



# PEI

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June 3, 2016

## Orlando Savings!

## Sunshine Ahead!



Are you planning an Orlando adventure for this year? One of your many PEI benefits is discounted travel in the Orlando area! Theme parks, vacation rentals and packages are just a click away! For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/1NyXsoD>

**Set your calendar** for Friday, August 5 for our annual conference, **Meeting Their Needs!** We will be hosting speakers from Trauma Informed Care, Dyslexia, and Physical Disabilities which will cover a vast area of student and professional needs within education.

Also, on August 5, the **PEI Board of Director Elections** will be finalized. We currently have **two seats available**. If you are interested in running for one of these seats, please contact me at [jodie@peiowa.org](mailto:jodie@peiowa.org). You must be a member in good standing for two years to run for a position.

**PEI Leadership Training** will take us to several corners of the state for fun and great information on how your PEI membership can GREATLY benefit you in your teaching career. Contact [joel@peiowa.org](mailto:joel@peiowa.org).

Our first **Annual Golf Outing** is set for Friday, June 17. All proceeds go to support our Foundation. There is still time to sign up to play! Call us at 515-221-2330 or email us at [info@peiowa.org](mailto:info@peiowa.org) to sign up. Check out the article below to see some of the numerous prizes and giveaways!

**Road Trip!** Join us for a trip to the great KC Royals on July 20.

Sincerely,

Jodie Nation



## Governor Line Item Veto for Smarter Balanced Assessment!

Iowa Governor Terry Branstad vetoed the bipartisan action to delay the Smarter Balanced Assessments. He approved SF2323 but used his line item veto authority in the appropriations bill, to veto language that suspended the administrative rule mandating the SBA by the Board of Education. The rule was to be reviewed at the joint administrative rules review committee meeting in December 2016.

The DOE can now go ahead and begin preparing schools to be ready to administer the test next year when SBA will be put into place. We have heard that the DOE is considering the full suite of assessments not just the spring test.

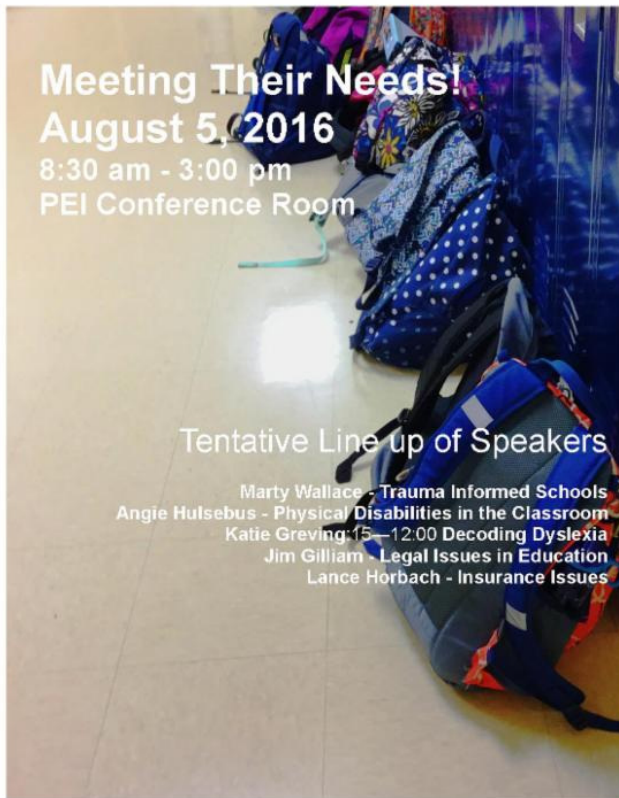
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## President Obama's Order on Transgender Accommodations

We all have heard much since the May 13 directive from President Obama requiring all school districts to allow transgender students the rights to restrooms and locker room facilities. This has led to a lawsuit including nine states - Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia and Wisconsin - as well as the governor of Maine, Paul R. LePage; the Arizona Department of Education; and school districts in Arizona and Texas.

Governor Branstad criticized President Obama on May 16 claiming the White House engaged in an "overreach" by threatening to withhold federal money from schools if they don't allow transgender students to use restrooms and locker rooms.

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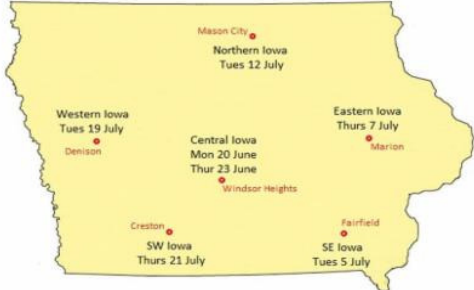
**"How is this going to help me in the REAL world?"**



**Ever wonder that about your PEI membership?**

That is exactly what our summer sessions are designed to address.

Come hear the answer to that question June 20 or 23 in our Des Moines offices or throughout the summer at a location near you.



**PEI-Independent Insurance Services Charity Golf Outing Friday, June 17, 2016**

PEI golf is here! **PEI and Independent Insurance Services** are sponsoring the first annual CHARITY GOLF OUTING. There is **still space available**. Get your favorite foursome together for a "Best Ball Blast." You will be golfing with PEI members and supporters. We have a growing list of sponsors who are helping us make this a success.



**How does a new golf bag and clubs sound?** This will be just one of the raffle prizes given out! We also have **3 rounds of golf** at Toad Valley Golf Course to give away for the Longest Drive, the Longest Putt, and Closest to the Pin! Each golfer will receive one free raffle ticket just for playing! We will begin golfing at 12:30 with dinner immediately following.

**What? You don't have a foursome?** Whether you are solo, two or three, we will help you find a fun foursome. We are getting **school district foursomes** enrolled as well as individuals and couples. Enroll now to be sure you get to play. Rain or shine, we play!

**All proceeds go to our foundation** for enhancing our offerings in scholarships, workshops, and conferences.

*We hope to see you there!*



2nd Annual PEI Major League Baseball Trip  
 Wednesday, July 20, 2016  
 Kauffman Stadium, Kansas City

Click here for more information: <http://bit.ly/1Qwey5A>