



## SIG Monthly

September 2014

Office of Early Learning and Intervention - Title I Team:

Charlie Geier, Rachael Havey, Cindy Hurst, and Audrey Carnahan



### September Feature – Your SIG Team

**Cindy Hurst – Title I Coordinator** – Cindy has worked at the Indiana Department of Education since August 2001. Her roles and responsibilities have included developing and providing technical assistance to schools on Title I, Part A, onsite compliance and program monitoring. In her current role as Title I Coordinator, she works primarily on school improvement grants, providing oversight, technical assistance, monitoring, and professional networking for 1003g SIG schools and oversight for 1003a school improvement grants. Cindy has taught at both a private school and public school. She earned a BS in Elementary Education from Butler University and an MA in Communication Studies from Ball State. Cindy is also active in the National Association of State Title I Directors (NASTID). Cindy’s husband, Matt, is an art teacher in Kokomo. They have two children, Byron and Katie.

**Rachael Havey – Title I Specialist** - Rachael earned her BA in Secondary Education, with a focus on English, from Indiana University, her MS in Educational Leadership from the University of Indianapolis, and has obtained her Administrator license. Prior to becoming part of ELI at IDOE, Rachael worked with Diagnostic Assessments in the Office of Student Assessment. Before working at IDOE, Rachael was in MSD of Warren Township as a middle school English and Language Arts teacher and Literacy Coach. Rachael has also taught in Indianapolis Public Schools and began her professional career as a Juvenile Facilitator with Monroe County Community Corrections. Rachael lives in Indianapolis with her husband, Matt, and three-year old son, Dean.

**Audrey Carnahan – Title I Specialist** - Audrey earned her BA in K-12 Special Education, along with two minors in Art Education and Studio Art, from University of Southern Indiana, her MS in Applied Behavior Analysis from Ball State University, and is in the process of being board certified in ABA, with an emphasis in Autism. Prior to becoming a Title I Specialist at the IDOE, Audrey worked in MSD of Warren Township as a middle school special education teacher and a high school special education teacher. Audrey also worked within EVSC as a long term Art sub at the middle school level. She resides in Indianapolis where she enjoys art, cooking, and running with her friends and family.



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## Monthly Updates

### *Indiana Department of Education Receives*

### *No Child Left Behind Waiver Extension Without Conditions*

Thursday, August 28, 2014

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On August 28<sup>th</sup>, the Indiana Department of Education received word from the United States Department of Education that Indiana has received a waiver for certain aspects of the federal No Child Left Behind law. In addition, all conditions were removed from Indiana's waiver. This will give local schools continued flexibility in how they utilize federal funding and allow more funding decisions to be made at the local level.

In response to this news, Glenda Ritz, Indiana's Superintendent of Public Instruction issued the following statement:

"On behalf of Indiana's schools, I am incredibly pleased to learn that our waiver request has been granted. This news means that local schools throughout our state will receive much needed flexibility in how they utilize their federal dollars. This waiver extension also will allow Indiana to have continued flexibility in how we measure student performance and growth.

"During my time as Superintendent, we have adopted the highest standards in Indiana history, modernized ISTEP and begun the process to strengthen our accountability system. Additionally, we have put in place a strong and positive grassroots system of outreach and support for Indiana schools. Today's decision by the United States Department of Education validates the work that we have done.

"I want to thank the members of the Indiana Department of Education for the incredible work they did to get this waiver for our schools. I truly appreciate their efforts as they work alongside educators, parents, community leaders and local organizations to meet the needs of Indiana's children.

"I also want to thank Senators Coats and Donnelly, as well as our entire Congressional delegation for their support, as well as leaders in the Statehouse. Finally, I want to thank Secretary Duncan, Assistant Secretary Deb Delisle and the United States Department of Education for their assistance throughout this application process."

