isbe.net/eis/))
- **ISBE offices closed for Labor Day** – Sept. 5
- **State Board of Education Meeting** – Sept. 14-15 (<http://www.isbe.net/board/pdf/2016-board-meetings.pdf>)
- **Deadline to submit U.S. Senate Youth Program Application** – Oct. 5 ([www.isbe.net/spec-ed/pdfs/42-60-hearst.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/spec-ed/pdfs/42-60-hearst.pdf))
- **ISBE offices closed for Columbus Day** – Oct. 10
- **State Board of Education Meeting** – Oct. 20 (<http://www.isbe.net/board/pdf/2016-board-meetings.pdf>)
- **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))
- **ISBE offices closed for Veterans Day** – Nov. 10
- **State Board of Education Meeting** – Nov. 18 (<http://www.isbe.net/board/pdf/2016-board-meetings.pdf>)
- **ISBE offices closed for Thanksgiving** – Nov. 23-24
- **State Board of Education Meeting** – Dec. 15 (<http://www.isbe.net/board/pdf/2016-board-meetings.pdf>)
- **ISBE offices closed for Christmas Day** – Dec. 25
- **ISBE offices closed for New Year's Day** – Jan. 1
- **Postmark deadline for waiver applications to be considered by the General Assembly in spring 2017** – Jan. 13, 2017 (See [www.isbe.net/isbewaivers/default.htm](http://www.isbe.net/isbewaivers/default.htm) for public notice requirements for all waiver requests.)

## Those Who Excel

### Meet Illinois Teacher of the Year Finalist Jeremy Clarke of Dr. Nick Osborne Primary Center

Jeremy Clarke just completed his third year of teaching third-graders at Dr. Nick Osborne Primary Center in Mount Vernon City Schools District 80. Jeremy, who has taught for eight years overall, readily admits



that being a good student wasn't high on his priority list. He credits his parents and their support with the success he did achieve in his school years. His most vivid memories aren't of the concepts and lessons he learned in school, but rather how differently many of his friends were treated by their teachers. Many of his friends didn't have much parental or adult support outside of school and very few teachers chose to be role models for these students. This difference became one of Jeremy's first life lessons, and perhaps it is the most inspirational one thus far.

While in college, Jeremy still wasn't sure he belonged in the Elementary Education program at Southern

Illinois University-Edwardsville. However, whenever he would think about his childhood friends he grew more determined to be the person who connected with struggling students. He makes it his mission to find ways to capture students' attention and keep them focused. Jeremy is considered an expert in creating successful differentiating instructional techniques and lessons. His positive attitude and genuine concern for students promote independence and instill confidence in his students. Every day he provides opportunities that help his students be successful and feel supported.

Jeremy is also recognized as a teacher-leader by his district. He's currently working on a master's degree and he also provides professional development to his colleagues. He completed a Google Education Bootcamp this summer that will allow him to provide further assistance to teachers throughout the district on the topic of integrating technology into curriculum and daily instruction. Jeremy firmly believes in never giving up on students. He is committed to the idea that there is always a way to help a student find success and it is his job to search for the best tools to get the job done. He puts it this way: "It is my role as an educator to develop the young minds of my students so they can be successful in their next level of education, as well as out in the 'real' world. If they were to find themselves unprepared, then I feel that I as a teacher would have failed my students."

Jeremy is one of our 10 finalists for Illinois Teacher of the Year, which we will name at the Those Who Excel banquet in Normal on Oct. 22.

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## Center for Performance

### 5Essentials Learning Survey

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) will again administer the Illinois 5Essentials Survey this year. Teachers, students, and parents will be able to complete the survey Nov. 16 through Jan. 16, 2017. The survey is required for districts that did not participate in last year's survey or administer an alternative survey. If your district completed the 5Essentials during the 2015-16 school year, it may -- but is not required -- to administer the survey in the 2016-17 school year. The 5Essentials Survey will be available at no cost for all participants.

The 5Essentials Survey provides school districts with detailed data on school culture and climate by inquiring into five leading areas for school

improvement. The data from the survey will also be published on the Illinois State Report Card at [www.illinoisreportcard.com](http://www.illinoisreportcard.com). For the 2016-17 survey administration, both students and teachers will be rostered.

