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PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS OF IOWA

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License Renewal Credit Survey

Professional Educators of Iowa is preparing to become a License Renewal Credit provider accredited through the Board of Educational Examiners. One of our primary partners will be the Robert D. and Billie Ray Center at Drake University, which houses the Character Counts program. Below are listed topics that have been suggested for classes. You can reply to this email and place an X beside or circle the classes which you believe will greatly benefit your needs. **Please feel free to add additional suggestions.**

1. Anti-Bullying
2. Camp Dodge Field Trip and Resources
3. Character Education through Language Arts
4. Character Education in the Social Studies
5. Civil War
6. Classroom Management
7. Coaching Authorization
8. Communication and Teamwork
9. Cooperating Teacher Training (Student Teacher Training)
10. Ethics for Administrators
11. Ethics in the Classroom
12. Financial Literacy
13. Historical Resources of Camp Dodge
14. Leadership in the Classroom
15. Lessons at the Zoo
16. Meskawki History and Culture
17. Partnering with Parents
18. PBIS
19. Praxis Test Prep



STUDENT SECURITY - A BILL

Many of the strongest objections (though certainly not all the objections) to Common Core and the Iowa Core involve student privacy and rightly so. According to Senator David Vitter of Louisiana, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) establishes rules that all educational agencies and institutions must follow with regard to privacy of student education records. Regulations from the US Department of Education in 2011 exploited gaps in the law, abused administrative authority, and drastically expanded the ability for an educational agency or institution to release student education records without the required parental consent.

Thursday morning, May 14, Senator Vitter introduced the Student Privacy Protection Act, to restore FERPA to its original intent and return control of educational records to students and their parents.

The Student Privacy Protection Act would reinstate FERPA's original protections by clarifying who can access student data and what information is accessible. It also requires explicit authority for authorized representatives to conduct audits and evaluations of education programs. The bill implements new, more robust guidelines for schools and education agencies to release education records to third parties, even in cases of record keeping, in order to protect student privacy. Penalties to schools, educational agencies, and institutions of fines up to \$1000 per student, per event, will motivate administrators to be very careful in the release of records. These entities will be required to gain prior consent from students or parents and implement measures to ensure records remain private.

A second provision of the bill extends protection to a previously unprotected group of students. FERPA does not currently apply to students who do not attend a traditional education institution, such as homeschooled students, despite some states requiring homeschoolers to file information with their school district. This bill extends FERPA's protections to ensure records of homeschooled students are treated equally.

Finally, the Student Privacy Protection Act prohibits educational agencies, schools, and the Secretary of Education from including personally identifiable information obtained from Federal or State agencies through data matches in student data. Federal education funds will be prohibited from being used to collect any psychological or behavioral information through any survey or assessment. It is suggested these restrictions could significantly curb the data collected and shared by the Smarter Balance tests.

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To amend section 444 of the General Education Provisions Act in order to improve the privacy protections available to students and their parents, and for other purposes.

Mr. Vitter introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee.

A BILL

To amend section 444 of the General Education Provisions Act in order to improve the privacy protections available to students and their parents, and for other purposes.

*1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the "Student Privacy
5 protection Act".

6 SEC. 2. DEFINING STUDENT DATA.

7 (a) DEFINITION.-Section 444(a) of the General
8 Education Provisions Act (commonly referred to as the

Click [Here](#) for the entire bill

We urge you to weigh in on this issue by contacting your US Senators today.

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Above the Call of Duty
(or more commonly called)
What Teachers Do

One of our teachers tutors students before and after school, teaching them a number of study skill strategies to use so that they can work through test anxiety and improve comprehension and performance. Of the students who continue the strategies during the year positive returns are seen for their efforts.

Thank you!

Do you have an example of someone who has gone above the call of duty? Send us your story! (Names and districts will be withheld to protect the teacher and the students.)

Discounted Classes for PEI members!

Drake University is offering PEI members a \$60 discount on two of their most popular online classes. **Teacher Leadership Strategies** and **Anti-Bullying: Where to Start** will be offered this summer for just \$535 each. For more information and to receive your PEI credit. click the links below.

Teacher Leadership Strategies: <http://tinyurl.com/TLS-PEI-DRAKE>
Anti-Bullying: Where to Start: <http://tinyurl.com/antibully-PEI-Drake>

