



Spring News and Notes from ISBA

by Terry E. Spradlin, ISBA Executive Director (tspradlin@isba-ind.org)

Welcome to the March issue of e-Dition — your membership e-newsletter. You will be receiving the spring edition of ISBA's The Journal in about three weeks that will have more in-depth coverage of timely K-12 education policy and effective board governance topics. Do know that past issues of both publications are available under the "Membership Resources" tab on the ISBA website at: <https://isba-ind.org>

New Board Members

Let me also take this opportunity to welcome our 283 new school board members across the state to the Indiana School Boards Association. We thank you for your commitment to public service and support of K-12 public education! In addition, we commend the approximately 200 new board members that participated in the New Board Member Academy clinic sessions in January and February. All new board members will be able to access the upcoming Academy sessions that will be in a webinar format. For more information about the Academy, please check with Brooke Orner, Events Coordinator, at: borner@isba-ind.org

Legislative Services

The Indiana General Assembly is now in its 12th week of the 2019 budget session. There will be five more weeks left of the session

that will conclude by April 29, 2019. The stakes are high for impacting sound K-12 education policy and adequate funding for public education. We began the session tracking 190 bills and are presently tracking 78 bills. However, there are about 20 bills that are most significant. Please refer to the Legislative Services page on the ISBA website at: <https://www.isba-ind.org/legislative.html> to view the weekly legislative update reports, access the automated bill tracking list, or find contact information for your area legislators.

ISBA thanks all of our members who have responded to the call-to-action alerts that have been sent and your heightened level of engagement in our grassroots advocacy efforts!

Upcoming Events

The Spring ISBA Regional Dinner Meetings will begin May 6th in Lafayette (Region 4) and end on May 21st in Greenwood (Region 8). Please stay tuned for the official announcement and registration that will be coming in your email in-boxes soon. The spring meetings will include the Certificate Awards Program recognitions, a wrap-up of the 2019 legislative session, and a school law update. Other key events to keep in mind include:

- The NSBA Annual Conference on March 29-April 1, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
- Note, the NSBA Annual Conference in 2020 will be in Chicago;
- The 2019 ISBA-IAPSS Fall Conference will be September 30-October 1 at the Indiana Convention Center.

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Next Level Teacher Compensation Commission

On February 13, 2019, Governor Holcomb announced the formation of the Next Level Teacher Compensation Commission to study and make recommendations on competitive teacher compensation in Indiana (and compared to other states). The Commission will be supported by an Advisory Council of education stakeholders that will provide further subject knowledge and expertise. We are pleased to share that Becky Gardenour, school board member for New Albany-Floyd County Schools, and ISBA Region 10 Director, has been appointed to the Advisory Council.

Please do not hesitate to reach out the ISBA Staff whenever we can be of assistance to you. Best wishes to you for a successful conclusion of the spring semester!

ISBA State House Day

by Brooke E. Orner, Coordinator of Conferences (borner@isba-ind.org)

ISBA hosted its first annual State House Day on February 19, 2018. The event began with an introduction of ISBA Legislative Updates and Priorities from Terry Spradlin and Lisa Tanselle, followed by a panel discussion between the attendees and President Pro Tempore Rod Bray; Representative Bob Behning, House Education Chair; and Representative Ed Delaney, member of Education and Ways & Means Committees. After a luncheon with invited legislators, the State House Day attendees traveled over to the Indiana State House to be present at the presentation of the concurrent resolution congratulating ISBA on its 70th Anniversary. Take a look below at some pictures that we grabbed from the day!



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