



ISBE Board Meeting

On August 8, 2018 the Illinois State Board of Education had its monthly meeting. To view the board packet, click [here](#). The Board adopted rules related to world language standards and funding for special education personnel. The Board also approved expenditures related to the Information Systems Division and made appointments for the NASBE meeting, the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board, and the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice Board of Education. There was also discussion of the early childhood block grant and the fact that legislators have been providing feedback to the board on this issue. The ESSA update explained that Title I applications for low-performing schools is out. Dr. Smith specifically called out the reauthorization of Perkins CTE and the importance of the fact that this program will reach all the way to elementary school now. He also mentioned Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi's [D-IL 8th] leadership on this issue. The Board retreat will be held **September 11, 2018**.

Trainings and Webinars

Free E-STEM Workshop: Sound Choices

A Quieter Future (AQF)'s goal is to make research and information about the effects of noise pollution, noise policy, and ways to reduce noise available to everyone. **AQF invites you to attend a free E-STEM workshop to explain how reducing noise in our communities and natural environment greatly benefits wildlife and humans. This workshop will be held Sunday, August 26th, 2018, 8:00am to 4:00pm @ the Downtown Marriott.** For more information or to register, click [here](#).

Webinar: Implementing and Defending Safe Spaces in Schools

It's critically important that educators, school districts, and immigrant rights advocates understand the rights of all students and are equipped with strategies to keep Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) out of our schools as we start the new school year. In this webinar, experts and practitioners will share strategies on how state and local advocates can design, win, implement, and defend resolutions to create safe spaces in schools. This webinar will be held **Tuesday, August 28th, 2018, 6:00pm to 7:30pm**. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

To view ACT Now's calendar of events, click [here](#).

Funding Opportunities

Teen REACH Grant

The initial announcement for the Teen REACH Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) has been released! The Teen REACH grant program is concerned with providing youth with safe environments that guide them toward educational success, marketable skills, and opportunities to serve their communities. Grant applications will be accepted until **September 7th, 2018 @ 3:00pm**. For more information, click [here](#).

Apprenticeship Expansion Program

The State of Illinois has posted a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to fund projects that demonstrate how apprenticeship programs can be developed and administered across workforce, education and economic development organizations throughout the State. Grant applications will be accepted through **September 17th, 2018**. For more information, click [here](#).

Advancing Informal STEM Learning (AISL)

Through the National Science Foundation, the Advancing Informal STEM Learning (AISL) program is offering grants to advance new approaches to the design and development of STEM learning opportunities for the public in informal environments; provide multiple pathways for broadening access to and engagement in STEM learning experiences; advance innovative research on and assessment of STEM learning in informal environments; and engage the public of all ages in learning STEM in informal environments. Grant applications are due **November 7th, 2018**. For more information, click [here](#).

EPA's Environmental Education

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) seeks grant proposals from eligible applicants to support environmental education projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship and help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment. This grant program provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques. Grant proposals are typically due in **March**, so now is a great time to start on your proposal. For more information, click [here](#).

For a list of previously listed afterschool and youth development related grants, click [here](#).

Afterschool Spotlight

Highlight a Community School Coordinator

Do you know of any community school coordinators who have done amazing work in their schools to move the needle forward on any of the following issues: supporting immigrant/refugee students and families, school closing, opioid crisis, school safety, and powerful learning opportunities? Please share those stories with the Coalition for Community Schools in [this survey](#) by **August 31st, 2018**.

220 Youth Leadership & Coach for Success

Through workshops and trainings for youth, 220 Youth Leadership, will be partnering with Urban Initiatives' Coach for Success program. The 220 summer partnership at Urban Initiatives presents a unique opportunity for the students to develop and expand upon career-building and personal skills, dream big, and grow personally; opportunities not always presented in a traditional classroom setting. To read more, click [here](#).