

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



UPCOMING ISBE DATES AND DEADLINES

Please note this is not a complete list of events, meetings, and deadlines. For more events and details, visit the [ISBE Meetings page](https://www.isbe.net/Pages/ISBE-Meetings.aspx) (<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/ISBE-Meetings.aspx>) or call the Illinois State Board of Education at (866) 262-6663.

- Feb. 7:** [Local Wellness Policy Workshop](http://webprod1.isbe.net/cns/calendar.asp/EventDetails.asp?EventId=1222) (<http://webprod1.isbe.net/cns/calendar.asp/EventDetails.asp?EventId=1222>)
- Feb. 8:** [Deadline to complete Steps 1 and 2 of GATA Audit-Related Requirements](https://www.isbe.net/Documents/MEMO-GATA-Annual-Req.pdf) (<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/MEMO-GATA-Annual-Req.pdf>)
- Feb. 11-13:** [2019 ESSA Conference](http://www.thecenterweb.org/essa/) (<http://www.thecenterweb.org/essa/>)
- Feb. 12:** ISBE offices closed for Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb. 12 - May 12:** [National Board Candidate Fee Subsidy Application Window](https://nbrc.illinoisstate.edu/firsttime/index.php) (<https://nbrc.illinoisstate.edu/firsttime/index.php>)
- Feb. 14-15:** [Annual IACTE Conference](http://www.iacte.org/) (<http://www.iacte.org/>)
- Feb. 18:** ISBE offices closed for Presidents' Day
- Feb. 20:** [Illinois State Board of Education Meeting](https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-State-Board-of-Education-Calendar.aspx) (<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-State-Board-of-Education-Calendar.aspx>)

- March 1:** Deadline to announce intent to change from half-day to full-day Kindergarten (EBF)
- March 8:** [Deadline to submit proposals for ISAC 2019 College Changes Everything conference](http://www.collegechangeseverything.org/events/2019-cce-conference-information.html) (<http://www.collegechangeseverything.org/events/2019-cce-conference-information.html>)
- March 11-17:** [Illinois Arts Education Week](https://www.isbe.net/artcontest) (<https://www.isbe.net/artcontest>)
- March 20:** [Illinois State Board of Education Meeting](https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-State-Board-of-Education-Calendar.aspx) (<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-State-Board-of-Education-Calendar.aspx>)
- March 29:** [Deadline for submitting School Nutrition Champions nominations](https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Nutrition-and-Wellness-Champions.aspx) (<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Nutrition-and-Wellness-Champions.aspx>)
- April 10:** Third Annual Nonpublic-Public Conference: Supporting English Learners

February 5, 2019

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CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Cash Disbursements Plan Due to Potential Federal Shutdown

School districts and community-based providers serve a diverse student population with a wide range of social, emotional, and economic needs. U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) food programs help supplement the basic nutritional needs of each child so they are prepared to learn and grow. USDA Child Nutrition programs are entitlement programs; eligible claims are processed and reimbursement is guaranteed. However, ISBE cannot provide reimbursement without available funds from USDA.

The recent federal government shutdown and the possibility of a future prolonged impasse has prompted ISBE to develop a cash disbursements plan. Currently, ISBE has access to \$266 million to reimburse eligible claims as normal through the end of April. Estimated meal claims through September 30, 2019, are \$453 million, which will result in a cash shortfall of \$187 million or 58 percent of the total funding needed in the event that ISBE is not provided any further funding from USDA. Therefore, the reimbursement model provided below was put in place on Feb. 1, 2019, and will continue through the end of the federal fiscal year, September 30, 2019, unless additional USDA funding is restored.

Reimbursement Model

As of Feb. 1, 2019, the reimbursement percentages based on the type of entity is listed below.

Program	Entity Type	Percentage
Summer Food Service Program	All entities	100%
Child and Adult Care	All entities	100%
School-Based Food Programs	District - Tier 1	50%
School-Based Food Programs	District - Tier 2	25%
School-Based Food Programs	Non Public	25%
School-Based Food Programs	ROE/ISC	25%
School-Based Food Programs	COOP	25%
School-Based Food Programs	IDJJ	0%
School-Based Food Programs	District - Tiers 3, 4	0%

Please contact the Nutrition Division at CNP@isbe.net (mailto:CNP@isbe.net) or (800) 545-7892 with any questions or concerns. Questions regarding child nutrition payments should be directed to Funding and Disbursement Services at (217) 782-5256.

