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To: Early Educators Teachers and Administrators

From: Dr. Kelli Servizzi, Director of Kindergarten Readiness

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Subject: 2023 Week of the Young Child

Each year, the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) observes the [Week of the Young Child](#), celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers, families, and communities. In 2023, this celebration will occur from Saturday, April 1 through Friday, April 7. In recognition of this occasion, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) is organizing a public, visual display at the Indiana Statehouse reflective of the work of early learning educators and students across Indiana.

As part of this display, we want to highlight your work, as well as the skills of your students. Specifically, we welcome you to share photographs from your classroom, lunchroom, playground, etc., as well as samples of children's artwork. **Photographs and artwork should show evidence of the [Indiana Early Learning Foundations](#): social-emotional, approaches to play and learning, English/language arts, math, science, social studies, creative arts, and physical health and growth.**

When submitting photographs of students or any other photographs containing the face of a student in a classroom, in the lunch room or on the playground, as well as student artwork, it is a requirement to first obtain written guardian permission using the release form [provided here](#) before submitting to IDOE. A signed release form is required for each student in any photograph and each piece of artwork. Any submissions to IDOE that do not contain a fully signed release form for each student will not be considered for display by the IDOE. [Please submit all photographs, artwork, and release forms](#) by Wednesday, February 15. When uploading photographs or artwork, please name the file: learning environment name_city_foundation evidenced.

Guidelines for Photographs

- Resolution should be at least 300 dpi.
- Consider the story being told by the picture.
 - For example, counting with one-to-one correspondence can be shown by children setting a table with utensils in dramatic play. Gross motor skills can be shown by children pedaling a bike on the playground. Persistence and conflict resolution can be shown by children working together on a block tower.

Guidelines for Artwork

- Resolution should be at least 300 dpi.
- Consider the story being told by the artwork.



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- For example, at a young age, process is more important than product. Color identification can be shown by children mixing colors to paint. Listening comprehension can be shown in response after a read aloud. If available, please send comments children made while completing their artwork. Comments should be submitted in a word document and give the words used, child's first name, and age. Example: "I'm fixing puppets so they can talk. Then they will be real." Nick, 3.
- All artwork should be child-created and child-led.
- Examples include discrete and unique child samples.

Please also consider images that include educators and family members as well. A release document is also required for any adult in any photographs submitted. Please use this [release form for adults](#). If unable to submit electronically, you may mail photographs and artwork to the following address

Indiana Department of Education Office of Kindergarten Readiness
100 N Senate Ave., 9th Floor
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Mailed items must be received by Wednesday, February 15, and will not be returned.

Please understand due to space limitations all submissions will be considered but may not be on display at the Indiana Statehouse. In addition to this display, there will also be a digital portfolio for statewide viewing.

Please contact IDOE's [Office of Kindergarten Readiness](#) with any questions.