This Conference is where most Illinois school leaders gather to learn more about how to govern and run local school districts. That’s why district governing boards, superintendents, administrators, business managers, and school attorneys agree **Leadership Starts Here**.

This year’s Joint Annual Conference of the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB), Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA), and Illinois Association of School Business Officials (Illinois ASBO) will offer hundreds of events, activities, and learning opportunities.

School leaders will gather in Chicago November 18 through 20, 2016. Come meet your peers at the co-headquarters Hyatt Regency Chicago and Sheraton Grand Chicago hotels. Confer with your counterparts from other school districts who have solved the very problems you face. Consult with authorities on a wide array of topics.

This preview gives you just a glimpse of the myriad panel sessions, workshops, tours, exhibits, General Sessions, and other learning opportunities offered. To follow developments, visit the online Conference website: [www.iasd.com/jac16/](http://www.iasd.com/jac16/).

Please note: Information is continuing to come in about the Conference. As a result, changes could create cancellations, relocations, or additions to the list of events contained in this preview. Please refer to the official Conference program you will receive at the registration desk for the most accurate, updated listing of events and activities.
Registration

Registration is open now. Early registration is $445 per registrant and is complimentary for family members of paid registrants. Registration forms and fees must be received by the IASB Springfield office by 4 p.m. on October 14 to qualify for this rate.

Conference registration packets for registrations received by the October 14 deadline will be mailed on October 28 to registered school districts. Beginning October 15, the registration cost is $470 per person and packets will be available at the Conference registration desk.

On-site registrations can also be made at the Conference and payment must be made by check, cash, or credit card. A three percent (3%) non-refundable fee will be charged for each credit card transaction. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted.

Refund requests, minus a $95 service fee per person, can be honored only if made by October 14, via email to Dana Heckrodt at dheckrodt@iasb.com. Refund requests will be processed after the Conference. We regret that no refund requests can be granted after October 14.

NOTE: Name-badge holders for all registrants will not be mailed; however, they can be picked up on-site at the Conference registration desk at the Hyatt Regency Chicago East Tower. Badge holders will also be available Friday at the Hyatt Regency Chicago West Tower, Sheraton Grand Chicago, and Swissôtel Chicago, for those attending IASB Pre-Conference Workshops, IASB Secretaries' Programs, or Safety and Security Seminar.

These forms can be filled out electronically, but must be printed and mailed, along with payment, to IASB.

NOTE: Forms CANNOT be faxed. They will only be accepted by mail or in person at the IASB Springfield office.

Questions regarding any phase of this process should be directed to IASB Meetings Management staff at 217/528-9688, ext. 1115.
Conference Hotels

All events will take place at these downtown hotels: Hyatt Regency Chicago (151 East Wacker Drive), Sheraton Grand Chicago (301 East North Water Street), and Swissôtel Chicago (323 East Wacker Drive). There is easy walking access among the three hotels.

More information about locations of specific events and how to find them will also be available at a special Conference orientation session, to be held at 11 a.m., Friday, November 18, and again at 7:30 a.m., Saturday, November 19, for later arrivals.

The following hotels have rooms blocked for housing:

1. Hyatt Regency Chicago (Headquarters)
2. Sheraton Grand Chicago (Headquarters)
3. Swissôtel Chicago
4. Fairmont Hotel
5. Embassy Suites
6. Marriott Chicago Downtown
7. Intercontinental Chicago

Conference room rates range from $184 to $205 per night. The number of rooms available at these prices is limited. Please be aware the room blocks may already be full for some hotels. Housing will be assigned as completed housing forms, accompanied by completed registration forms/fees and room deposits, are received. Please refer to the housing instructions and forms available at www.iasb.com/jac16/registration.cfm.

