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Key Updates for ISBA Members

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2019 Annual ISBA-IAPSS Fall Conference

The 2019 Annual ISBA-IAPSS Fall Conference on September 30-October 1 is quickly approaching and will mark the 70th anniversary of this event. I hope you are planning to attend as we have planned an excellent conference with new strand themes, clinic session topics, a daily general session that will feature a nationally recognized keynote speaker, and many "special touches" to celebrate the occasion. We will have a sold-out exhibit hall of service members and other vendors, not to mention door prizes and anniversary cake along with beverage stations will be available in the hall. Come early for the Day 1 General Session to hear music from the Avon High School Chamber Orchestra. We will also have a photo wall for you and your team to take selfies, so show your team pride and wear your school corporation or ISBA logo wear. Please take a look at the agenda and go to register for this premiere conference, click [HERE](#).

2020 Decennial Census

On April 1, 2020, the nation will recognize Census Day to earmark the commencement of the decennial count. The U.S. Constitution requires that the federal government count all persons living in the country every 10 years, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, and citizenship status. The 2020 Census survey, for the first time, will be available to complete online, by phone, or paper form to be returned by mail. Residents should

expect correspondence on how to complete the survey in March 2020. Taking part is a civic duty and the survey is easy to complete. Furthermore, every response is confidential.

ISBA is a partner organization of the Every Hoosier Child Counts! Complete Count Committee. This coalition includes representatives from 17 different literacy, early childhood education, and K-12 education organizations. We are developing an action plan that includes distribution of a PR Toolkit for our members to use locally to promote participation and completion of the Census next spring. The toolkit will include strategies, key messaging, and online resources. Stay tuned for further details about the distribution of these resources.

School Accountability Panel

The Indiana General Assembly debated legislation during the 2019 budget session that would have established the use of postsecondary performance metrics in the high school A-F accountability model. While that particular bill (House Bill 1404) died, a provision was added to House Enrolled Act 1002 (Public Law 143) to establish a School Accountability Panel to continue the discussion regarding which metrics to recommend to the State Board of Education and the legislature for inclusion in the high school accountability system. To see the provisions of HEA 1002 regarding the Panel, click [HERE](#).

This Panel is meeting biweekly through October to develop its recommendations. To learn more about the composition of the Panel or to monitor the work of this body, click [HERE](#).

Governor's Next Level Teacher Compensation Commission

Governor Holcomb's Next Level Teacher Compensation Commission is holding public input sessions, and the voices of school board members and educators are critical. Dates, times, and locations of the last two sessions are listed below. Additionally, there is an opportunity for public comments to be made online [HERE](#).

Saturday, August 24, 10:00 a.m. CT
Central High School Auditorium
5400 First Avenue, Evansville, IN 47710

Tuesday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m. ET
Concord Jr. High Cafeteria
59397 County Road 11, Elkhart, IN 46517

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