**Indiana's ESEA Flexibility Waiver can be found on the IDOE website: <http://www.doe.in.gov/esea>**



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# MONITORING CHANGES

## MONITORING VISIT TIMES ARE BEING ADJUSTED

Due to accountability requirements, Outreach will not be able to conduct an official monitoring visit until after grades and SAPs are finalized. Thus, upcoming scheduled visits will be SIG specific monitoring visits. Below you will find an updated schedule for the day – dates will remain the same. Visits for this week have already been adjusted. Schools with visits in late September and October will sign-up for their preferred time at our SIG PD on September 18<sup>th</sup>. (SIG PD REGISTRATION: <http://www.doe.in.gov/titlei/sig-1003g-leadership-pd>)

### Onsite Visits – Updated Schedule

10:00 – 12:30 local time

OR

11:00 – 1:30 local time (school choice depending on lunch schedules, etc.)

\*2:00 Teacher Eval at Central Office

September 10<sup>th</sup> – McGary MS \*

September 11<sup>th</sup> – Highland Park ES \* Lake Ridge NTMS\*

September 30<sup>th</sup> – Raymond Brandes, UHPA\*

October 1<sup>st</sup> – BRMHS\*

October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fairview ES

October 8<sup>th</sup> – Sarah Scott MS \*, 21<sup>st</sup> Century \*

October 9<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Bernard Watson Academy \*

October 15<sup>th</sup> – McCulloch JHS\*, Chamberlain ES\*

October 16<sup>th</sup> – Allen ES, Dickinson FAA\*

October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Stonybrook MS

Time	Task
60 minutes	Administrator/Leadership Team Collaborative Meeting – SIG Focused
30 minutes	Principal/Other Leader-accompanied Classroom Observations
30 minutes	SIG Specific Observations - PLC, Coaching, Intervention, etc.
30 minutes	Debrief Time with Administrator/Leadership Team



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## Important Dates

### *Leadership PD Dates:*

**September 18<sup>th</sup> – Fall Leadership PD – Indianapolis – MSD of Warren Township**

**Building Leadership Team Members (and central office staff) are invited to attend**

**Registration:** <http://www.doe.in.gov/titlei/sig-1003g-leadership-pd>

**975 North Post Road, Indianapolis, IN 46219**

**9:00am – 3:00pm with lunch on your own (Indianapolis time)**

December 9<sup>th</sup> – Winter Leadership PD – North – Chamberlain ES  
Registration and more information coming soon

December 11<sup>th</sup> – Winter Leadership PD – South – MCCSC  
Registration and more information coming soon

### *Visits and Check-ins:*

Onsite Visits: 2.5 hour visit

September 10<sup>th</sup> – McGary MS

September 11<sup>th</sup> – Highland Park ES, Lake Ridge NTMS

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Data Dashboard Due Dates – 1<sup>st</sup> semester: (submit via [1003a@doe.in.gov](mailto:1003a@doe.in.gov))

September 5<sup>th</sup>

October 3<sup>rd</sup>

November 7<sup>th</sup>

December 5<sup>th</sup>

Data Dashboard Check-In Calls: (call-in information will be sent out the week before)

October 17<sup>th</sup> and November 21<sup>st</sup>

8-9 am EDT (BRMHS, UHPA, 21<sup>st</sup> Century)

9-10 am EDT (McGary, McCulloch, Stonybrook, Sarah Scott, Lake Ridge, Dickinson)

1-2 pm EDT (Raymond Brandes, Allen, Watson, Chamberlain, Fairview, Highland Park)

Virtual Visits: more information coming soon

December 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>

January 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>



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## Monthly Topic of Interest

IAS Standards

The 2014-15 Instructional and Assessment Guidance documents, which are related to ISTEP+ English/Language Arts and Mathematics assessments for grades 3-8 and based on the college and career-ready 2014 Indiana Academic Standards, are now posted on the following IDOE Web page: <http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/istep-grades-3-8>. The purpose of the *Instructional and Assessment Guidance* documents is to inform curricular and instructional priorities and provide transparency with regard to assessment. Please [click here](#) for more information.

## School Turnaround Learning Community

<http://www.schoolturnaroundsupport.org/>

### *Wrapping School, Home, and Community Engagement Activities around Student Achievement Outcomes*

Source: Bright Start - This report introduces the 360-Degrees of Family Engagement process, which aims to coordinate existing activities in order to provide a common theme and purpose for the school and family by focusing family engagement activities on the goals defined in the school improvement plan.

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