

# IASPA THIS WEEK



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IASPA Annual Conference  
January 29–30, 2026

LAST CHANCE

**TICKET SALES CLOSE  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

Learn about the variety of sessions and events by clicking on the link below

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## IN PREPARATION FOR THE IASPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Check out the [IASPA Annual Conference Website](#)



You will find;

- Agenda
- Session summaries
- Speaker bios
- Business and Law Partner information
- Keynote speaker information
- Details for all evening events

We will keep updating this site as more excitement develops, but check it out now is a great way to start.

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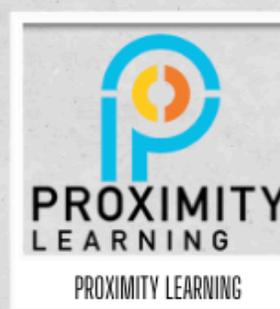
**WE HAVE MORE BUSINESS PARTNERS  
JOINING (OR REJOINING)**

**PLEASE WELCOME  
IASPA BUSINESS PARTNERS 2025-2026**

**BRONZE**



**FRIENDS OF IASPA**



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# Welcome NEW Members

It is always exciting to see this community grow.  
Please join us in WELCOMING these new members.

First Last	School District
JoAnne Smith	Batavia Public School District 101
Magdalena Roman	North Shore SD 112
Dana Karczewski	Orland SD 135
Sarah Higginbotham	Richland County Community Unit 1
Evelyn Andrade	New Trier Twp HSD 203
Claire Kowalczyk	Palatine CCSD 15
Lisa Haley-Miller	Crete-Monee CUSD 201-U
Eric Thorson	Aurora East USD 131
Melissa Wettig	Trico CUSD 176

## Request for HELP from a Doctoral Student



IASPA has been contacted by Aaron Strum, a doctoral student in the School of Education at the University of Southern Mississippi.

He is seeking survey responses for his dissertation, “**Measuring Administrative Hiring Confidence of Music Teachers in the Context of Shallow Hiring Pools.**”

Please consider assisting his research efforts by completing [this questionnaire](#) by January 31.

Thank you!



Teachers' Retirement System  
of the State of Illinois

## TRS Member Services Overview for HR

This webinar is for HR staff to learn & review what TRS does.

**Wednesday, February 25, 2026**

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CST)

[Join Us Virtually](#)

You already know that TRS works with you to ensure accurate and timely reporting of essential employment information for all TRS members. This webinar is specifically created for Human Resources staff to review what TRS does. It explains at a high level how retirement, disability and death benefits are calculated. It also clarifies employer responsibilities relative to the retirement process and post-retirement limitations.

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### UPCOMING SESSION:

**Topic:** AA #3752: Title IX Responding to Discrimination on the Basis of Sex

**When:**  
**Wednesday, January 28, 2026**  
At the Marriott Hotel in Naperville, 1:00-4:30PM

**Who:**  
**STEPHANIE E. JONES**

**Topic:** #4145: HR is on Vacation, What Do I Do?

**When:**  
**Thursday, February 26, 2026**

**Who:**  
**Dale Fisher**, Assistant Superintendent for HR,  
Deerfield SD109

For the full menu & more details, click below

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# REGISTER

## Virtual Job Fairs for Illinois School Employers

IASPA's virtual job fairs help Illinois public schools meet potential candidates for employment. Your administrators and instructional leaders will make direct, private connections with new and veteran educators on the convenient online platform.

### **RECRUIT, HIRE, NETWORK:**

**licensed teachers**    school support professionals  
licensed paraprofessionals    **administrators**  
**substitute teachers**    for immediate hire & next school year

2.12.2026

3.12.2026

5.14.2026

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# NEXT UP

Topic:

**WW: Legislation Update**

When:

**Wednesday, February 4, 2026**

Who:

**Emily Warnecke, Chief of Staff, IASA**

**FOR COMPLETE  
MENU,  
DETAILS &  
REGISTRATION  
ON ALL SESSIONS**

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**WW ARCHIVES**

Webinar  
Wednesday  
ARCHIVES

If you missed a Webinar Wednesday that you wanted to catch, you can still catch them in our archives.



## Webinar Wednesday Catalog: 2026

WW: Unlocking the Leadership Power: From Newbie to Leadership Superstar!!"  
February 11th, 2026

Angelica Romano, Executive Director of HR  
Scott Bramley, Associate Superintendent of HR

WW: Bridging the Gap: Streamlining Recruitment Between HR and Hiring Managers  
March 4th, 2026

Nina Youabb, HR Manager  
Sofia Alvarez, HR Specialist

**WW: Retention, Culture,  
Creative Staffing solutions-  
Recruit Boldly, Retain  
Bravely, Lead Creatively  
March 18th, 2026**

**Kathleen Kelly Colgan, Assistant Supt for HR**

**WW: FMLA**

**April 22nd, 2026**

**Barb Erickson, HLERK Attorney**

**WW: Annual Financial  
Audit (Business/HR)  
We can't live without  
each other.**

**May 6th, 2026**

**Adam Rusek, Director of HR  
Briant Kelly, Assoc Supt. HR  
Dan Stanley, Assoc. Supt-Business**

**WW: Mandated  
Trainings- What you  
need to know**

**May 20th, 2026**

**Julie Grohn, South Cook Intermediate Service  
Center  
Jeff Aranowski, Chief of Executive Services,  
Kane County Regional Office of Education**

**WW: Purge, Protect,  
Preserve: Mastering  
Records Management  
in HR**

**June 3rd, 2026**

**Mike Portwood, Asst. Supt. for HR  
Alexander U. Ikejaku, Ph.D., Assoc. Supt. for  
HR, Peoria Public Schools (District 150),**

**Register for your  
favorite Webinar  
Wednesday  
Sessions.**

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# NOW HIRING!!

- Director of Student Services
  - Tech Director
- Assistant Principal of Social Emotional Learning
- Director of Business Services (CSBO)
- Director of Student Support Services
  - Math Department Chair
  - Chief of HR Office
- Assistant Superintendent of Finance
- Exec Director of Talent Development
- Chief School Business Official
- PRINCIPAL POSITIONS: High School, Middle School, Elementary School, & Early Childhood Center

Post your vacancy today!

JOB BOARD

More Positions  
posted every week.

## IASPA CONNECT TOP TOPICS FROM THIS MONTH



- Athletic Director and IMRF
- Non-Certified Eval Tools
- Administrator Resource Handbook

Check out & join more conversations [HERE](#)





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