



ETA Update

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On March 13 the world of education changed forever. Today, May 27, we conclude the first chapter of this new world. We made it. What lies ahead is unknown but know that ETA is at the (Zoom) table with the district discussing what next year looks like. As stated at the RA, we don't have a lot of answers for the 2020-2021 school year, but as they are available we will send them out. As you transition into summer mode, this summer more than ever, it is important that you are checking your email for updates from the district and from the ETA.

If you know someone who is not receiving these ETA emails, send them to the [ETA Website](#) and have them fill out the form located on the left side of the home page. This is the easiest way for us to ensure that you are receiving updates from the ETA.

At this time, we don't know what the 2020-2021 school year will look like. Although you may want to start working on your classroom for next year now, remember the need to be flexible because of the unknown at this time.

Virtual RA

On May 20, ETA held the first virtual representative assembly. We had over 150 attendees and a special visit from the IEA President Kathi Griffin. Members asked her questions about IEA being at the table with ISBE for these important conversations surrounding education. We will be posting videos from the RA in the coming weeks for members to see on our website. Part of the work for the ETA this summer will be figuring out how we can conduct the business of the ETA in this virtual world. Even when the opportunity to have in person classes happens, ETA may not be able to meet with up to 250 members in person so virtual representative assemblies may be how we conduct business in the future.

Summer Work

As a reminder to all members, make sure you understand what work you are participating in over the summer. It is important that you know before beginning any summer work if the intention of the work is to be paid or if it is voluntary. Please have affirmation of the work and parameters in an email prior to beginning that work. This is your professional responsibility.

Professional Credits

Professional credits for committee work should be confirmed by your

administrator soon. If they have not confirmed your credits for work on a contractual committee (SIP, SD, etc.) reach out to them now. If this is not occurring, use the contact button on the [Professional Credit Tracking System website](#) to receive further guidance.

CPDUs and CEUs being entered for a professional credit need to be submitted to the professional credit tracking system by July 31, 2020, but must be earned by June 30, 2020.

For PLCs be sure they are entered and submitted by June 30 into the Professional Credit Tracking System website. These PLCs needed to start prior to March 1 to to be completed within the 16 week window.

It is our professional responsibility to follow up and track our credits on the website to ensure that credits earned are applied to our records.

Have a great summer and continue to check your emails over the summer for updates.

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ETA President