CREATE YOUR OWN PERSONAL PLANNER

Attendees to the Conference can create their own personal schedule planner with online tools available at IASB’s website under the “My Account” button. The planner will be available in mid-October. Please visit http://iasb.com/services/ams.cfm for more information on how to log in.
Conference Schedule At-A-Glance

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9 a.m.–3 p.m. ..........Illinois ASBO Board, committee meeting
1–3 p.m. ....................ICSA Executive Committee meeting
2–5 p.m. .....................IASA Board of Directors’ meeting
3:30–4:30 p.m. ..........IASB Board of Directors’ meeting

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7 a.m. .......................Illinois ASBO Seminars registration (Swissôtel)
7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. ....Illinois ASBO Seminars (Swissôtel)
7:30 a.m.–5 p.m. .........Conference registration
    IASB Delegate Assembly registration
7:30 a.m.–5 p.m. ..........IASB Information Desk (Sheraton)
7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. ......IASB Bookstore
    Educational Environment Exhibits
8 a.m.–noon ..........IASA Pre-Conference Workshop registration (Sheraton)
8 a.m.–3 p.m. .......... ICSA Seminar on School Law
8 a.m.–3 p.m. .......... ICSA Seminar on School Law
8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. ...IASB Homeroom
8:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m. ..Chicago Schools Tour
8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. .........Exhibit of School Services, Products, and Equipment
9 a.m.–3 p.m. ............IASB Pre-Conference Workshops (Sheraton)
9 a.m.–3 p.m. ............School Board/District Secretaries’ Program (Swissôtel)
10–11:15 a.m. ..............IASB Resolutions Committee meeting
11 a.m.–noon ..........Conference orientation session
2–3 p.m. .....................Illinois Attendance Commission Public Hearing
2–3 p.m. .....................Panel Sessions
2–5 p.m. .....................ICPEA meeting
3:30–5 p.m. ...............First General Session — Speaker: Mawi Asgedom

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7–8 a.m. ....................Fellowship: Encouraging Faithful Leadership
7:30–8:30 a.m. ............Conference orientation session
7:30–8:30 a.m. ............IASB Service Associates annual breakfast meeting
7:30–11 a.m. .............Delegate Assembly registration
7:30 a.m.–5 p.m. ......Conference registration
7:30 a.m.–5 p.m. ..........IASB Bookstore
    Educational Environment Exhibits
    Legislative Information Counter
8:30–10 a.m. ..........Second General Session — Speaker to be announced
8:30 a.m.–2 p.m. ......Exhibit of School Services, Products, and Equipment
8:30 a.m.–3 p.m. ......IASB Homeroom
9 a.m.–4 p.m. ..........IASB Information Desk (Sheraton)
10:30 a.m.–noon ......IASB Delegate Assembly
10:30–11:30 a.m. .......Panel Sessions
10:30 a.m.–3 p.m. ......School Board/District Secretaries’ Program (Swissôtel)
1:30–2:30 p.m. ..........Panel Sessions
1:30–3:15 p.m. ..........Carousel of Panels (Sheraton)
3–4 p.m. ....................Panel Sessions

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8–9:15 a.m. ...............IASB Board of Directors’ breakfast meeting
8–10 a.m. ...................IASB Bookstore
8–10 a.m. ...................Legislative Information Counter
8:30–9:30 a.m. ..........Coffee and Conversation Discussion Panels
8–10 a.m. ...................Educational Environment Exhibits
9:45–11:30 a.m. ........Third General Session — Speaker: Michael Dorn

PLEASE NOTE: Some events will be held at the Sheraton Grand Chicago, just across the river from the Hyatt Regency Chicago, and others at the adjacent Swissôtel Chicago. Unless noted, all locations are in the Hyatt Regency.
A major feature of the Joint Annual Conference are the keynote addresses given during the three general sessions. This year's lineup includes an Ethiopian refugee who went on to graduate from Harvard, a world-renowned school safety expert, and an exciting keynote speaker who will not disappoint for Saturday's Second General Session.*

The president of each of the sponsoring associations will open each session and serve as emcee. They include IASB President Phil Pritzker, Wheeling CCSD 21; IASA President Derek Hutchins, Crab Orchard CUSD 3; and Illinois ASBO President Jennifer J. Hermes, Lake Forest SD 67. The officers and boards of directors for each organization will also be introduced.

