

April 2, 2020

LICENSE RENEWAL CLASSES AVAILABLE!

All classes are open to the public. Seating is limited. Enroll today!

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ETHICAL EDUCATORS JUNE 11-12 Terry Gladfelter Bryan Stearns

With the increase in litigation and risk, it is important for educators to know the legal and ethical boundaries while working with students.

FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR EDUCATORS JUNE 15-16 Mike Johnson

As a former educator at Southeast Polk, Mike understands financial planning through the lens of a teacher and now as a financial planner. His expertise will provide financial knowledge that is practical for those who are entering education to those thinking about retirement.

DYSLEXIA: DIFFERENT BY DESIGN JUNE 18-19 Elizabeth Hoksbergen

This interactive course will examine the unique neurobiological profile and cognitive characteristics of dyslexia.

YOU ARE ESSENTIAL!

- *Healthcare providers
- *Long Term Care personnel
- *Law enforcement officers
- *Fire & EMS personnel
- *Residential Support Facility personnel
- *Public Health & Emergency management personnel

The individuals listed above are giants; we are blessed by way of their daily sacrifices, and most of us have a personal connection to someone who serves in one of these capacities. We pray our current level of respect and support for these individuals continues long after the Covid-19 pandemic subsides.

PEI believes YOU fill an essential need, and we believe this season of school closures and "home schooling for everyone" will cement that truth in our communities. We continue to hear encouraging stories from every corner of the state - stories of educators and school districts demonstrating creativity, ingenuity and care. We are not surprised, and we are proud to be involved in this endeavor with you.

It appears a new normal will be with us for at least the next 4 weeks, and we recognize many of you will be transitioning to virtual learning platforms. As you transition, please remember to extend grace - to both your colleagues and to yourself. Our endeavors over the ensuing weeks should be preceded by the words, "emergency" or "crisis". We are not experimenting with a virtual learning platform - we are delivering Emergency Virtual Learning Opportunities. Framing it that way helps in 2 ways. First, it reminds us that we are delivering instruction. Whether or not the instruction results in credit opportunities should make no difference to how we approach our work. Second, when operating in a crisis environment, we may not be at our best. In truth, few of us are operating at our best right now. That's why it is important, to the extent possible, to enjoy the opportunities before you.

Your students miss you. You chose this profession because you love working with young people, and we know you will continue to seek creative ways to meet their needs. Be essential.

This resource is a one stop shop for continued learning with consideration for equity and EL's.

<https://wideopenschool.org/>

Below are links to the websites for important state and federal agencies. Please check for updates daily.

[Iowa Department of Education](https://www.ed.gov/)
[Iowa School Board Association](https://www.iasba.org/)
[Center for Disease Control](https://www.cdc.gov/)
[Iowa Department of Public Health](https://www.idph.iowa.gov/)

Our PEI offices in West Des Moines are closed to the public; however, we are available to speak with you by phone, and we continue to represent member interests via conference calls, as-well-as virtual meetings via Zoom, Duo, etc.

If you are seeking a return phone call, we ask you contact us via email and include the words "phone call" in the subject line of your message. When making contact please continue to use the following address.

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