



# Catholic Schools Office PRINCIPAL BULLETIN January 21, 2021



*Mission of the Catholic Schools Office: The Catholic Schools Office, driven passionately by faith in Christ, provides leadership, service, oversight, and support to the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.*

Father in heaven,  
I stand before You today in Your omnipotent presence to ask that You grant me strength.  
I want You to give me the strength to power through all of the tasks today  
— whether little or big.  
It is by Your will that I live oh Lord.  
And I know it is also by Your will I will not go weak today.  
I will not go lazy nor will I fail to do all things set before me because You strengthen me.  
Thank You for Your everlasting presence Lord and in Jesus' name, I pray.  
  
Amen.

## **NEW FROM THE CSO OFFICE**

### **Government Programs** (from Chris Shisler)

[CLICK HERE](#) for previous Government Programs updates

**Jon Peterson Testing Update (NEW)** – In response to the recent communication regarding HB 436 and state testing, Krista Devine and I are currently working to gain clarification on state testing requirements for JPN students. This is a follow up to the principal bulletin update from Krista from October 2020.

We hope to have final ODE guidance soon and will post updates in the principal's bulletin. Despite the passage of HB 436 there remains the possibility that JPN students will be required to take the state assessments in spring 2021. Stay tuned as we continue to receive updates....

**COVID Relief Funding 2021 (NEW)** – This is my second update on the new COVID relief for schools passed by both the Senate and House in December, 2020 and currently being finalized for release of funds. Here is some additional information, including an FAQ document provided by the US Department of Education:

- I referenced the name for the new fund in my last update as GEER. It appears that most outlets are using the acronym **EANS (Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools)**, so I will pivot to start using EANS. This new fund is similar in design to the CARES monies that were made available in 2020.
- Click [here](#) for a current summary of EANS and specific information regarding use of the funds and reporting requirements. Please share this information with your business managers and pastors (where applicable).

There will be more details released soon, especially once Governor Dewine completes the Ohio application for the EANS funding. I will provide additional updates as information becomes available. With the ongoing pandemic, addressing any gaps in student learning continues to be a high priority for schools. The new EANS funds have several eligible uses, among them being to 'initiate support services to address learning loss'. I would STRONGLY encourage principals to consider any support programs, including extended summer programming, that addresses any student loss of learning. In addition to EANS funds, there are ways to fund these programs using Title funds, many of which will be subject to rollover this year, providing additional resources to students and teachers. If you wish to discuss options for funding, please contact me, as now is a great time to get a proactive start on this type of academic planning.

### **Vaccination update** (from Shelly Kahny)

According to Governor DeWine, districts are to work with their education service centers (ESC) to begin the next phase for scheduling Covid vaccines. Since we are not a district and encompass multiple county ESCs, schools should be working directly with their ESC in this next phase of the vaccination process. **The Catholic Schools Office is NOT scheduling vaccines for schools.** If you are a city-based school, you will still work with your local county for this next phase. Many of our schools have already been contacted and have begun the next phase of the vaccination scheduling process. If you have not been contacted yet, please call your local county ESC directly. Here is a [contact list](#) for all Ohio ESCs. Complete details from ODE regarding the K-12 vaccination program are available [here](#) and in the Educator Data Center.

### **Mental Health Resources:** (from Cindy Hardesty)

The pandemic has taken a toll on the mental health of everyone, adults and students. The Ohio Department of Education has updated the **Student and Staff Well-Being Tool Kit**. Please click on the link below for mental health resources.