**Keynote speakers**

**First General Session, Friday, Nov. 18 — Mawi Asgedom**  
Mawi Asgedom is a refugee turned Harvard graduate. He has written eight books and spoken to over one million students and educators in more than 40 states. As a child, he fled civil war in Ethiopia and survived a Sudanese refugee camp for three years. After resettling in Wheaton, Illinois, he overcame poverty, language barriers, and personal tragedy to graduate from Harvard University with a degree in American history. Since then, Asgedom has also created a suite of online leadership courses and founded Mental Karate, a leadership system used to inspire students.

**Third General Session, Sunday, Nov. 20 — Michael Dorn**  
Michael Dorn is considered to be one of the nation's most respected school safety experts. He has published 27 books on school safety, emergency preparedness, and law enforcement. During a 25-year public safety career, he served as a university police lieutenant, school district police chief, anti-terrorism planner, and Georgia Homeland Security lead program manager. A graduate of the FBI National Academy, Dorn has received advanced briefings by the Israel National Police. His work has also taken him to Central America, Mexico, Canada, Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.

*IASB members: Log in to "My Account" at www.iasb.com to learn about the second General Session speaker. Select Members Only, Annual Conference.

This year's General Sessions will introduce student art and music performances. Awards will also be announced to recognize the state's outstanding school board president, school board/district secretary, superintendent, and school business official. Winners will also be announced for school design and risk management awards.

The General Sessions will be held at 3:30 p.m. Friday, 8:30 a.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. Sunday, November 18-20, in the Grand Ballrooms of the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

The ballrooms can accommodate several thousand guests; however, it is advisable to arrive early to find your choice of seats.
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11 a.m.—noon

Conference Orientation: Navigating the Landscape — Does your district have a leader attending the Joint Annual Conference for the first time? This session will review the Conference program, how and where to find assistance, directions, maps, sessions, and activities that you won't want to miss.

2–3 p.m.

Involve Peer Assistance and Review in Teacher Evaluation — Rockford SD 205 has successfully implemented a Peer Assistance and Review model that has raised expectations for classroom performance and increased teacher trust in the evaluation process. IASA provided personalized coaching for teacher evaluators that produced consistent evaluations.

Expanding Art’s Essential Role in Student Learning — Why are the arts integral to all student growth, and how can learning communities promote comprehensive fine art experiences to all students? Join representatives from the IAEA and Arts Alliance for an in-depth conversation on these questions and more.

Improving Your Learning Environment Through Sustainability — Hear from two trailblazing school districts that use sustainability initiatives to leverage both financial savings and enhanced educational programs. Investments in both facilities and students demonstrate the value of strategic thinking, life-cycle considerations, stewardship, and enhancing education’s future.

Your Board: Gatekeeper to Financial Management Excellence — Explore policies, practices, and management tools your school board should consider to sustain the financial stability and credit rating of your district. Whether going through a financially turbulent season or looking to maintain flexibility, this session is for you.

Planning for Major Needs and Annual Expenditures — An architect and a building and grounds director will discuss a process for planning, budgeting and prioritizing major maintenance needs and benchmarks to develop an efficient annual budget for operations and maintenance expenditures.

2016 Legislative Session Review — Get an update on the latest education issues from the Capitol.

Dashboards: What You Should Know and Why — As a board member you are confronted with many tough decisions and are often engaged by community members seeking information. Do you have the right statistics at hand? We’ll identify data sets that are critical to school board members’ success.

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School Safety: Security and Fire — Experts in fire safety and law enforcement security will explain the importance of working with local emergency responders in preparing school emergency plans and drill down into the procedures and best practices of school building safety.

Middle School Athletics: Realistic Expectations — What should you realistically expect from your junior high/middle school interscholastic program? This session will give board members some insight into expectations of coaches, parents, fans, and how to handle difficult situations that often arise in the interscholastic athletic program.