SAFE & HEALTHY CLIMATE




Instructional Day Flexibility/ Winter Weather Resources

We understand the cancellation of school may have been necessary due to the extreme weather the state experienced recently and that many school districts may have already used their planned five Emergency Days. Districts may choose to use their scheduled Emergency Days if school is canceled districtwide. Emergency Days that are utilized must be made up prior to the end of the school year. Once all emergency days are exhausted, districts may elect to use an Act of God Day. Act of God Days must be approved by the regional superintendent and the State Superintendent of Education. Act of God Days count toward the required number of student attendance days in the Public School Calendar and are not required to be made up.

Winter Weather Resources

Health and safety must be the sole considerations in any deliberations on this topic. The decision to cancel school due to weather is solely a local decision. There are no state regulations or statutes determining if or when school should close due to extreme weather.


The [Illinois School and Campus Resource Center](http://ilschoolsafety.org/index.php) (<http://ilschoolsafety.org/index.php>) compiled [severe weather resources for schools](http://ilschoolsafety.org/index.php/higher-ed-resources/preparedness-higher-ed/severe-weather-higher-ed) (<http://ilschoolsafety.org/index.php/higher-ed-resources/preparedness-higher-ed/severe-weather-higher-ed>). Additionally, please see the following resources associated with winter weather:

- [Winter Storm Preparedness Guide](https://www2.illinois.gov/iema/preparedness/documents/winter_storm_preparedness_guidebook.pdf)  (https://www2.illinois.gov/iema/preparedness/documents/winter_storm_preparedness_guidebook.pdf) - Illinois Emergency Management Agency
- [General Winter Storm Safety for Schools](https://www.weather.gov/media/lx/wcm/Winter2008/school.pdf)  (<https://www.weather.gov/media/lx/wcm/Winter2008/school.pdf>) - National Weather Service
- Snowstorms & Extreme Cold (<https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>) - U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- [Winter Weather Safety Social Media Kit](https://www.ready.gov/winter-toolkit) (<https://www.ready.gov/winter-toolkit>) - U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- [Prepare Your Organization for a Winter Storm Playbook](https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1423496371216-93e95c701b1f9bc95a2faacfafa03590/AP_PLYBK_WS_final_090414_508b.pdf)  (https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1423496371216-93e95c701b1f9bc95a2faacfafa03590/AP_PLYBK_WS_final_090414_508b.pdf) - Federal Emergency Management Agency

Please contact Jeff Aranowski at jaranows@isbe.net (<mailto:jaranows@isbe.net>) or (217) 782-5270 with questions or concerns.

FUNDING & DISBURSEMENT SERVICES

FY 2018 Carryover Increase for FY 2019 Title I Part A Grants

ISBE was notified by the U.S. Department of Education of an increase to the fiscal year 2018 Title I, Part A program award in the amount of \$3,875,908. The funds were computed as part of the final FY 2018 Title I district allocations communicated on May 23, 2018, which can be accessed at <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/FY18-Revised-Final-Title-I-Allocations.pdf>  (/Documents/FY18-Revised-Final-Title-I-Allocations.pdf).

Due to the late notification, the additional funds have been computed for eligible districts and loaded as 2018 carryover for current FY 2019 projects within the electronic Grants Management System. If you have already received ISBE approval for your FY 2019 Title I grant this year, you must amend your application in order to use these funds. If your application is still within the approval process at the district level, you may include the additional funds at this time. Those districts that have submitted their grant to ISBE, but have yet to receive final approval, may request to have their application returned so that the budget can be increased to the total funds available.

Allocation questions should be directed to staff in Funding and Disbursement Services at (217) 782-5256.

Title I program questions should be directed to staff in the Division of Title Grant Administration and Federal Liaison at (217) 785-1969.

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Annual IACTE Conference – Feb. 14-15

Join us for the 89th annual Illinois Association for Career and Technical Education (IACTE) Conference and Annual Meeting on Feb. 14-15 at the Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. IACTE is the only association in Illinois representing all of career and technical education. IACTE is dedicated to providing unified, visionary leadership to advance and promote all aspects of career and technical education. For more information about attending this year's exciting conference, go to www.IACTE.org (<http://www.IACTE.org>)

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Upcoming Transitional Math Webinars

Transitional math informational webinars provide updates and resource and implementation information. There will also be a question-and-answer session. The next webinar is scheduled from **3 - 4 p.m. on Feb. 20**. [Registration is now available](#).

(<http://www.iltransitionalmath.org/tm-news/tm-updates/>)

A **new email address**, TRMathSupport@isbe.net (mailto:TRMathSupport@isbe.net), is now available for transitional math questions, feedback, and comments.

