



IASPA This Week

September 8, 2026

What To Know This Week

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](#)

Share Your Expertise at the 2027 IASPA Annual Conference



One of the best parts of the IASPA Annual Conference is learning from one another. If you have an idea, strategy or experience that could benefit fellow school HR professionals, we'd love to hear it.

The Call for Presenters is now open for the 2027 IASPA Annual Conference. We're looking for a wide variety of session topics and encourage you to submit more than one proposal if you have multiple ideas to share. **Presentation proposals are due Friday, September 25.**

[Submit a Presentation Proposal by September 25](#)

Another Sold-Out HR Essentials

HR Essentials 2026 is officially sold out, marking the third consecutive year the event has reached capacity!

Thank you to everyone who registered. We look forward to welcoming a full room of school HR professionals on September 10 for a day of learning, connection and conversation. Thank you for making HR Essentials such a valued part of the IASPA community.



Everyone Starts Somewhere: IASPA Mentoring

If you're new to school HR and looking for guidance, the IASPA Mentoring Program is here to help.

Connect with an experienced school HR professional who can answer questions, share insights and support you as you grow into your role. Know someone who's new to the profession? Encourage them to explore the program, too.

[Learn More About IASPA Mentoring](#)

On the Horizon

WW: Legal Updates: Laws, Loopholes and the Latest

When: TOMORROW, Wednesday, September 9 | 12-1pm

School law doesn't stand still, and neither should your understanding of it.

Join **Sara Boucek**, partner at F3 Law, for a timely update on the latest legislation, court decisions, regulatory changes and emerging legal issues affecting Illinois school districts. You'll leave with a clearer understanding of what these changes mean in practice and how they may impact your district.



Whether you're looking to stay current or prepare for what's ahead, this free Webinar Wednesday is an easy way to invest an hour in your professional learning.

[Be Ready for What's Next](#)

WW: Beyond the Bell: The Power of Storytelling Through Podcasting

When: Wednesday, September 23 | 12-1pm

Every school district has stories worth telling, and how you share those stories can make a lasting impact.

Join **Gabriel Cappozzo**, director of human resources at Beach Park CCSD 3, as he explores how podcasting can become a powerful leadership and communication tool. Learn practical strategies for developing a district podcast that celebrates your people, strengthens culture and supports recruitment and retention through authentic storytelling.



Whether you're considering launching a podcast or simply looking for new ways to share your district's story, you'll leave with ideas you can put into practice.

[Reserve Your Spot](#)

Professional Associate Network Meeting

When: Thursday, September 24 | 1-2pm

Some of the best ideas come from conversations with people who understand the work you do every day.

Join fellow IASPA Professional Associate members for the next Professional Associate Network Meeting, a free quarterly opportunity to connect, collaborate and discuss the topics that matter most in school HR. Whether you're new to the profession or have years of experience, you'll have the chance to ask questions, share ideas and learn from colleagues. **Registration is free, but required.**



[Join the Conversation](#)

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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