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Managing a Multi-Year, Multi-Phase Construction Project — Share experience and best practices from Marion’s five-year, $65 million high school construction project. The project’s construction manager, architect, and district superintendent will offer ideas on how to best manage your project — allowing you to focus on day-to-day operations.

The Art of School Boarding — Veteran or rookie, every school board member needs to know the secrets of what works and what to avoid. Hear the top ten actions for success as a school board member — as shared by experienced board members and educators.

Preparing Educators to Support Linguistically- and Culturally-Diverse Students — Discover policy and practice considerations to prepare educators to build on their cultural, linguistic, familial, and community influences.

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10:30–11:30 a.m.

Pharmacy Benefits: Helping Return Money to Classrooms — A panel of experts in the pharmacy benefits industry will provide valuable information about escalating pharmacy costs and offer ideas on how to mitigate them for school districts, especially self-insured districts.

Exploring the Benefits of Board Self-Evaluation — The purpose of board self-evaluations will be presented along with IASB options available to governance teams. Following an introductory presentation, representatives from the Richland SD 88A Governance Team and the Cairo SD 1 Governance Team will share their experiences with board self-evaluations while elaborating on how participation aided in the development and refinement of board goals.

Dealing with Conflict on Your Board — Everyone wants students to succeed, but what happens when there are disagreements on the board? This session will address conflict and its unintended consequences, offer suggestions for resolving conflict, and provide an opportunity to hear from each other districts.

2016 Legal Update on Supporting Transgender Students — This session will provide practical guidance for navigating the evolving legal issues relating to how schools service their transgender students, including 2016 developments in OCR, court, legislative, and state agency guidance.

Ed-Tech Student Success Stories in TED Talks — Administrators and teachers will tell engaging stories of how technology is transforming education in their schools. These are stories you will not want to miss and will want to have replicated in your school district.

Collaborating for Student Success — All district stakeholders must have a laser-like focus on continuous improvement. Intentional partner collaboration can support these efforts. Join IASB TAG consultants and the Illinois Center for School Improvement staff to hear about efforts to increase student achievement.

Building a School Communications Program from Scratch — School communicators often run a solo shop. But where do you begin when the district has no communications basics in place when you arrive? Learn how to launch a program quickly with simple, cost-effective strategies.

School Safety: Role of Law Enforcement — School law specialists will discuss considerations regarding security officers, reciprocal reporting requirements, criminal charges for unlawful activities at school, and local law enforcement rights and responsibilities.

School Safety: Climate and Culture — This panel will concentrate on the psychological and emotional needs of students and faculty, as well as the cultural attitudes prevalent within a school building, and how these elements affect school safety.

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CONFERENCE BOOKSTORE:
BOOKS, GIFTS, AND AUTHORS
A terrific browsing opportunity that opens Friday morning is the Conference bookstore. There will be more than 3,000 titles on hand, from school governance and leadership to general titles in management, school security, biographies, reference, self-help, and other publication categories. There will also be a children’s book section and a wide variety of holiday gifts and merchandise available.

Located in the East Tower of the Grand Ballroom level of the Hyatt Regency Chicago, the bookstore will also be the place to meet with authors of many of the books on display. A schedule of book signings will be posted on-site and in the Conference program.
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Essential School Services: How Your ROE/ISC Can Help — IARSS supports Regional Offices of Education and Intermediate Service Centers. ROE/ISCs act as an intermediate agency between the Illinois State Board of Education and school districts. Discover how their services support your district to ensure student’s safety and success.

Civil Decision Making — This session will introduce four concepts that, when applied together, can lead boards to more civil discourse. Examine the public values involved in board decisions, embracing psychological types, disciplined decision making, and the board’s trustee role.

Policy 101: Anatomy of a PRESS-Based Policy Manual — Join us for a high-level overview of the sections of the Policy Reference Education Subscription Service manual, their purpose, and how to use PRESS to get the most of out of updating your Board Policy Manual.

