



SIG Monthly
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Spotlight on SIG Schools

The DOE SIG team wanted to focus this month's newsletter on sharing some inspiring videos, articles, and highlights that our SIG schools have been recognized for achieving. We hope that you can find these videos and articles inspiring and help boost your enthusiasm these next months until summer break.



Chamberlain Elementary School



Sarah Scott Middle School



Washington Middle School

SIG School	Spotlight Video or Article
Sarah Scott Middle School, Vigo County Schl Corp.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I34dvaEJP28
Chamberlain Elementary School, Goshen Community Schls	http://www.goshennews.com/news/local_news/spotlight-on-north-goshen-chamberlain-school-boy-s-girls-club/article_7d5ca209-d7c6-5093-8b4b-0d848fc41e70.html
Washington Middle School, EVSC	http://www.courierpress.com/news/education/making-the-grade/beyond-the-f-washington-principal-teachers-students-turning-school-around-2bdace28-1c25-3cc8-e053-01-370006571.html

Do you have something you would like to highlight for your school? Contact Audrey Carnahan acarnahan@doe.in.gov to be featured in a newsletter and on the IDOE website.



Reminders and Updates

Upcoming SIG Agenda

Cohort	WebEX Meeting	Onsite Visit	Summer SIG PD	Next Data Dashboard Submission
Cohort 4	Virtual Visit April 15	--	May 24/25	June 10
Cohort 5	April 6 at 10am	April/May	May 24/25	June 10
Cohort 6	April 6 at 2pm	April/May	May 24/25	June 10

WebEx: We will have a WebEx on **April 6** for Cohorts 5 and 6 to discuss data dashboards. Please take note on the WebEx information below:

Cohort 5: To join the online meeting

1. Go to <https://indiana-doe.webex.com/indiana-doe/j.php?MTID=m08f0596dcbf118479eb99f359607d2bf>
2. If requested, enter your name and email address.
3. If a password is required, enter the meeting password: (This meeting does not require a password.)
4. Click "Join".

Cohort 6: To join the online meeting:

1. Go to <https://indiana-doe.webex.com/indiana-doe/j.php?MTID=me88ef0dabd53a5da209df94379d4022a>
2. If requested, enter your name and email address.
3. If a password is required, enter the meeting password: (This meeting does not require a password.)
4. Click "Join".

Onsite Visit: Onsite visits will be conducted in SIG schools from April through May and will last at most three hours. We are looking forward to seeing what amazing things our schools have accomplished.

Spring PD: Our spring PD will be held in two regional locations at our graduating SIG schools. The southern part of the state will attend their SIG PD at Raymond Brandes Elementary in Indianapolis on May 24th and the northern part of the state will have their SIG PD held at Allen Elementary in Marion, Indiana on May 25th. We are delighted to have our schools visiting each other and create PD around this opportunity. A more detailed agenda and information about the day will be coming soon.

Highlights

STLC's Blog: Turnaround in Action- features your Indiana Department of Education's Office of Early Learning and Intervention. Select the link to read our most recent April blog that highlights PLA@103: [Innovative Leadership - Indiana Blog Post #8](#).

1003a Tier III School Improvement Grant Opportunity: The IDOE released a new grant opportunity on March 31st for Title I served, Priority or Focus status schools. Check out the School Improvement Grant website to see if your school is available for additional funds: <http://www.doe.in.gov/sig>.

Promising Practices: The IDOE wants to collect 200 Indiana Promising Practices to celebrate Indiana's Bicentennial in December. Please check out the Promising Practices website to see what other schools in Indiana are doing: <http://www.doe.in.gov/outreach/promising-practices>.

ESSA: The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), replaces No Child Left Behind. The new ESSA will begin to take effect in August of 2016. See attached [press release](#) to learn more.



Resources and Opportunities

Resources

SIG Google+ Community: We take feedback seriously from our SIG schools on how to improve and communicate more efficiently. A few suggestions included a Google+ Community. Please [click here](#) to find our newly created SIG Google+ Community. Share this page with your administration team and teachers to network with schools and share as much as you want.

DOE Dialogue: Teacher's Edition: Select the link to have teachers sign up for the DOE Dialogue Teacher Edition on updates in education in Indiana and professional development opportunities.

Opportunities

Indiana Summit on Out-of-School Learning: The Summit brings together youth programs & community partners to connect, learn new ideas, access valuable resources, and transform learning beyond the school day for Indiana youth. The event will be held at the Indiana Convention Center on April 11, 2016 - April 12, 2016. Register to learn more about after school programs. [Click here to register.](#)

Schoolhouse News: from the Indiana Association of School Principals is full of timely, pertinent information to keep you up to date and informed regarding educational matters around the state www.iasp.org/shn/02.26.16.pdf.

The Indiana Pathways Innovation Network will hold three regional workshops this spring to continue the work begun last year on building a Career Pathways System Framework. Planning for Pathways is designed to help you and your organization take the early action steps for career pathways planning and implementation. See attached [flyer](#) for locations and dates.

Spring Semester 2016: Teaching with Primary Sources Institutes that will be offered by the [Indiana University Center on Representative Government](#)

INTASS: free, online evaluator training is being offered again this semester. Participants will earn a **certification that** is recognized by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) and the Indiana State Board of Education (SBOE) and that provides strong evidence of evaluation program quality for state monitoring purposes. Participants will also earn 6 hours of **Professional Growth Points** (PGPs). See the [attached flyer](#).

Indiana Education Service Centers: offer a variety of professional development opportunities. To learn more about professional learning opportunities in your area, visit the website of an Education Service Center in your area.

- [Region 8 Education Service Center](#)
- [Central Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [Northwest Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [Southern Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [East Central Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [West Central Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [Wabash Valley Education Service Center](#)
- [Wilson Education Center ESC Region 2](#)