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Reset-and-Restart/Student-and-Staff-Well-Being-Toolkit>

**NEW INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM THE CSO OFFICE**

**Curriculum and Assessment** *(from Krista Devine)*

[CLICK HERE](#) for ALL communications posted in prior Principal Bulletins. *All resources and live links are found within this document.*

**IOWA Assessments and Remote Learners**

As we near the spring assessment season, I have had many questions regarding IOWA and CogAT assessment options. Please take a look at the resources that Riverside has published:

**[Remote Proctoring Options - Home \(riversideinsights.com\)](#)**

**[CLICK HERE](#)** for online information and resources from Riverside Insights.

**[CLICK HERE](#)** for a Remote Testing Manual for IOWA and CogAT provided Riverside Insights.

Please e-mail me ([kdevine@catholicaoc.org](mailto:kdevine@catholicaoc.org)) any specific questions you have regarding IOWA assessments and your remote learners. I am putting together guidance for our schools to utilize and want to make sure that my document is comprehensive. Look for the IOWA Assessment Spring 2021 Guidance in next week's PB.

**[Elementary School IOWA Resource](#)**

**[High School IOWA Resource](#)**

**i-Ready Assessment and Personalized Instruction and Ready Classroom Core Math Program K-8**

Thanks to those who attended the informational sessions this week. If you were unable to attend any of the sessions and are still interested in the information, please let me know. I can send you a recording of the informational session and answer any questions you may have.

**Graded Course of Study**

**[CLICK HERE](#)** for the **GCS Compilation Document** that I created listing the GCS for all subjects, grades K-8. I am in the process of adding the new links for the Curriculum Maps.

**Vocabulary.com**

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**Continuing the Conversation – Building an Inclusive Culture** *(from Sharon Willmes)*

Thank you to those principals who joined me in December in Continuing the Conversation from Baruti Kafele's presentation. We decided to continue having these conversations several times throughout the year. I have scheduled Tuesday, February 16 at 1:00 p.m. for our next discussion. We will be discussing the four factors that specifically affect Male Youths of Color: invisibilization, marginalization, stereotype threat and colorism. It should be a lively discussion. I hope that many principals will join us which will enrich our conversation and sharing of ideas.

The Zoom link:

**<https://catholiccincinnati.zoom.us/j/99462450267?pwd=VlpMMTU3V1ITTTJIRG9JeIE5WFdaZz09>**.

**OTHER NEWS**

**Kids and Community Scholarship** *(from Sharla Robertson)*

This is a reminder of our third annual, Dayton founded **[Kids and Community Scholarship](#)**. Winners will receive a \$5,000 scholarship to attend an accredited U.S. college or university. We'll select a maximum of six recipients this year. Please follow the link to learn more about our scholarship and application details. We have worked hard to keep this a streamline application process for your students, and have even added a video feature this year.

If possible, please reach out and connect me with the appropriate faculty members I should speak to for an opportunity to link this to your website or add to student communications.     937-434-3095 ext. 3349

**Policies, Forms, Resources..... Updates**

<a href="#">Teacher Minister Contract</a>	<a href="#">Principal Directions</a>	<a href="#">RWB Documents 20-21</a>	<a href="#">Social Media Policy</a>
<a href="#">Group CEU Request Form</a>	<a href="#">Student Accident Info</a>	<a href="#">CSO Calendar</a>	<a href="#">School Reports Timeline</a>
<a href="#">Graded Course of Study PreK-8</a>	<a href="#">Vocare</a>	<a href="#">Vocare CEU Form</a> <a href="#">CEU Sample Form</a>	<a href="#">Vocare CEU Process</a>
Workshops	Teacher Evaluations	Permanent Record Card	<a href="#">Responsible Use of Technology</a>
<a href="#">Teacher CEU Request Form Final</a>	<a href="#">Principal IPDP</a>	<a href="#">Sample IPDP</a>	<a href="#">New IPDP</a>

## **PREVIOUS INFORMATION FROM THE CSO OFFICE**

### **Catholic Schools Week** *(from Diane Hungler)*

### **Educator Recognition Form**

If you have a faculty or staff member you would like to recognize who is celebrating a milestone anniversary this year, please complete this form. A certificate of recognition honoring their years of service in Catholic education will be mailed to you.