Decisions, Decisions, Decisions — Join an interactive session (using the “clickers”) to better understand whether decisions are superintendent decisions, board decisions, or a combination of both. You will also hear different strategies to help boards work together to reach consensus.

Collective Bargaining in Uncertain Times — Receive instruction on bargaining strategies in these times. The economic climate has never been more uncertain, and contracts have potential pitfalls that need to be avoided. Learn strategies school districts can use to protect themselves to the greatest extent possible.

Executive Search Process — Selecting a superintendent may be the most important responsibility a board undertakes. Learn the steps and review the critical aspects. This panel is designed to assist anyone anticipating a superintendent, assistant superintendent, business manager, director, or principal change.

Powering Professional Development with Ed Leaders Network — Through an IPA and ISBE partnership, all educators in the state now have access to on-demand professional development on the Ed Leaders Network (ELN). Discover how ELN can be used to create, complete, and track learning within your district.

Legislative Issues Impacting School Districts — This panel of experienced legislators will discuss the hot topics of the 2016 legislative session (the budget, income tax, pensions, cost shift, mandates, SB1, etc.) and how these issues will impact Illinois school districts.

PBIS: Improvement through Creativity and Celebration — The PBIS System has been tremendously successful at Jefferson Junior High in developing a system for improving student behavior and supporting the RTI process. We’ll share a detailed plan for implementation, a system for tracking data, creative celebrations, and successes.

Family Engagement: What Does This Truly Mean? — As we transition from parent involvement to family engagement what is the difference? Learn in this interactive session meaningful ways to discover what level of family engagement your school has and decide if you need to change it.

Managing Risk and Insurance — School districts face challenges understanding insurance and ensuring proper district coverage. This presentation will touch on all lines of insurance that pertain to school districts, including health, property/casualty, worker’s compensation, general liability, school board legal liability, treasurer’s bond, etc.

The School Board’s Role in Public Purchasing — Examine the legal elements of public purchasing and the board member’s role. Gather knowledge of laws and policies on such purchasing. Explore actual public purchasing situations through practical examples as we define the board’s role in public purchasing and contracts.

IASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY
The Association’s Delegate Assembly, comprised of one voting delegate from each member district, is the policy-making body of IASB. Through a vetted resolutions process, proposals presented by member school boards will be introduced, discussed, and voted upon. Final results will guide the Association’s position statements and staff in ongoing legislative efforts.

Delegates will meet from 10:30 to 11:50 a.m. on Saturday, November 19, in Regency A/B of the Hyatt Regency West Tower. In addition to voting on resolutions, delegates will hear from the IASB president, executive director, and treasurer; and vote on officers.

A complete list of proposed resolutions will be mailed to member districts and will be posted on IASB’s website.
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Cultivating Strong Board/Superintendent Relations — In order for the board and superintendent to foster student achievement and provide good governance for the school district, the superintendent and board members must work together as a team. Find out about this crucial aspect of governing your district.

Selling Your Community on a Referendum — West Aurora recently passed a referendum. Success hinged on communicating the need to all segments of the community. From town-hall meetings to Pinterest, viral videos to building plans on iPads, learn the art of selling your story to voters.

Creating Community Partnerships to Foster STEM Initiatives — The Bloomington-Normal Economic Development Council, State Farm Insurance, and local school districts Bloomington SD 87 and McLean County UD 5 have partnered to enhance the STEM efforts for teachers and students in the community.

Supporting Transgender Students in District 100 — Berwyn South SD 100 undertook a process to create, approve, and implement an administrative procedure for student gender support. A board member, administrator, and Illinois School Administrators Alliance staff, will discuss the partnership formed to support transgender and gender-expansive students.

Evidence-Based Funding Model — The Vision 20/20 policy brief calls for Illinois to implement an evidence-based school funding model. The model was presented to the legislature last spring. This presentation will explore what an evidence-based model is, and explain key implementation and legislative support.

