



IASPA This Week

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What To Know This Week

Continuing IASPA's Leadership with Dr. Kim Chambers

The IASPA Executive Board is pleased to share that it has agreed to terms on a new contract with Executive Director Dr. Kim Chambers, extending her leadership of IASPA through 2030.

Under Dr. Chambers' leadership, IASPA has continued to grow and evolve, offering expanded professional learning, stronger advocacy and new opportunities to support and connect our members. Her commitment to IASPA and the school HR profession has shaped where we are today and where we're headed next.



This new agreement reflects the Executive Board's confidence in Dr. Chambers and provides continuity as IASPA continues building on that work in the years ahead.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Chambers as she continues leading IASPA into its next chapter!

IASPA Awards: Nominations Now Open

Take a moment to nominate a colleague whose leadership, service or contributions deserve to be celebrated. Award recipients will be recognized at the IASPA Annual Conference in January.

Award categories include:

- Digital Branding Development
- Distinguished Service
- HR Specialist/Support Staff
- Mentor
- New Member
- Personnel Administrator of the Year
- Shelli Anderson Legacy Award for Excellence in School Law

[Award descriptions and nomination rubrics](#) are available on the IASPA website to help you get started.

[IASPA Awards & Recognitions](#)

On the Horizon

Webinar Wednesday: Training Building-Level Leaders on HR Practices

NEW DATE: Wednesday, October 28 | 12-1pm

HR may lead the work, but many employee issues begin at the building level. Giving principals and supervisors the right HR knowledge and skills can make a difference in how those situations are handled.

Join **Kathleen Kelly-Colgan**, assistant superintendent for human resources at CCSD 62, on October 28 for a conversation about training building-level leaders on everything from documentation and performance concerns to leave administration, investigations and difficult conversations.

You'll come away with ideas for strengthening the partnership between HR and school administrators, creating greater consistency and helping building leaders approach HR responsibilities with confidence.



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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:

- High School Principal, *Hinsdale Township High School District 86*
- Administrative Assistant to the Human Resources Office, *Leyden High School District 212*

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