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IPBS ANNOUNCES AT-HOME LEARNING INITIATIVE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

INDIANAPOLIS—With schools across Indiana closed in response to the COVID-19 virus, IPBS member television stations and the Indiana Department of Education (DOE) have partnered to offer at-home learning experiences for students in grades K-12 that align with Indiana curriculum standards.

The eight IPBS television stations have published programming schedules and corresponding curriculum resource materials focusing on math, science, social studies, literacy, and other subjects. The curriculum resources from PBS LearningMedia are a free online service of thousands of educational tools. Television program schedules have been augmented with information about grade-level appropriateness, subject area focus, and learning objectives. Programming schedules may be found by visiting the DOE website or by going to the website of the IPBS TV station nearest you. IPBS TV stations are located in Bloomington, Evansville, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Merrillville, Muncie, South Bend, and Vincennes.

“Our goal was to package easy to use materials that combined the best of PBS educational TV programming and learning resources. We knew it would need to be accessible for a broad range of learners across Indiana, from the youngest child to the graduating senior. We also knew it needed to include easy-to-use parent guidance and coaching for teachers,” said Mark Newman, executive director of IPBS. “Our stations reach virtually every family in the state, including those who don’t have internet access or computers at home.”

The PBS LearningMedia resources were developed with the input of educators. They are contextualized for educational use and align with Indiana curriculum standards. The resources include grab-and-go activities, lesson plans, interactive lessons, and media that illustrate specific topics or themes and support materials across subjects.

“Providing our students with access to high-quality and evidence-based materials is critical during this extended time of out-of-school learning,” said Indiana State Superintendent Dr. Jennifer McCormick. “I am grateful for IPBS and their local television affiliates for partnering with us to create engaging educational experiences for Indiana’s children.”

With offerings such as the PBS KIDS 24/7 channel, the WORLD Channel, and programs such as *NOVA* and *Into the Outdoors*, IPBS member stations are committed to ensuring that their educational programming and resources are widely accessible to students in Indiana.

For more information and access to PBS LearningMedia, please visit: www.pbslearningmedia.org. To view current schedules for grade level and subject programming, as well as correlating materials, please visit: www.doe.in.gov/elearning/2020-covid-19-remote-learning. In addition, you can visit the IPBS website of the TV station nearest you. For a map of regional IPBS television stations, please visit: www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/news/ipbs-tv-locator-map-040320.pdf.

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About Indiana Public Broadcasting Stations (IPBS):

IPBS represents nine NPR and eight PBS member stations, working collectively to deliver free and accessible programming and educational services over the air, online, and in classrooms. Stations are located in Bloomington, Elkhart, Evansville, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Merrillville, Muncie, South Bend, Vincennes and West Lafayette. More information about IPBS is available at www.ipbs.org.