To indicate that your district will participate in the 5Essentials during the 2016-17 school year, whether you are electing or [required](#) to participate, please complete this [form](#). Because the survey window is earlier than last year, the deadline to complete the aforementioned form is Oct. 24. Make sure that your educator and student information is updated and valid, as the data required for rostering students and teachers will be pulled from the Student Information System (SIS) and the Employment Information System (EIS), respectively.

New enhancements for the 2016-17 school year include:

- ISBE has automated the process through which districts roster its teachers,
- Based upon feedback from educators, ISBE has adjusted the timeframe the survey will be administered in 2016-17, and
- Also, based upon the feedback educators provided during the 2016-17 administration of the 5Essentials, districts will have the *option* of constructing a narrative describing their local context. In addition, this section will allow districts that are administering alternative surveys to summarize their results and provide a local context.

For questions regarding the survey, please call (217) 782-3950 or email [5Essentials@isbe.net](mailto:5Essentials@isbe.net).

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## Title Grant Administration

### Annual Title I Directors Conference Sept. 19-21 in Springfield

The Illinois Association of Title I Directors (IATD), in cooperation with ISBE, is hosting the annual Title I Directors Conference on Sept. 19-21 at the Crowne Plaza, 3000 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield.

The conference begins with a new directors' preconference with simultaneous opportunities for existing grant administrators to receive individual technical assistance on their grants the afternoon of

Sept. 19. The conference officially begins Sept. 20 with a kickoff by ISBE Title Grants Division Administrator Melina Wright to provide information on the ESSA State Plan. Numerous breakout sessions hosted by ISBE members and collaborating individuals will be offered Tuesday and Wednesday.

Tuesday's lunch keynote address will be by Dr. Tony Frontier, an award-winning educator, author, and consultant who works with schools to improve curriculum, instruction, and assessment. Wednesday morning's keynote address will be by Principal Baruti Kafele, who is an internationally renowned education speaker and best-selling author whose mission is to close the attitude gap. The conference will close with assessment and accountability updates.

Registration information is available at [www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=1863538](http://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=1863538). A draft agenda is available at <http://iatd.net/Files/94/IATD%202016%20Fall%20Workshop%20Tentative%20Agenda.pdf>.

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## **Special Education Services**

### **Back To School Updates: Secondary Transition**

#### **Secondary Transition Webinar**

ISBE has updated the Secondary Transition webinar. This webinar is located on the Secondary Transition webpage and is divided into sections that correspond with the Indicator 13 rubric. The webinar may be accessed at [www.isbe.net/spec-ed/html/indicator13-st-spp-req.htm](http://www.isbe.net/spec-ed/html/indicator13-st-spp-req.htm).

#### **Indicator 13 Scoring Rubric**

ISBE has not made any revisions to the Indicator 13 scoring rubric for this year and will continue to use it for audits of Secondary Transition. The Indicator 13 Data Verification Rubric and additional Indicator 13 resources may be accessed at [www.isbe.net/spec-ed/html/indicator13.htm](http://www.isbe.net/spec-ed/html/indicator13.htm).

#### **Prioritization of Urgent Needs (PUNS)**

ISBE has recently updated the document that lists the Independent Service Agencies by regions across the State of Illinois, the services that each agency offers to families, and contact information. Families will then have access to the most current information. This document is at [www.isbe.net/spec-ed/html/puns.htm](http://www.isbe.net/spec-ed/html/puns.htm).

### **Determining Education Environment for Students with Disabilities Participating in DRS Secondary Transitional Experience Programs (STEP)**

This document with accompanying resources has been updated for IEP teams to assist in the determination of educational environments when completing the Education Services and Placement page of an IEP for students participating in a STEP program. This document is available under the Resources tab at [www.isbe.net/spec-ed/html/indicator13.htm](http://www.isbe.net/spec-ed/html/indicator13.htm).

### **Applications Sought for U.S. Senate Youth Program and Hearst Scholarship**

ISBE is seeking applicants for the 2016-17 U.S. Senate Youth Program and Hearst Scholarship. Information about the program is now available at [www.isbe.net/spec-ed/html/hearst.htm](http://www.isbe.net/spec-ed/html/hearst.htm).

The program's first phase brings two students from each state to Washington, D.C., from March 4-11, 2017, to participate in the U.S. Senate Youth Program. Delegates will be immersed in Washington activities throughout their weeklong stay. The William Randolph Hearst Foundation will pay all expenses for the week, including transportation, hotel, and meals. The second phase awards both recipients a \$10,000 college scholarship. The Hearst Foundation requires that to obtain scholarship funds, a student must participate in the Washington Week program and use the funds within four years of enrollment at an accredited U.S. college or university. The student is also encouraged to take courses in history, political science, or related subjects as part of his or her undergraduate program.

