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A Message from Interim Secretary, Jack King

Technology in Illinois is off to an energized start in support of the direction of the new administration. What began with a dire need to modernize the technology behind the services delivered to the citizens of Illinois, quickly became a new agency established by law. With a firm foundation now in place, DoIT is prepared for what comes next in our journey of transformation. DoIT will continue to play a significant role, poised to support the state of Illinois under Governor Pritzker's guidance. Thank you to so many teams who worked hard to ensure a smooth transition for the new administration. Dozens were involved in planning, communicating and executing to ensure our new leadership team was able to hit the ground running. Please feel free to reach out to me at jack.king@illinois.gov with any questions. Thanks again for your continued support.

Hackathon for Future Innovators

On Friday, January 11, 2019, DoIT hosted 30 teachers from the entrepreneurial Teacher Corps of the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) Chicago Metro. This group of dynamic classroom leaders was convened to explore how a better understanding of future trends in technology will help activate a student's entrepreneurial mindset to spur an interest in building skills for the innovation economy. Additional ideas for crafting classroom sessions for technology trends were discussed. Link [here](#) for all that NFTE does to support education in Illinois and across the country.



Cyber Awareness During Tax Season

W-2 forms should be sent within the next two weeks and this is a great opportunity for cyber criminals to phish for personal information. Spoofed emails may state that your W-2 is available for download.

Make sure the email is legitimate ... Is the sender legit? Is the URL correct or spoofed? Are you being asked for credentials, such as user name, password, or social security information? Tax fraudsters impersonating the IRS and other tax officials may threaten penalties if demands for payment are not made. Criminals may request "penalty" payments via unusual methods, such as gift cards or prepaid credit cards. It is important to remember that the IRS will always initiate communication via a letter in the mail and will never demand payment using a debit/credit card, a prepaid card, a gift card, or a wire transfer. The IRS does not threaten to notify law enforcement and will not demand payment without offering an opportunity to question or appeal. Remain on your guard during this tax season! 1040 [filing opens](#) on January 28th.

DoIT FYIs and Reminders

State offices will be closed on Monday, January 21st in observation of Martin Luther King Day which commemorates the birthday of civil rights leader, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This federal holiday was first observed in January 1986.

Gettin' jiggy ... high with it! Have you visited the break room on the 1st floor of 120 West Jefferson Street? Stop in for a quick blood pressure reading or weight check. The Higi Wellness Kiosk is now permanently on site to help you monitor your health and well-being.

