



# Indiana Department of Education

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

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Dear administrators, teachers and all interested in NIE:

The Indiana Department of Education is pleased to again partner with the Indiana State Reading Association (ISRA), Hoosier State Press Association Foundation (HSPAF) and the Indiana Newspapers in Education (NIE) Advisory Board to celebrate this year's NIE Week.

NIE Week is celebrated annually during the first full school week in March and will run this year from March 6-12. During this time, we encourage teachers to incorporate newspaper reading into their classroom lessons. This year's theme is Discover the Possibilities: Read the Newspaper. Activities that are aligned with learning standards are planned for four grade clusters (K-12, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12).

Literacy is the cornerstone of a strong education and is critical in preparing Hoosier students for success in college and careers in this 21<sup>st</sup> Century global economy. Our future depends on a well-educated population and any additional course work which bolsters our students' literacy skills is a worthwhile investment. The benefits gained by students who participate in this project cannot be understated.

Thank you to all our partners – not only ISRA and HSPAF – but also the many teachers, parents and volunteers who have made significant contributions to make this project a success. Thanks to your efforts, students will benefit from this reading practice for years to come.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tony Bennett  
Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction

