



IASPA This Week

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What To Know This Week

Webinar Wednesdays Are Back!

Finding time for professional learning during the school year isn't always easy. That's why **Webinar Wednesdays** make it simple to learn, stay current and connect with colleagues in just one hour.

The full 2026-27 Webinar Wednesday lineup is now available on the IASPA website. These one-hour virtual sessions are **free for IASPA members** and cover timely topics throughout the school year, including legal updates, recruitment, difficult conversations, AI, HR and PR partnerships, ADA compliance and plenty more.

Whether one topic catches your eye or you're planning your professional learning for the year ahead, Webinar Wednesdays make it easy to stay connected and keep learning all year long. Explore the lineup and register for the sessions that interest you.

[Explore the Webinar Wednesday Lineup](#)

HR Essentials: The Human Side of HR

Some of the best professional learning happens when ideas, experiences and people come together.

On **Thursday, September 10**, school HR professionals from across Illinois will gather at the NIU Naperville Conference Center for HR Essentials 2026. Centered around this year's theme, "**The Human Side of HR: Connecting People, Purpose, and Practice**," this annual event brings together school HR professionals for practical learning, meaningful conversations and opportunities to connect with colleagues who understand the unique challenges of school HR.

Whether you're looking for fresh ideas, new perspectives or simply the chance to learn alongside your peers, HR Essentials is a day designed with school HR professionals in mind.



[Register Today!](#)

On the Horizon

Administrator Academy: Title IX: Responding to Discrimination on the Basis of Sex

When: Thursday, August 20 | 8:30am-12:30pm

Confidence comes from preparation. Staying current on Title IX requirements can help you respond thoughtfully and effectively when challenging situations arise.

Join **Stephanie Jones**, partner at F3 Law, for this virtual Administrator Academy and explore current Title IX requirements, investigation procedures and practical strategies for responding to complaints. You'll leave with greater confidence and a stronger understanding of your responsibilities.



Whether you're looking to deepen your own understanding or have a principal, district administrator or colleague who would benefit from this learning opportunity, this session offers valuable insights you can put to use right away. Anyone is welcome to attend for professional learning, with no Administrator Academy coursework required.

[Reserve Your Spot](#)

WW: Bridges & Breakthroughs: Navigating the Mentor/Mentee Journey

When: Wednesday, August 19 | 12:00-1:00pm

Every HR leader can point to someone who offered guidance at just the right moment. Mentorship has the power to build confidence, strengthen connections and shape careers.

Join Jeff Knapp, Assistant Superintendent of Professional Learning and HR at Winnetka School District 36, as he leads a panel of IASPA mentors and mentees in a conversation about the experiences, challenges and breakthroughs that have shaped their professional journeys. Through candid conversation and real-world examples, you'll gain insight into what makes a mentoring relationship successful and how both mentors and mentees can make the most of the experience.



Whether you're considering becoming a mentor, looking for one or simply interested in expanding your professional network, this free Webinar Wednesday will leave you with ideas, inspiration and practical takeaways to support your own journey.

[Learn More & Register](#)

IASPA Job Board

IASPA's Job Board continues to be a reliable place to find HR and leadership roles across member districts.

Whether you're exploring something new or helping someone else do the same, it's a useful place to start.

Recent postings include:

- Executive Assistant of Human Resources, *Glenbrook HS District 225*
- Administrative Assistant for Operations, *Bloomington School District 13*

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