Ed Leaders Network Teacher Evaluation Calibration Video Series

Ed Leaders Network has partnered with the Massachusetts Department of Education to deliver the Teacher Evaluation Calibration Video Series. This series provides you with actual classroom teaching footage to evaluate with your team. Facilitation guides and observation templates have also been developed to assist you in the calibration process. The series has been divided into grade levels and subject areas when appropriate.

- [Teacher Evaluation Calibration Video Grade K](http://ipa-nfe.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT04Mjc5Mjc4JnA9MSZ1PTEhMDI4NDAwMDkmbGk9NjI1MjEzMjg/index.html) (<http://ipa-nfe.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT04Mjc5Mjc4JnA9MSZ1PTEhMDI4NDAwMDkmbGk9NjI1MjEzMjg/index.html>)
- [Teacher Evaluation Calibration Video Grade 1](http://ipa-nfe.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT04Mjc5Mjc4JnA9MSZ1PTEhMDI4NDAwMDkmbGk9NjI1MjEzMjk/index.html) (<http://ipa-nfe.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT04Mjc5Mjc4JnA9MSZ1PTEhMDI4NDAwMDkmbGk9NjI1MjEzMjk/index.html>)
- [Teacher Evaluation Calibration Video Grade 2](http://ipa-nfe.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT04Mjc5Mjc4JnA9MSZ1PTEhMDI4NDAwMDkmbGk9NjI1MjEzMzA/index.html) (<http://ipa-nfe.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT04Mjc5Mjc4JnA9MSZ1PTEhMDI4NDAwMDkmbGk9NjI1MjEzMzA/index.html>)
- [Teacher Evaluation Calibration Video Grade 3](http://ipa-nfe.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT04Mjc5Mjc4JnA9MSZ1PTEhMDI4NDAwMDkmbGk9NjI1MjEzMzE/index.html) (<http://ipa-nfe.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT04Mjc5Mjc4JnA9MSZ1PTEhMDI4NDAwMDkmbGk9NjI1MjEzMzE/index.html>)
- [Teacher Evaluation Calibration Video Grade 4 Science](http://ipa-nfe.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT04Mjc5Mjc4JnA9MSZ1PTEhMDI4NDAwMDkmbGk9NjI1MjEzMzI/index.html) (<http://ipa-nfe.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT04Mjc5Mjc4JnA9MSZ1PTEhMDI4NDAwMDkmbGk9NjI1MjEzMzI/index.html>)
- [Teacher Evaluation Calibration Video Grade 4 ELA/Reading](http://ipa-nfe.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT04Mjc5Mjc4JnA9MSZ1PTEhMDI4NDAwMDkmbGk9NjI1MjEzMzM/index.html) (<http://ipa-nfe.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT04Mjc5Mjc4JnA9MSZ1PTEhMDI4NDAwMDkmbGk9NjI1MjEzMzM/index.html>)
- [Teacher Evaluation Calibration Video Grade 4 Mathematics](http://ipa-nfe.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT04Mjc5Mjc4JnA9MSZ1PTEhMDI4NDAwMDkmbGk9NjI1MjEzMzU/index.html) (<http://ipa-nfe.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT04Mjc5Mjc4JnA9MSZ1PTEhMDI4NDAwMDkmbGk9NjI1MjEzMzU/index.html>)
- [Teacher Evaluation Calibration Video Grade 6](http://ipa-nfe.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT04Mjc5Mjc4JnA9MSZ1PTEhMDI4NDAwMDkmbGk9NjI1MjEzMzY/index.html) (<http://ipa-nfe.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT04Mjc5Mjc4JnA9MSZ1PTEhMDI4NDAwMDkmbGk9NjI1MjEzMzY/index.html>)
- [Teacher Evaluation Calibration Video Grade 7](http://ipa-nfe.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT04Mjc5Mjc4JnA9MSZ1PTEhMDI4NDAwMDkmbGk9NjI1MjEzMzc/index.html) (<http://ipa-nfe.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT04Mjc5Mjc4JnA9MSZ1PTEhMDI4NDAwMDkmbGk9NjI1MjEzMzc/index.html>)

Ed Leaders Network Offering Online Learning Modules for SAT Suite of Assessments

Ed Leaders Network has partnered with the College Board to develop and deliver eight online learning modules on the SAT Suite of Assessments. The series covers everything from an overview of the assessments, to specific subjects like math, science, ERW, history/social studies and even how to use Khan Academy for practice and coaching. Participants can expect to learn about the SAT suite of assessments, see how they assess the essential knowledge and skills for college and career readiness, and gauge student academic progress and growth using detailed reports. These courses are also approved by ISBE to count toward an educator's continuing professional development clock hours.