In addition to the superintendent's mailing, applications are also available on ISBE's website at [www.isbe.net/spec-ed/pdfs/42-60-hearst.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/spec-ed/pdfs/42-60-hearst.pdf). ISBE must receive a hard copy containing original signatures no later than 4 p.m. on Oct. 5.

More information about this program is available at <http://ussenateyouth.org/> or by contacting Sally Veach, ISBE principal education consultant, at [sveach@isbe.net](mailto:sveach@isbe.net) or (217) 782-5589.

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## **Grant Accountability & Transparency Act**

### **Notice of State Award and Grant Agreement Pages in eGMS - NEW**



All state and federal grants that are online via the electronic Grants Management System will incorporate the new Notice of State Award (NOSA) and Grant Agreement pages. Grants will be returned over the next week with these new pages along with a separate IWAS communication. Specific conditions will be reflected in the NOSA as a result of the Fiscal Internal Control Questionnaire (ICQ) and Program Risk Assessment grantee responses. Per the requirements of the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA), please be advised that a required component prior to fiscal year 2017 grant execution is grantee acceptance of the specific award conditions as well as the terms, conditions, assurances, and grant exhibits in the Grant Agreement.

**IMPORTANT:** ISBE is currently reviewing the specific conditions assigned to grantees as a result of the responses from the ICQ and Program Risk Assessments. ISBE is meeting with other state agencies to discuss the appropriate course of action to implement specific conditions in the NOSA, including evaluation of grantee risk and the necessity of imposing additional specific award conditions. Your organization will be kept advised of the decisions, adoption of administrative rules, and ISBE's implementation plan in this regard. Depending on the specific condition, you will be notified how you can provide evidence of your organization's corrective actions to ISBE or your state cognizant agency according to the timeframe indicated in the NOSA. If you have questions regarding the specific conditions and ISBE's implementation plan, please contact your grant consultant. All other inquiries can be directed to [GATA@isbe.net](mailto:GATA@isbe.net)

Grantees completing their GATA registration should have received an automated notification to complete the ICQ. Separately, each grantee was also required to login via the ISBE IWAS portal and complete the Programmatic Risk Assessment. The completion status of these important steps can be accessed at [www.isbe.net/GATA/pdf/gata-grantee-status-report.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/GATA/pdf/gata-grantee-status-report.pdf). If specific conditions are not present in the NOSA section, this indicates that either the ICQ and/or Program Risk Assessment has not been submitted and/or approved. Guidance for resolving grantee registration issues can be found at under the Prequalification and Registration Status header on the ISBE GATA website at [www.isbe.net/GATA/default.htm](http://www.isbe.net/GATA/default.htm).

## Grantee Status Report

A new grantee status report has been created and can be accessed at [www.isbe.net/GATA/default.htm](http://www.isbe.net/GATA/default.htm) by clicking on the "GATA Grantee Status Report" under the "Prequalification and Registration Status" tab. Please reference this link to assess your organization's completion of the GATA requirements needed for fiscal year 2017 grant execution. ISBE will update this frequently, so please refer back to this report for the latest information.

As reminder, each grantee must complete the following:

1. Registration – Complete on the GATA website at [www.illinois.gov/sites/GATA/Grantee/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.illinois.gov/sites/GATA/Grantee/Pages/default.aspx).
2. Fiscal Internal Control Questionnaire (ICQ) - After completion of the registration process, an automated email will provide a link to access the grantee's State of Illinois ICQ form, which must be completed and submitted.
3. Program Risk Assessment – Access via the IWAS login portal and choose the GATA Risk Assessment System. A DISTRICT ADMIN-level user must submit the GATA Risk Assessment. The GATA Risk Assessment application link will not be available to all users. Users with district-level accounts should request access to the system internally from their administrator. Technical assistance regarding system access steps can be directed to the ISBE Help Desk at (217) 558-3600.

Grantee registration and submission of the ICQ and Program Risk Assessment are required to be completed one time by each grantee and are good for one year.

Please refer to the following data elements in the GATA Grantee Status report:

1. RCDT – Region-County-District-Type Code for each ISBE grantee.
2. Local Education Agency Name – Generic label to describe each ISBE grantee.