Accountability — Enjoy this State Board discussion regarding new requirements for school district accountability. Balanced Accountability includes a focus on student performance and school improvement for all districts and their schools. Topics will include student assessments, accountability functions, and reporting to the public.

Collaboration Leads to Innovation — Unique in Illinois, and founded upon collaboration of four public school districts, Aurora University and corporate and non-profit partners, the John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School offers innovative, inquiry-based STEM programming to students in grades 3-8 from four Aurora-area districts.

Hot Legal Topics for 2016 — Discover what’s new in school law. Two expert attorneys will impart their vast knowledge of hot issues plaguing school districts. This session promises an array of information delivered in a humorous way that will maintain your interest.

Superintendent Evaluation: Getting it Right — Superintendent evaluation is complex. Meridian CUSD 223 struggled for years to find a process that provided both direction and accountability for the superintendent. This presentation will detail the process developed and used to achieve those goals.

1:30–2:30 p.m.

“What If” Questions: Multi-Year Budgeting and Forecasting — Learn how districts are turning detailed data into useful information for budgeting and forecasting. The combination of peer comparison and accounting system data allows district administrators to model “what if” scenarios. Data-informed decisions and transparency are key presentation themes.

Expenditure Ideas and Solutions for Tough Budget Times — As revenues decrease, districts look for creative ways to think outside the box regarding expenditure solutions. We’ll share ideas regarding elimination of a salary schedule, added retirement incentives, and caps on benefits. Colleagues will share example documents.

Reimagining Principal Leadership — Requirements and expectations for principals continue to expand and evolve. Gone are the days of only overseeing schedules, student discipline, buses, and athletics. Learn from the Illinois Principals Association how to support principals to lead effectively in the 21st century.

School Finance: Expenditures for the Novice — Come and learn about basic business office operations and the business administrator’s role in managing cash, meeting budgeting responsibilities, purchasing, state financial reporting, and overseeing the expenditure process.

Setting District Goals and Direction — Whether you call it setting district goals, strategic planning, or mission/vision work, school boards are responsible for clarifying the district’s purpose. Hear how one school board used IASB facilitation to help do this work the right way.

Community Engagement: What’s Working (Part 1) — Hear from a variety of districts from around the state about how they have used different processes for community engagement in their communities.

Managing Student Data Privacy in High-Tech Environments — Tech advances are changing education. Online and cloud-based tools are the new norm and raise important issues: privacy, confidentiality, and security. Come get practical info from a variety of perspectives. Learn how one district addressed many issues and community concerns.

IASA’s Aspiring-Superintendents Academy: Illinois’ Next School Leaders — The Illinois Association of School Administrators is now offering an Aspiring Superintendents Academy. This week-long, summer experience helps prepare the next generation of superintendents. This session will discuss the 2016 inaugural class and future opportunities.
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Making the Impossible Happen — A small group of citizens raised $300,000 to fund an Ag/FAA program. Impossible? Not when the few never believed it to be impossible. In an era of seeming financial hopelessness, this group will impart hope to all who attend.

Strategic Communications’ Importance in an Accountability Age — Accountability is ever more prevalent in public education. So it’s critical districts understand the benefits of continuously communicating with stakeholders. Discover 10 tips to communicate with stakeholders in an effective, efficient, and strategic manner in a climate of accountability.

School Safety: Rural Crisis Prevention and Response — Crisis prevention and response in rural schools faces challenges different from those encountered in urban or suburban districts. Learn about school safety best practices from a rural perspective.

School Safety: Building Design — The design, layout, and safety features of a school can have a positive effect on security and safety if properly implemented. Learn essential tips, whether to protect schools from fire, thunderstorm, tornado, hazardous materials, or intruders.

IHSA: Update on Current Issues and Happenings — The executive director from the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) will report on important issues and events in Illinois interscholastic activities and answer your questions.

Practical Parliamentary Procedure — Motion. Second. Vote. Easy, right? Unfortunately, not always. Are your meetings too long or do members feel stifled? This session will offer a basic summary of Robert’s Rules of Order that can add efficiency, effectiveness, and fairness to board meetings.