- [SAT Suite of Assessments - Overview](https://eln.bridgeapp.com/learner/courses/cae77d7a/enroll) (<https://eln.bridgeapp.com/learner/courses/cae77d7a/enroll>)
- [SAT Suite of Assessments - Evidence-Based Reading and Writing](https://eln.bridgeapp.com/learner/courses/690d598f/enroll) (<https://eln.bridgeapp.com/learner/courses/690d598f/enroll>)
- [SAT Suite of Assessments - Math](https://eln.bridgeapp.com/learner/courses/19787fb8/enroll) (<https://eln.bridgeapp.com/learner/courses/19787fb8/enroll>)
- [SAT Suite of Assessments - Science](https://eln.bridgeapp.com/learner/courses/870caf09/enroll) (<https://eln.bridgeapp.com/learner/courses/870caf09/enroll>)
- [SAT Suite of Assessments - History/Social Studies](https://eln.bridgeapp.com/learner/courses/4725f025/enroll) (<https://eln.bridgeapp.com/learner/courses/4725f025/enroll>)
- [SAT Suite of Assessments - Using Scores and Reports to Inform Instruction](https://eln.bridgeapp.com/learner/courses/f891ba80/enroll) (<https://eln.bridgeapp.com/learner/courses/f891ba80/enroll>)
- [Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy - Introduction](https://eln.bridgeapp.com/learner/courses/5932b07e/enroll) (<https://eln.bridgeapp.com/learner/courses/5932b07e/enroll>)

- [Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy - Coaching Tools](https://eln.bridgeapp.com/learner/courses/ac5db19b/enroll) (https://eln.bridgeapp.com/learner/courses/ac5db19b/enroll)

Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities

#ILMathCom: Student Choice - Feb. 7, 3:30-4:30 p.m. (<http://bit.ly/Feb7ILMathCom>)

Student Choice is a great way to differentiate instruction, allowing students to explore mathematical concepts in activities that engage their talents and interests. Choice also encourages student agency, a key factor in educational equity. Cheryl Beasley, a math consultant in northern Illinois, will share strategies that allow for choice in mathematics. Choice Boards samples will be shared during this call. Join us to explore new resources, share your experiences, and ask questions about how student choice can strengthen math instruction.

Online Impact

Registration is open for the Online Impact workshops listed below. Visit the [Online Impact webpage](#) (<https://education.illinoisstate.edu/casei/onlineimpact/>) for descriptions and registration.

- [Math Concepts to Support Algebraic Thinking](https://mathconceptsalgthink.eventbrite.com/) (https://mathconceptsalgthink.eventbrite.com/) (January 30, 2019 - March 19, 2019)
- [Using Digital Assessment Tools in the Classroom](https://dig_asmt_tools.eventbrite.com/) (https://dig_asmt_tools.eventbrite.com/) (February 6, 2019 - March 19, 2019)
- [Hack the Classroom with Google Extensions and Add-ons](https://hack_class.eventbrite.com/) (https://hack_class.eventbrite.com/) (February 27, 2019 - April 2, 2019)

ISBE UPDATES

Reminder: New Data Strategies & Analytics Division Phone Number

ISBE's Division of Data Strategies & Analytics (DSA) has changed its phone number to **(312) 814-9192**. The [DSA division webpage](#) (/Pages/Data-Analysis.aspx) remains the same, as well as the email addresses for the Illinois Report Card (reportcard@isbe.net) and other data-related questions (datahelp@isbe.net).

ILLINOIS ASSESSMENT OF READINESS

New Resources and Information Available

The Illinois Assessment of Readiness is a federally required measure of student mastery of the Illinois Learning Standards in English language arts and mathematics in grades 3 through 8 -- and their readiness for what's next. Schools will experience essentially no difference in the assessment this year, except that it will be slightly shorter than last year's. ISBE recently released a [one-pager on the Illinois Assessment of Readiness](#) (/Documents/ISBE_IARThe5Ws.pdf) to provide information regarding the assessment, the spring testing window, as well as the improvements to come in the next few years. Information and resources will continue to be provided each week and posted on www.isbe.net/IAR (<http://www.isbe.net/IAR>). Subscribe at www.isbe.net/subscribe (<http://www.isbe.net/subscribe>) to receive these updates directly to your inbox.

Please contact ISBE's Division of Assessment and Accountability at (866) 317-6034 or assessment@isbe.net (<mailto:assessment@isbe.net>) with any questions.