3. DUNS Number Used for Grantee Registration – This is the nine-digit Data Universal Numbering System number entered by the grantee at GATA registration.
4. Grantee Registration – Overall status of registration. If status is not indicated as “Complete,” refer to the adjoining columns to remedy registration issues.
5. Illinois Secretary of State Standing – If status indicates “Not Applicable,” no further action is necessary. For status indicating “Unknown,” ISBE will notify you of appropriate action (if applicable).
6. SAM.gov Account Status – If status is “Expired” or blank, please refer to the guidance for activating or creating a SAM.gov account provided at <http://www.isbe.net/GATA/default.htm> under the Prequalification and Registration Status heading.
7. Fiscal Internal Control Questionnaire – If blank, please complete Grantee Registration. If status indicates “Unsubmitted,” please complete and submit the ICQ.
8. Program Risk Assessment – If status indicates “Not Started” or “Started,” please complete and submit via IWAS to ISBE.

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## **Every Student Succeeds Act**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

A [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) document](#) is now available in order to address questions about transition issues and other inquiries regarding ESSA. If you are interested in commenting on this FAQ or if you have questions that are not answered within the document, please email [essa@isbe.net](mailto:essa@isbe.net) using “FAQ” in the subject line. This FAQ will be updated periodically and we will notify districts when this occurs.

### **Round Two of Statewide Listening Tour**

The Illinois State Board of Education, with assistance from Regional Offices of Education, is hosting a second round of listening tour meetings to collect feedback on ESSA. A series of meetings will be held

across the state to provide overview information on ESSA and allow participants to share their ideas on the draft state plan.

For additional information and to download a detailed schedule, please visit [www.isbe.net/essa/default.htm](http://www.isbe.net/essa/default.htm).

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## **Nutrition and Wellness Programs**

### **New Dates and Locations Added to Food Handler Training Schedule**

The Illinois Department of Public Health’s (IDPH) Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act requires all food service area employees or food handlers who work with open or unpackaged foods, food service equipment or utensils, or any food contact surfaces to receive an approved food handler training.

Attendees who successfully complete this training and the required assessment will satisfy the IDPH’s Food Handler Regulation.

This 2 ½-hour workshop is open to all Child Nutrition Program staff (National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Summer Food Service Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, and the Illinois Free Lunch and Breakfast Program).

#### **Dates and Locations:**

- Aug. 30 – Joliet (Evening) – Limited seating available!
- Aug. 31 – Rockford (Afternoon)
- Sept. 1 – Galesburg (Afternoon)
- Sept. 15 – Springfield (morning) NEW!
- Oct. 5 – Mattoon (afternoon) NEW!
- Oct. 6 – Carterville (afternoon) NEW!

There are no registration fees for these workshops. For additional Food Handler Training information and to register, please visit [www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/safety.htm](http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/safety.htm). Locations tend to fill up quickly, so complete registration as soon as possible to secure your space.

If you have any questions, please contact Chad Martel at [cmartel@isbe.net](mailto:cmartel@isbe.net).

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## Data Analysis

### Register for Employment Information Systems (EIS) 2017 Introductory Webinar

ISBE will launch Employment Information Systems (EIS) on Sept. 16 with innovative changes and updates designed to streamline the data submission process. The Data Analysis Division will be hosting an EIS webinar from 1:30-3 p.m. on Sept. 6 in order to introduce the system for school year 2017, explain any updates, and provide a data collection timeline. A question-and-answer session will also be held.

To register for the webinar, please visit <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8334121493815399940>.

For immediate EIS assistance, please contact the Data Analysis Division 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.

### EIS Salary Data Deadline Approaching

As a reminder, the 2015-16 employee salary data is due soon. **Please submit salary and other relevant employment data as soon as possible. EIS closes on Sept. 1.**

Data due by **Sept. 1** includes  
 SY 2016 Base Salaries  
 SY 2016 Employment and Position Records  
 SY 2016 Position End Dates  
 SY 2016 Benefits (if applicable)  
 SY 2016 Employment End Dates (if applicable)  
 SY 2016 Employment End Reason (if applicable)

All updates and changes to the system were explained in a webinar on May 25. This presentation is available for viewing at <http://www.isbe.net/eis/html/archived-meetings.htm#eis150506>.

The questions and answers from the May 25 webinar are also now available at <http://www.isbe.net/eis/pdf/QAs/eis-salary-160525-ga.pdf>.

