



### **Licensure Renewal Staggering:**

This year, more than 200,000 educators will have licenses up for renewal. To put this number in perspective, approximately 60,000 educator licenses are normally up for renewal in a given year. The 2018 renewal year is much larger than usual because it is the first year that educators who were issued a substitute teaching license (SUB) or educator license with stipulations endorsed for paraprofessional (ELS-PARA) in the 2013 certificate-to-licensure exchange will be able to renew these licenses.

As we approach this licensure renewal season, we are focused on educators having the best experience possible with the Educator Licensure Information System. To prevent the system from overloading due to increased user traffic, ISBE will stagger renewal periods for educators according to license type.

- Educators who hold a PEL and ELS-CTE license, with an expiration of 6/30/2018, may renew beginning April 1, 2018.
- Educators who hold an ELS-PARA license, with an expiration of 6/30/2018, may renew beginning April 15, 2018.
- Educators who hold a SUB license, with an expiration of 6/30/2018, may renew beginning May 1, 2018.

The “renewal” hot link in educators’ action centers will not be activated until the dates identified above.

Keep in mind that professional development for this renewal cycle must be completed by June 30, 2018 and PELs and ELS-CTEs must be renewed by August 31, 2018 to prevent them from lapsing.

### **Middle Grade Endorsements**

Any applications for 5-8 middle grade endorsements submitted on or after February 1, 2018 will be evaluated under the new middle grade requirements. Educators who already hold a middle school or junior high endorsement on their license will need to provide proof of 24 semester hours + applicable tests in order to add a middle grade endorsement. Educators holding a junior high endorsement will NOT have to complete a full or focused program in middle grades.