



2019 Winding Down with a Flurry of Activity Critical to K-12 Public Education in Indiana

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Where has 2019 gone? It seems unimaginable that the Thanksgiving holiday is upon us and the fall semester is rapidly ending. What a busy time this has been! Thank you to the approximately 1,000 school board members and superintendents that have attended the ISBA Fall Regional Meetings/Dinners that started on November 4. The 10th and final meeting (Region 6) was Wednesday in Hagerstown.

During the 16-day period of the Regional Meetings, there was the general election on November 5th with 13 school corporation referenda on the ballot, the close of the collective bargaining window on November 15th, and the Red for Ed Rally on Tuesday in conjunction with Organization Day of the second regular session of the 121st Indiana General Assembly. What an impressive turnout for the rally with several thousand educators at the State House! Their voices were loud and clear, and we appreciate their advocacy efforts that were supportive of K-12 public education.

Speaking of busy, we are finishing the year with two webinars and a seminar that I hope you have marked on your calendar. At year's end, **ISBA will have held 58 events (44 in-person events and 14 webinars), with 252 total CAP points and 180 total hours of professional development available to ISBA members.**

ISBA Legislative Action Network Grassroots Advocacy Training on December 3

ISBA is continuing its efforts to elevate the visibility and effectiveness of our legislative advocacy efforts by empowering you, our members, to speak up and out on behalf of K-12 public education at the right time and with the right message in communication with legislators. The ISBA Legislative Action Network (LAN) is our formal program to help unify and mobilize "the voice" of school board members and increase State House visibility through designated legislative liaisons. To assist our legislative liaisons and all board members with these goals, we will be providing an opportunity for Legislative Action Network advocacy training via a webinar on December 3, from noon to 1:30 p.m. For more information on this webinar and to register, [CLICK HERE.](#)

ISBA December School Law Seminar on December 11

This semi-annual, day-long seminar will be held at the Ivy Tech Conference Center in Indianapolis. Topics will include "Referendum: What's New, What's the Same, What Do You Need to Know?" and "Keeping Schools Safe: Searches, SROs, Alternate Placements, and Other Strategies." To view the full agenda and to register, [CLICK HERE.](#)

"Funding for At-Risk Students in Indiana: Issues and Recommendations" Webinar on December 12.

This webinar will feature Dr. Rob Toutkoushian, professor at the University of Georgia, who will highlight the findings of a new study, "Funding for At-Risk Students in Indiana: Issues and Recommendations." This study was commissioned by ISBA, IAPSS, IASBO, IUSA, and IRSRA. Dr. Toutkoushian presented his study findings and recommendations to the Interim Study Committee on Fiscal Policy on October 15, 2019. Please join us for this webinar and learn more about this important topic. The webinar will close with a Q&A session. To register for this webinar, [CLICK HERE.](#)

2019 Membership Engagement Survey

ISBA would like to ask for your feedback on how we are doing in serving you as we work to enhance our programs and services and plan the calendar of events in 2020. Would you please be so kind to take a few minutes of your day to complete the 2019 ISBA Membership Survey available: [TAKE SURVEY](#) We value your feedback and your response will be greatly appreciated!

Next up, the 2020 session of the Indiana General Assembly – signifying that we have much important work to continue to do to support and defend the pillar of America's democracy, K-12 public education. Thanks for all that you do to lend your voice and your service to your school community!