

ISBE Updates for ILCAE

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Perkins Plan

- In board packet, will be up for approval at the March 18 board meeting
- Many positive things for ag ed
 - Work-based learning
 - Employability skills
 - Funding for career learning down to 5th grade
 - Strong promotion of middle school CTE programming
 - Increased connections for community colleges

CTE Teacher Licensure

- Will be sending out a survey soon related to the Short Term Approval process—ILCAE members please provide feedback!
- Looking at opening up ag endorsement to be one large umbrella instead of more individualized silos
- Allows districts more freedom to select suitable candidates
- Will provide a more specific document for feedback soon

New Course Matrix—CTE webpage

- <https://www.isbe.net/cte#>
- Survey for comments due Friday, March 27, 2020—ILCAE members please provide feedback!
- Here is the direct link to the AFNR Matrix: <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/SY21-Matrix-AFNR.pdf>
- Here is the link to the survey (that will close on Friday, March 27, 2020): <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hv5kA8ZJ9Eq1LDNameV30eqY-A6NxbZJuSRgEQHP0eZUOFVCSVBNUTk4OFM4VzIJS0FYNFhBNEdVTC4u>

GAST Grant

- Out for proposals now
- Can look at ISBE Ag Ed webpage if you would like to view the RFP, see the webinar and supporting documents
- Have requests out for reviewers to submit information
- Competitive process
- \$300,000 appropriation

Incentive Funding Grant

- Proposal for middle school that ICAE reviewed and supports moving forward
- Sending to IAVAT Middle School Committee next for review

Ag Ed Teacher Internship Program

- Draft of rules being presented to the ISBE Board on March 18, 2020
- This draft has had input from ICAE and IAVAT Legislative Committee
- Following ISBE Board review, there will be revisions and that draft will be out for public comment for 30 days
- Erica will make sure Doug has the information to share for public comment

Three Circles Grant Language—

- Underfunded schools have a hard time supporting the full 30 days extended contract
- Some teachers do not want to work a total of 60 extra days/400 hours
- Teacher's Unions causing problems and not supporting participation in the grant
 - I have been providing an MOU template that many schools have utilized. I will be attaching this to the application for the upcoming year.
- Administrators not following proper protocol in implementation of the grant
 - I will be requesting an upload of a board memo, board meeting minutes, or MOU that demonstrates approval has been obtained