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Postcard on Regional Meetings and Other Work Happening This Fall

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This has been quite a busy season at ISBA with the spotlight on school board races and school corporation referenda on the general election ballot and the Fall Regional Meetings. It has been wonderful to see close to 1,000 members and school leaders at the regional meetings. I have enjoyed the opportunity to visit with many of you on my travels across our beautiful state.

Your input from the survey questions administered at the regional meetings about the significant issues of the day confronting school boards has proven to be quite informative, especially as Lisa Tanselle and I ramp up our meetings with state legislative leaders in advance of the 2023 session.

To all the outgoing school board members whose terms expire at the end of this year, thank you for your dedicated public service and commitment to the students and families within your school communities. We have sincerely appreciated your membership in ISBA.

Please continue to advocate for children!

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Support for New School Board Members

Congratulations to the candidates who won election to their first term on a school board. While you will not take oath of office until January, ISBA has planned the 2023 New Board Member Academy that will support you with comprehensive training on board roles and responsibilities as you strive to pursue effective board practices. Details about the New Board Member Academy can be found on pages five and six of this newsletter.

Regardless of your personal motivation to seek a seat on your school board, once in office, you will have an obligation to fulfill all governance responsibilities to the best of your ability and contribute to cohesive and collegial board/superintendent relations. ISBA stands ready to assist you in these endeavors!

Survey Data Shares Top Issues and Concerns

ISBA has asked members attending our Regional Meetings to answer a brief 4-question survey to help us deepen our understanding of issues and needs confronting school boards and your school communities. If you were unable to attend the meeting in your region, we invite you to contribute your input and share your perspectives.

The survey is available [HERE](#) and should only take 2-3 minutes to complete. We ask that only school board members complete the survey. I will share a summary of the survey data with you via my e-Dition column in December.

Gearing Up for the 2023 Session

ISBA's 2023 Legislative Priorities and Foundational Statements that have been spotlighted at the Fall Regional Meetings are available [HERE](#). Dates and times for grassroots advocacy training webinars will be announced soon. Please begin to advocate for our priorities by writing, emailing, or calling your area legislators.

When the filing window opens and bills are publicly released with bill numbers, ISBA will send members an update to highlight those aligned to our legislative agenda. As priority bills move through the legislative process, ISBA will send call-to-action alerts with talking points asking for you to communicate support for these bills.

Let's gear up for another very important budget session! I hope you have a great Thanksgiving.

School corporations encouraged to join tutoring recovery effort

The Indiana Learns program officially launched in October. School corporations are encouraged to participate by contributing a \$250 match of federal funds per student. This match will allow eligible families to access a total of \$1,000 to spend on learning recovery services outside of regular school hours. Matching school corporations can apply to serve as a tutoring partner for their students, or they can work with Indiana Learns to identify and promote already approved tutoring partners. For more details about Indiana Learns and completing the process to become a matching school corporation, contact Seana Murphy at smurphy@indianalearns.org