

September 24, 2020



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**Security Monitoring  
and Identity  
Restoration**

**Discounts for PEI  
members and their  
family members!**

**Visit the member  
area of the PEI  
website for details!**

## The Anxiety and Stress of Educating in a Pandemic

I recently ended a phone conversation with a PEI member asking if there was anything else I could assist her with. She promptly asked for more time to be added to the day! I laughed and said I could not help her in that area. She immediately quipped back asking that she win the lottery, allowing her to stay home for the remainder of the COVID issue! What a great sense of humor!

While none of us anticipated or invited any part of this pandemic, we do encourage you to *remember* and to *celebrate* the great many accomplishments you have already achieved, along with the contributions you continue to make to your craft as you work tirelessly for the good of all the children in your care. May we, as Professional Educators of Iowa, continue to support one another in collaborative and innovative ways, may we seek and receive all supports available to us to ensure sound mind and body during this season of change, may we give ourselves and others sufficient grace to embrace each day, and may we take heart in the meaningful work and service we bring to our respective communities of learners.

Education Week recently published an article by Peter DeWitt, Ed.D., on the effects of mental illness brought on by this worldwide pandemic which offers helpful guidelines for approaching the pressure brought on by additional responsibilities. To read the article, please click [here](#).

As always, your PEI staff is here to serve you!

## Quick Links...

**PEI**

[peiowa.org](http://peiowa.org)

[info@peiowa.org](mailto:info@peiowa.org)

**515-221-2330**

**BOEE**

[boee.iowa.gov](http://boee.iowa.gov)

**DOE**

[educateiowa.gov](http://educateiowa.gov)

**PERB**

[iowaperb.iowa.gov](http://iowaperb.iowa.gov)

## Iowa STEM Teacher Award



The Governor's STEM Advisory Council and Kemin Industries are accepting nominations for the annual Iowa STEM Teacher Award.

Know an outstanding educator? Nominate them today. If selected as a recipient, they could receive \$1500 for their classroom and \$1500 for themselves. This is a great way to recognize how educators work to make sure our Iowa kids are ready for the future.

Submit your nomination by clicking [here](#).

## Promotional Brochures Available!



**Please let us know how many you need, and we will mail them out to you!**

### ***\$144 Recruitment Rewards!***



#### **Qualifications of NEW MEMBER:**

1. Must be a \$288 Professional Category Member
2. Must not have been a PEI Member for 3 years
3. Must not need PEI office assistance for new or ongoing issues for 30 days after membership starts

#### **Disbursement:**

**Monthly Payments:** Should the NEW \$288 PROFESSIONAL MEMBER choose to participate in monthly payments for their dues, the REFERRING MEMBER will receive credit once a full year's membership payment has been received from the NEW MEMBER.

**Full Payments:** Should the NEW \$288 PROFESSIONAL MEMBER choose to pay in full at the time of membership, the \$144 discount will be reflected for the REFERRING MEMBER to use toward their next membership renewal.

#### **How many Recruitment Rewards Can One Member Receive?**

***Unlimited!***

**Recruitment Rewards will be applied to one year memberships only and cannot be used in conjunction with multiyear memberships.**

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