

School of Education

Today is February 6, 2015

ADD/DROP procedures

Today is the **last day to drop without a "W"** for classes that have already met.

For classes that haven't yet met, graduate students can still add and drop online through March 29. For undergraduates, this may be done only with a paper add/drop form (for the last semester - online add/drop is supposed to be working for everyone by summer, 2015).

BOEE Newsletter

<https://iowaboee.files.wordpress.com/2015/02/boee-newsletter-february-2015.pdf>

Videos

1. 10 minute Carol Dweck TED talk on helping students establish a growth mindset:

http://www.ted.com/talks/carol_dweck_the_power_of_believing_that_you_can_improve?language=en

2. Videos from Finland:

Husky ride taken with Google glass

<https://drive.google.com/a/drake.edu/file/d/0B1THljoXo0aaZE9HYmhWbkxTOGs/view>

Summary videos from a students:

<http://youtu.be/AArjoZyhd4E>

<https://www.wevideo.com/hub/#media/ci/312962585>

Welcome Francesca!

Congratulations to Todd and Alecia Hodgkinson, who welcomed Francesca Mae Hodgkinson to their family on Friday, January 30.

Writing workshop

The Writing Workshop will open on Monday, February 9th. Starting on Wednesday February 4th, students can begin making appointments for the spring 2015 semester. Please feel free to refer your students to the workshop for individual help on their writing.

Students can sign up via library.drake.edu/writing or call 271-4712 for assistance.

Jody Swilky is Director of The Writing Workshop (515)271-2853

McMahon Institute

Kathleen Lane from the University of Kansas gave a presentation at the James McMahon Institute on Tuesday, Feb 3. 100 people (teachers, administrators, psychologists, counselors, graduate and undergraduate students) were in attendance in the Reading Room at Cowles Library. Her presentation was very well received as she discussed PBIS and several other techniques for assisting students with learning and behavioral needs. Picture below. Special thanks and appreciation from Michael Couvillon to Laura Kieren and the Continuing Education staff for helping to make the event so successful.



STEM

Applications for 2015-2016 STEM Scale-Up Programs from the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council are open now through March 9th. Educators, after school groups, daycares, etc are eligible to apply for awards of professional development and materials to implement research-backed programs with preK-12th grade youth. The application and more information are at www.iowastem.gov. Questions? Contact Sarah Derry at sarah.derry@drake.edu. ALSO - mark your calendars for the Drake STEM festival on April 16, 2015 from 3-7 pm. See poster above.

Media - 6

1. **Groups: Iowa school bullying bill could use improvements**

By BARBARA RODRIGUEZ Published: Jan 31, 2015

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - Iowa groups monitoring Gov. Terry Branstad's latest attempt to reduce school bullying say it's improved from earlier proposals, but they see needs for additional changes. Identical versions introduced in the Senate and House include modifications to last session's

measure, such as allocating more money for teacher training and allowing school officials to have some discretion on whether to notify parents about bullying if the move will be harmful to a student. The changes are a good first step, but more resources should be allocated to training, said Nate Monson, executive director of Iowa Safe Schools. The nonprofit supports anti-bullying measures in Iowa primarily for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual community. Monson said the proposed bill doesn't focus enough on training that prevents bullying before it happens and is instead more reactionary.

"If we're really trying to make Iowa a bully-free state, if we're going to end bullying in Iowa, this bill does not get it there," he said. "That takes a lot more resources. It takes a lot more training. It takes a lot more policy analysis."

2. School aid is biggest battle of legislative session

William Petroski, bpetrosk@dmreg.com 12:16 a.m. CST February 1, 2015

State Senate Democrats say spending for kindergarten through 12th grade education is the No. 1 issue of the 2015 session, and they claim House Republicans are shortchanging Iowa's schools. House Republicans respond that state education funding has dramatically increased over the past five years, and they accuse Senate Democrats of making fiscally irresponsible promises that can't be kept without raising taxes or slashing other programs.

As this year's session enters its fourth week, it's clear the biggest partisan battle will be over education spending. Democratic lawmakers visited schools throughout Iowa late last week to discuss the topic, and they plan additional visits again on Friday to meet with teachers, administrators, parents and students.

3. Senate Democrats seek more funding for public preschool

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

February 02, 2015 - 6:41 pm EST

DES MOINES, Iowa — A proposal to increase funding for school districts that expand public preschool for 4-year-olds received preliminary approval in the Iowa Senate Monday.

A Senate subcommittee backed the bill that seeks to expand the Iowa Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program, which was established in 2007. The legislation now moves to the Education Committee in the Democratic-majority Senate. But the bill may face hurdles in the Republican-controlled House, where a similar bill failed to win full legislative approval last year.

Sen. Herman Quirnbach, D-Ames, introduced the bill, which would provide extra funding for districts that expand preschool programs. He said students benefit from early education and the state should help more students participate. The funding would be offered for three years and Quirnbach said the price tag for the proposal would depend on the number of new students enrolled.

"All of the research is dramatically clear to the benefits of preschool. It is particularly important for kids from low income backgrounds and racial minorities," Quirnbach said.

4. Democrats seek 4 percent yearly boost in Iowa school funding

By [Rod Boshart](#), [Times Bureau](#)

DES MOINES — Democrats who control the Iowa Senate on Tuesday announced they will seek a 4 percent boost in state supplemental aid for Iowa's 338 public K-12 school districts for each of the next two school years.

"Iowa's future depends on high-quality local schools," Senate President Pam Jochum, D-Dubuque, said. "That's why we support a plan that is a serious, meaningful step forward for Iowa schools."

5. Democrats begin effort to boost school aid in Iowa, but GOP says state can't afford spending

By CATHERINE LUCEY Associated Press

February 04, 2015 - 2:57 pm EST

DES MOINES, Iowa — Senate Democrats gave preliminary approval Wednesday to legislation that would boost school funding above the level sought by the governor.

A set of education funding bills received subcommittee approval in the Democratic-majority Senate. Under the proposal, school aid would increase by more than \$200 million for the upcoming academic year.

That's more than double the amount supported by the Republican-controlled House, though still less money than education advocates had lobbied for. The House and Senate proposals include funding specifically dedicated to teacher leadership training.

The legislation will now move to the full Senate Education Committee for review. Sen. Tod Bowman, a Democrat from Maquoketa, says the state must provide quality schools.

"When schools have inadequate funding, it leads to decreased opportunities for all Iowa students," said Bowman, who noted that he was a teacher at Maquoketa High School. "We can do better for our Iowa students."

6. The Register's Editorial: For-profit online schools raise questions

The Des Moines Register 10:56 p.m. CST February 4, 2015

How do you know February has arrived in Iowa?

Lakes are frozen and residents are bombarded with advertisements offering a free "virtual" education to K-12 students. Two online schools are once again scrambling to attract Iowa students before March 1. That is the state's deadline for parents to "open enroll" their children into a school district where they do not live. The online schools have only a few more weeks to drum up new customers.

Parents should be sure they understand what is really going on here.

These two schools are owned by out-of-state, for-profit companies that partnered with two rural Iowa school districts a few years ago. This partnership allowed them to gain access to Iowa students and take advantage of the state's open-enrollment law. One school is affiliated with the Clayton Ridge Community School District in northeast Iowa and the other with CAM Community School District in southwest Iowa.



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