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Supporting ISBA Members Through New e-Newsletter - *e-Dition!*

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Welcome to e-Dition! This is the inaugural edition of an e-newsletter that we intend to provide you in months in which we do not issue the ISBA quarterly magazine, *The Journal*. You spoke and we listened! The e-newsletter is in part a response to the results of the 2017-18 ISBA membership engagement survey in which it was the second most preferred method of communication from ISBA Staff to members, next to only email updates.

We hope you enjoy reading *e-Dition* and find the content useful to you in supporting the leadership role you fulfill within your school corporation community. We will highlight timely information on key issues and programs with short columns for quick consumption and links to online resources for further information on topics of interest to you. In this first edition we examine topics addressing:

- ✓ The 2018 short session of the Indiana General Assembly (see the rest of my column);
- ✓ Guidance on the public comment period regarding the State Board of Education's proposed school accountability rule;
- ✓ Thoughts of concern and resource links to view on school safety to

ensure we are doing everything we can to protect Hoosier students;

- ✓ A board services review of abstaining from voting at meetings; and,
- ✓ A synopsis of the Public Access Counselor's opinion on summary compilations of personnel records.

I hope you have been a regular reader of the ISBA weekly legislative updates over the past two months. ISBA began the 2018 short session of the state legislature in January with tracking 110 bills that had been filed related to K-12 education and school governance. With just about three weeks of the session to go that bill tracking list has been reduced to 39 bills that are still alive and moving in the bill process. Thankfully, the list will be reduced further during the remaining days on the legislative calendar. You can view this tracking list updated in real time here: [Legislative Services](#)

There are four bills of greatest significance that should prove beneficial to Hoosier students and public schools: House Bill 1001, Senate Bill 189, House Bill 1426 and Senate Bill 177. The first two bills resolve the tuition support shortfall facing school corporations by making a distribution from the state tuition reserve account. The other two bills

move Indiana to one high school diploma with four "designations" that are the current diplomas in law. ISBA will provide a comprehensive session summary as soon as the legislature concludes its business.

I look forward to the arrival of spring and to seeing you at the ISBA Spring Regional Meetings!

ISBA President, Kim Woodward (Avon) speaks at the Rally for Public Education. The rally brought out legislators and advocates in support of the accomplishments and need for public education.