ILLINOIS SCIENCE ASSESSMENT

2019 ISA Schedule of Events and Upcoming Webinar

- 2018-19 Testing Window: **March 1 – April 30**
- **Ongoing:** Update ISA Coordinator field as needed - [Follow steps on slide 104 to update field](#) (/Documents/01%202020%202017%20Update%20Webinar--FINAL.pdf)

- **Jan. 30 – Feb. 13:**
 - Safe/Secure Exam Browser links available to districts (Find [on ISA webpage \(/isa\)](#) once available)
 - ISBE loads organizations and students into ISBE Teach
 - ISBE creates documentation for administration and Systems User Guide (Find on [ISA webpage \(/isa\)](#) once available)
- **Feb. 14:**
 - ISBE user accounts uploaded based on EPS contacts
 - Systems go live
 - ISBE Teach open to districts
 - ISBE Learn opens March 1
 - **ISA Webinar: 10 a.m.-noon or 3-5 p.m.** 🗣️ (<https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/8053494260103434499>)
 - Review ISA
 - Highlight system enhancements
 - Demonstrate ISA systems:
 - ISBE rostering tool (Import Wizard)
 - ISBE Teach
 - ISBE Learn
- **Feb. 15:**
 - Districts responsible for user account maintenance
 - ISBE only creates accounts for primary administrators (superintendents, directors of special education programs, and emergency cases as determined by ISBE)
 - Districts work in ISBE Teach to prepare for testing

NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS / ENGLISH LEARNERS

Save the Date - Third Annual Nonpublic-Public Conference: Supporting English Learners – April 10

Mark your calendars! ISBE is hosting the third annual Nonpublic-Public Conference: Supporting English Learners from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. on April 10 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, 8 Traders Circle, Normal. [Registration is now available](#) (<http://webapps.isbe.net/ISBEConference/IsbeConfNonpubPub.aspx>). Please note registration is limited.

This year's theme is Supporting English Learners. The conference will feature sessions on screening and assessment, strategies for effective teaching, and funding options for supporting English Learners. A detailed agenda will be shared closer to the date. This conference is intended as a forum for nonpublic and public administrators to discuss issues of common concern. There is no registration fee and lunch is provided. Please contact ISBE's Division of English Learners at DEL@isbe.net (mailto:DEL@isbe.net) with any questions.

IN BRIEF

Educator Recognition Opportunities

The **American Lawyers Alliance (ALA)** recognizes the vital role teachers play in law-related education. The ALA continues to sponsor its Law-Related Education Teacher of the Year Awards. The purpose of these awards is to honor public and private **Elementary/Middle School and High School teachers** who have made significant contributions in law-related education. Nominations for the 2019 Law-Related Education Teacher of the Year Awards may be submitted by the applicant, school administrators, other teachers, students, lawyers, judges, professional members of the community, or any other interested parties by **March 15**. Please visit the [ALA website](#) (<http://www.americanlawyersalliance.org/>) for further information and a list of previous winners.

Professional Development Opportunities

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

Educator Recognition

- Congratulations to **Superintendent Todd Dugan of Bunker Hill CUSD 8** for winning the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) "Leaders Matter" essay contest! Superintendent Dugan was one of seven finalists and the only finalist from Illinois. He will be recognized Feb. 14 at the AASA National Conference in Los Angeles.

Upcoming Events

- ISBE announces an invitation for all Illinois teachers to participate in the **17th annual Teach to Lead Summit in Philadelphia March 29-31**. Teach to Lead is a national organization whose mission is to help teachers transform great ideas into action. Some nationwide exemplars include Strengthening Partnerships: Forming a Teacher Action Committee in Maryland, "Grow your Own" Teacher Prep Program in rural Wisconsin, and Let the Librarians Lead in New Hampshire. ISBE encourages Illinois teachers to submit their ideas to build the capacity of Illinois teacher leadership and be recognized. [Submit your ideas now](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TTLPhilly?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term) (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TTLPhilly?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term).

Student Opportunities

- **Sheet Metal Workers Local Union 218A Joint Apprenticeship Committee** is accepting applications for their apprenticeship program Feb. 11 - Feb. 22. Visit their [website](http://www.smart218.org/Contact) (<http://www.smart218.org/Contact>) for more information and to apply.

ISBE Employment Opportunities

Watch for ISBE career opportunities and find instructions for applying at [Careers at ISBE](http://www.isbe.net/Pages/Careers-at-ISBE.aspx) (<http://www.isbe.net/Pages/Careers-at-ISBE.aspx>).