



IASPA This Week

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What To Know This Week

Make Time For You

In school HR, it's easy to spend every day investing in everyone else. HR Essentials is an opportunity to invest in yourself.

Whether you're new to school HR or a seasoned leader, [HR Essentials 2026](#) offers learning designed for every role and every stage of your career.

Join us on **Thursday, September 10**, at the NIU Naperville Conference Center for a day centered around this year's theme, "The Human Side of HR: Connecting People, Purpose, and Practice." Attendees also have the opportunity to earn Administrator Academy credit through Essentials of the HR Office presented by Dr. Kimberly Chambers. **Registration closes this Friday, September 4.**

If HR Essentials has been on your radar, don't let the registration deadline pass you by. We'd love to see you there.



[Save Your Spot!](#)

IASPA Board Leadership Opportunities

Our association is shaped by members who are willing to share their leadership, ideas and experience. If you've been thinking about serving on the IASPA Board, we'd love to hear from you.

Those interested in serving in the following IASPA Board positions beginning in January 2027 should complete an [Interest Form](#) by September 16.

- President-Elect
- Member-at-Large

Current, dues-paying Professional Members with previous committee leadership or Board experience are eligible to serve. If more than one qualified candidate expresses interest in a position, IASPA members will vote in a virtual election in November 2026.

Questions about serving? Contact IASPA Nominations Chairperson [Ed Piotrowski](#).

[IASPA Board Interest Form](#)

On the Horizon

WW: Legal Updates: Laws, Loopholes and the Latest

When: Wednesday, September 9 | 12-1pm

When school law changes, staying informed isn't optional. Join **Sara Boucek**, partner at F3 Law, for a timely look at the latest legislation, court decisions, regulatory changes and emerging legal issues affecting Illinois school districts.

Whether you're looking to better understand recent developments or prepare for what's ahead, this webinar will help you separate the headlines from the practical implications and leave with guidance you can apply in your district. **As an IASPA member, this one-hour Webinar Wednesday is free.**



Be Ready for What's Next

Partner Connection

Starting HR Essentials with National Louis University!

Start your HR Essentials morning with us and help us say a big thank you to National Louis University (NLU), our Breakfast Sponsor!



National Louis University has a long history of partnering with schools, districts, and education-focused organizations to strengthen the education profession. Through its National College of Education, NLU works alongside PK–12 partners to help build teacher pipelines, create pathways into the profession, support educator preparation, and provide professional advancement opportunities for current educators.

We are grateful to have National Louis University as an IASPA partner and appreciate their continued investment in the professionals who serve Illinois schools.

While you're enjoying breakfast at HR Essentials, be sure to stop by the National Louis University table, meet their team, and thank them for helping us start the day off right!

[Learn more about National Louis University and its partnerships.](#)

Take a Break with Informed K12!

Who doesn't love a good snack break? We're excited to have Informed K12 sponsoring the HR Essentials Snack Break!

Informed K12 helps school districts simplify the complex administrative work happening every day across HR, payroll, finance, and operations. Built specifically for K–12, their platform helps districts turn manual forms and processes into streamlined digital workflows, making it easier to manage everything from onboarding and personnel actions to supplemental pay, reimbursements, approvals, and more.



In other words, if you're an HR professional who loves the words efficiency, streamlined processes, and less manual work, you'll definitely want to meet their team!

During the Snack Break, grab a treat and be sure to stop by the Informed K12 table, say hello, and thank them for supporting HR Essentials and the IASPA community.

[Learn more about Informed K12.](#)

IASPA Job Board

Whether you're looking for your next role or helping someone else discover theirs, the [IASPA Job Board](#) is your go-to resource for HR and leadership opportunities across Illinois.

Featured Opening:

- Assistant Superintendent of Data, Innovation, and Technology, *Glenbrook High School D225*
- Human Resources Coordinator, *St Charles CUSD 303*
- Human Resources Specialist, *Glenbrook High School District 225*

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