Dear IFT PreK-12 members,

If your Professional Educator License (PEL) expired June 30, 2023, you still have time to <u>renew</u> without penalty until **August 31, 2023**.

Please follow the instructions below if you still need to renew your license or if you are unsure.

Confirmation of Renewal: To confirm that your license has been successfully renewed, please log in to your <u>Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS) account</u>. Once logged in, navigate to the Credentials page and check the "Expire Date" of your license.

Renewal Instructions: If you have not renewed your license yet, please follow the step-by-step instructions provided on the <u>ISBE website</u> to renew each type of license you hold, if applicable.

Important Note: For PEL, ELS-CTE, or ELS-CSBO license holders, please be aware that the deadline for renewal is August 31, 2023.

Lapsed licenses: If your license is not renewed by August 31, your license will lapse which could jeopardize your employment. In the event of a lapsed license, you will have <u>two options for</u> reinstatement:

- 1. Complete nine semester hours of coursework in one or more of your endorsement areas; or
- 2. Pay a \$50 penalty fee

If you have any questions or encounter any issues during the renewal process, <u>contact your</u> <u>Regional Office of Education (ROE) or Intermediate Service Center (ISC)</u>.

Avoid costly penalties for a lapsed license by renewing your license today!