For step-by-step instructions on entering salary data using both EIS IWAS screens and batch templates, please reference the EIS Basics Course at <http://www.isbe.net/eis/html/training.htm>.

We hope these updates will better serve you as you continue entering salary data. As always, if you have any questions, please call the EIS Help Desk at (217) 782-3950 or email [datahelp@isbe.net](mailto:datahelp@isbe.net).

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

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## English Language Learning

### Annual State Bilingual Directors Meeting

The Illinois State Board of Education's Division of English Language Learning (DELL) will host its annual State Bilingual Directors Meeting on Sept. 15-16 at the Double-Tree by Hilton Chicago in Oak Brook. This two-day meeting is required for all directors of TBE/TPI and Title III (LIPLEPS/Immigrant Education) programs. The annual meeting allows directors around the state to connect and address topics related to the implementation of programs serving English Learners. This is also a forum of excellence where you can discuss issues that are relevant to emerging bilinguals with other directors and experts in the field.

A block of rooms is available for Sept. 14 and 15 at the rate of \$80, plus tax (single). Reservations must be made by **Aug. 23**. Please contact Patrick Singer at [psinger@doubletreeoakbrook.com](mailto:psinger@doubletreeoakbrook.com) or at (630) 472-6057 and ask for the Directors Meeting group block.

There is NO registration fee for this event. Lodging, mileage, or per diem expenses may be included in either the district's LIPLEPS or TBE/TPI program budget under the improvement of instruction services line item, function 2210/300, in order for your district to charge these expenses to the grant as an approved activity. You must follow your school district travel policies to claim a reimbursement for the above meeting expenses. Please note that you cannot spend any LIPLEPS funds prior to Sept. 1.

Please contact DELL at (312) 814-3850 for technical assistance related to any programmatic issues or if you need assistance with revising/amending your fiscal year 2016 LIPLEPS or TBE/TPI program budget. For

additional information, please see the DELL Newsletter at [www.isbe.net/bilingual/ebroadcasts/2016-17/dell-newsletter-20160803.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/bilingual/ebroadcasts/2016-17/dell-newsletter-20160803.pdf).

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### **Thomas Lay Burroughs Award**

#### **Nominations Sought for Award Honoring Outstanding School Board President**

The Illinois State Board of Education invites you to nominate your local board president for the Thomas Lay Burroughs Award for the State's Outstanding School Board President.

This award was created in 1991 in memory of the late ISBE chairman and is presented each November at the Illinois Association of School Boards/ Illinois Association of School Administrators/ Illinois Association of School Business Officials conference in Chicago. The conference will be held Nov. 18-20 this year.

Nominations should be submitted by close of business on Friday, Oct. 7. You may email your nomination to Katherine Galloway at [kgallowa@isbe.net](mailto:kgallowa@isbe.net). Please indicate "Burroughs Nomination" in the subject line of the email. If you have any questions, call Galloway at (217) 557-6626. For nomination information and format, please visit [www.isbe.net/board/pdf/burroughs\\_award.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/board/pdf/burroughs_award.pdf).

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### **School Health Issues**

#### **Back to School Webinar for School Nurses**

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is holding a webinar at 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 12 for school nurses and other school health professionals who are responsible for assuring that students have obtained the necessary health records (immunizations and physical exams, eye exams, dental exams) for school attendance and for documenting compliance rates to ISBE.

It is also designed for school nurses responsible for implementing other school health measures. Webinar topics will include information on opioid and anaphylaxis reversal drugs, concussion prevention and treatment, health requirements for school staff, medical cannabis, medication administration, nursing regulations, and guidance on best practices.

Participants will be able to submit questions both before and during the moderated webinar.

To register, please visit <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6146449596329415171>.

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### **Funding and Disbursements**

#### **PA 99-0523 – District-Required FY 2016 GSA Expenditures for Special Ed Services**

A review of the final FY 2016 state appropriations enacted for special education services reveals a shortfall of \$4 million to properly demonstrate state maintenance of fiscal effort in support of federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Part B – 611 funds, otherwise known as IDEA Part B Flow Through. PA 99-0523 permits ISBE to calculate each district's pro rata share of the shortfall to expend for special education services from General State Aid (GSA) paid in FY 2016.

