

SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE

— EAST CENTRAL INDIANA SPECIAL SERVICES.....OCTOBER 15, 2021 —

YOU ARE BEING DIRECTED TO TAKE A THREE MINUTE BREAK.....RIGHT NOW!

This year is hard, unimaginably hard for most of us. You need to make sure that you take care of yourself. Take three minutes and listen to this song. Get up and dance or just bop along with the music in your desk chair. You won't regret it!

Feel free to share with your students. They need to hear this message as much as we do....

Bob Marley - Three Little Birds - Lyrics!! - (HD)



FALL BREAK IS COMING SOON!

Also coming soon...

- New IEP data entry cover sheet that includes additional fields now being requested by DOE
- CPI training dates for spring semester
- Behavior consultation/support/PD opportunities for you

As always, don't hesitate to reach out to Mort, Lisa, or Liza with questions, concerns, suggestions, etc. Maybe you just need someone "safe" to vent to? We do that, too. Our job is to help you!

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION (SBOE) APPROVES SPECIAL EDUCATION ALTERNATIVE ROUTE LICENSURE

This week, the SBOE initially approved new rules that will allow special education teachers to stay in the classroom while completing requirements for full special education licensure. The new rules, in compliance with federal requirements, create an alternative route licensure in special education that would be valid for three years. Educators with this license would be required to hold a bachelor's degree, be employed by a school, and be enrolled in an approved alternative education program. Over these three years, the educator would have time to complete a professional educator special education license or a special education addition to their existing educator license. As a reminder, in alignment with federal requirements, one-year emergency permits will no longer be issued following the end of the current school year (2021-2022). More information about this alternative route license is available [here](#). Please contact [Risa Regnier](#) with any questions.

NEW COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS

PRESENTER(S): Keep IN Learning

DATE(S): October 20 - 12:30 pm EDT

COST: FREE

Join us to build a community of support among the Special Needs and SpEd educators of Indiana. This first meeting is a collaborative starting point where we will connect, share needs, and set a plan for the future of the CSN.

LEARNING INTENTION(S):

1. Establish a network of Special Education and Special Needs educators in Indiana
2. Explore ways for a Community Support Network to be developed and shared across the SpEd community
3. Explore needs for the CSN to create and deliver support, professional learning, and community for SpEd educators

EMBEDDED SPEECH-TO-TEXT AVAILABLE FOR ILEARN AND ISTEP+ RETEST

Embedded speech-to-text (STT) is available for the ILEARN and ISTEP+ Retest assessments. To properly document the use of this accommodation within the student's IEP, please specify that STT is needed in the classroom as well as on statewide assessments. Please include this accommodation in Indiana IEP (IIEP) when describing additional accommodations needed by a student or within the conference notes. Information on the embedded STT accommodation can be found in the [Accessibility and Accommodations Training Module](#). STT will be available for students to interact with once online practice tests and the Released Items Repository (RIR) refresh deploy in late January 2022.