### **Revisions to RWB Policy** *(from Adam Kremer)*

The 2020-2021 review of the RWB Policy will begin in February. School leaders who wish to suggest revisions to the policy are asked to submit them via email to Adam Kremer ([akremer@catholic.org](mailto:akremer@catholic.org)) by January 31, 2021. Please include a reference to the current RWB policy as well as the suggested revision.

### **HOLD THE DATE** *(from Stacey Pyles)*

February 2 at 1:30

Praying of the Rosary

More details to follow Thursday.

### **OCSAA AVS Update due Feb. 28** *(from Laura Meibers)*

Please update AVS 1 & 2 prior to Feb.28 to avoid out of compliance fines. Regarding Fire & Health Inspections: keep documentation showing your effort to have an inspection done prior to the expiration date. Linda Caskey and I will be sending emails with specific items that need to be corrected by Feb. 28 to avoid out of compliance fines. Although Linda and I both do our best in finding items, it is your responsibility to keep all items in compliance.

Please contact us regarding any questions or concerns. We are happy to assist you.

### **Visible Learning Conference July, 2021** *(from Sharon Willmes)*

Are you looking for opportunities to spend your Title IIA funding? If so, this is a wonderful conference for you and your teachers. Kathy Kane and I participated in this conference last summer. Now, it is Pacific time so the conference runs from 11 AM to 7PM. However, the keynote speakers and session speakers are outstanding with such names as John Hattie, Doug Fisher, and Nancy Frey. My suggestion would be to register your teachers. Even if they only attend 2-3 sessions a day, this is better than not spending the Title IIA money at all and losing it. I am confident that once you and your teachers see and experience the sessions, you will want to attend more. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

### **March 26 Principals' Meeting – Speaker Robert Jackson** *(from Sharon Willmes)*

I am happy to announce that Robert Jackson will be speaking to us at our March 26, 2021 Principals' Meeting.

[Click here](#) for his bio. Mr. Jackson will be speaking to us about Leadership and Avoiding Implicit Bias. If you are looking for ideas to spend your Title IIA funding, you may want to consider purchasing his book Becoming the Educator They Need: Strategies, Mindsets, and Beliefs for Supporting Male Black and Latino Students for your staff. Please mark your calendar for March 26, 2021!

### **Good Licensure News from ODE** *(from Kathy Kane)*

#### **One-Year Temporary Non-Bachelor's Substitute Teaching Licenses**

The Department understands the current situation has increased the need for substitute teachers to help schools and districts remain open during the coronavirus pandemic. In response, the Department has been granted the authority (HB 409 of the 133rd General Assembly; Section (3)) to issue a one-time non-renewable one-year temporary non-bachelor's substitute teaching license for the 2020-2021 school year. An eligible applicant who does not hold a postsecondary degree must meet the employing school or district's set of education requirements. One-year temporary non-bachelor's substitute teaching licenses now are available at the request of the employing school or district. These licenses are valid for teaching in an assigned class of any subject area and grade level in the employing school district for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. Applicants must have current background checks on file with the Department. Please see the [Background Check FAQs webpage](#) for more information. The flexibility provided in HB 409 is available only for the 2020-2021 school year. Following the 2020-2021 school year, educators will be held to the same substitute teaching licensure requirements that existed prior to HB 409.

### **School calendar template for 2021-2022 academic year** *(from Cindy Hardesty)*

Please complete the school calendar template by March 19, 2021 and send it to your regional director for approval. If you have questions please contact your regional director.

[Template School Calendar](#)

[Calendar Guidelines for 2021-2022](#)

### **Catholic Education Foundation Bulletin Announcement** *(from Vince Woodall)*

The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is once again providing needs-based tuition assistance grants to elementary school students for the 2021-2022 school year. Applications will be accepted through February 8, 2021. [CEF Ad 2021](#) [CEF Ad 2021 Spanish](#)