In FY 2016, each district must expend from GSA the amount computed for the provision of special education services as defined in Section 14-1.08. The amount for each district was computed using its final Dec. 1, 2014, special education child count in proportion to the total child count of the state, which can be accessed at [www.isbe.net/funding/excel/pa99-0523-req-gsa-sped-expenditures-fy16.xlsx](http://www.isbe.net/funding/excel/pa99-0523-req-gsa-sped-expenditures-fy16.xlsx).

The type and provision of special education services as defined in Section 14-1.08 include expenditures for special schools, classes, housing (including residential facilities), special instruction, special reader service, braillists and typists for children with visual disabilities, sign language interpreters, transportation, maintenance, instructional material, therapy, professional consultant services, medical services only for diagnostic and evaluation purposes provided by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches to determine a child's need for special education and related services, psychological services, school social worker services, special administrative services, salaries of all required special personnel, and other special educational services (including special equipment for use in the classroom) required by the child because of his disability if such services or special equipment are approved by the State Superintendent of Education.



To document the expenditure of FY 2016 GSA funds for special education services, a district may reflect an expenditure entry locally that identifies the Fund, Special Education Function, and Object linked to GSA - Revenue Code 3001.

Example: An entry of 10-1200-100-3001 denotes an expenditure from the Education Fund for instructional special education salaries paid from GSA.

Questions regarding this information may be directed to the Division of Funding and Disbursement Services at (217) 782-5256.

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## In Brief

### Grant Opportunities

- Action for Healthy Kids is accepting **School Grants for Healthy Kids** applications from Illinois schools with active parents and PTAs for the 2016-17 school year. The deadline is Sept. 16. Funding can be used to support initiatives such as recess, play space, physical education equipment, nutrition education, school gardens, healthy celebrations, and more! Visit [actionforhealthykids.org/grants](http://actionforhealthykids.org/grants) for more information.
- The application period for the **Read for Information Grant** funded by the Illinois School Library Media Association / Library Book Selection Service Endowment Fund is now open. At least 20 \$1,500 nonfiction grants will be awarded to school librarians doing a collaborative project with one or more staff members. Details about the grant and eligibility requirements are available at the Endowment Fund website at [www.lbssfund.org](http://www.lbssfund.org). The application deadline is Sept. 1.

### Administrator Recognition

- Congratulations to **Dr. Robert McBride, principal of Neuqua Valley High School in Naperville**, for receiving the Illinois Principals Association's 2016 Reaching Out & Building Bridges Award for his work in creating ParentsMatterToo to provide parent education on teen risk behaviors and fight opioid addiction.

## Upcoming Events

- The Center for Tax and Budget Accountability is holding its **Annual Fiscal Symposium** on Sept. 20. Illinois State Superintendent of Education Tony Smith, Ph.D., will present the keynote address. Dr. Smith will explain the role Illinois' K-12 education system plays in building a strong economy and how the budget uncertainty impacts state and local communities. For more information and to register, please visit <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ecv411xzbcb099e&llr=onw87zaab>.
- The annual **2016 Statewide Transition Conference** will be held on Oct. 27-28 at the Thelma Keller Convention Center in Effingham. Registration is open until Sept. 23. This year's conference, titled "Stepping Stones of Transition," is for transition-aged youth and young adults with disabilities, their family members and teachers, vocational professionals, caregivers, health care professionals, college students pursuing careers in special education, and community advocates. Attendees are encouraged to register early and pay online to ensure full participation. For more information, please visit [www.illinoistransitionconference.org/](http://www.illinoistransitionconference.org/).

## District Opportunities

- District Administration magazine will be accepting applications for the next cycle of **Districts of Distinction** from Nov. 1 to Dec. 7. Districts will be recognized in April 2017. For more information, please visit [www.districtadministration.com/dod](http://www.districtadministration.com/dod).

## Educator Opportunities

- The Illinois Public Health Institute (IPHI) is offering a **P.E. Train the Trainer** opportunity. IPHI is seeking nine individuals to deliver trainings to physical educators in the southern and central regions of Illinois between October 2016 and June 2017. All trainers are required to first attend an orientation webinar from 2-5 p.m. on Sept. 20, as well as two day-long train-the-trainer sessions in Springfield from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sept. 23-24. Trainers will be compensated for their preparation, travel expenses, and training

services. For more information, contact Sarah Chusid at (312) 850-4744, ext. 10 or [sarah.chusid@iphionline.org](mailto:sarah.chusid@iphionline.org).

### **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>.