Policy and Procedures: The Board’s Role — Understanding the basic policy-making role of a board is essential for effective governance. This presentation will explore best practice minimums and maximums for board involvement in order to effectively govern by written board policy.

Understanding Changes to School Discipline Policy — From policy conception to school implementation, discipline policy has been a major issue at the Statehouse and in the school house. Hear from a variety of professionals involved in this changing environment of disciple policy and better understand the issues.

Utilizing the Full Value of the CSBO — A Certified School Business Official (CSBO) is a valuable school district asset. Surveys show that CSBOs return to their district up to five times their salary. This session will discuss the numerous ways CSBOs add value to the district.

Can We Expel? A Discipline Boot Camp for Board Members — SB 100 changed the way schools suspend and expel students. This interactive panel will review the changes in law and work with hypothetical student expulsion situations to train boards how to effectively handle student discipline situations in this changed landscape.

Effective Meetings, Productive Boards — The term “school board” is virtually synonymous with “meetings.” A board needs to be good at conducting meetings. Evaluate your meetings and learn and share best practices necessary to conduct an effective board meeting, making good use of available time.

Master Planning: Effectively Leveraging Community Engagement — Examine benefits of an integrated, interactive planning process addressing district goals, including future-ready facilities, and interdisciplinary learning objectives. An architect and a district superintendent will explain best management of your project — allowing you to focus more on day-to-day operations.

Partnering for Teacher Leadership Throughout Illinois — Teachers of the Year will share work of educational organizations, districts, and teacher leadership research. What’s its impact? How do you do it? Connections will be made to the Illinois Teacher Leadership Network, P20 Council Committee, Illinois Summits, and ESSA.

Developing Career-Based Academies in Rural America — Designing an educational specification at a high school district included career-based academies, formation of community partnerships, and the application of the model to a successful referendum for building a new facility to support the desired learning.

Hack Your School: A Guide to Future Focused Facilities — Innovative thinking is crucial to delivering future-focused facilities: it helps us imagine unseen possibilities. Using a non-traditional process, “Design Thinking,” two districts hacked their functionally obsolete libraries to discover solutions delivering more of what they wanted, through use and testing.

Getting the Green Light: Teachers Re-inventing School — When school leaders asked teachers to re-invent school, The Open Program was born: a learning community promoting student ownership, self-directed progress, and community service. Join Open Program teachers and students to see how innovative learning can work at your school.

E911 Services and School Safety — You rely on emergency services when a crisis arises. When you dial 911, E911 services inform the dispatcher which location you are calling from in the school. While the cost of such service is very low, the reward is high.

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Preparation New Board Members for Success — To become a high-performing team, each board must address the orientation needs of new members and develop a “new” team. Learn how Washington SD 50 welcomes new members to the team and prepares them for important board work.

Superintendent Employment Contracts — The school board’s most important function is employment of the superintendent. At its base is the superintendent’s employment contract. Enjoy a survey discussion of the elements of the contract and take the opportunity and ask questions of interest to you.

ESSA Update — The federal Every Student Succeeds Act was signed in December 2015 and the state now is responsible for implementing the new law. It reauthorizes the old ESEA and provides new state-level opportunities. Learn the status of implementation here in Illinois.

The 21st Century School: How Upgrades Maximize Achievement — Alleviating district burden while upgrading the educational environment? Learn how Momence CUSD 1 created a turn-key partnership program extending beyond capital improvements to improve facility reliability, enhance safety, and engage students in STEM while minimizing risk, costs, and disruption.

Tax Caps and Freezes: Preparing for New Legislation — Learn what legislation related to tax caps and the property tax freeze would mean, and what you can do to prepare.

Blended Learning: Systems Change for Student Success — Blended Learning, an innovative and flexible approach to meeting students’ needs through technology and improved instruction, has grown at Huntley High School for four years. Huntley’s journey implementing Blended Learning continues, as student performance and demand exceed expectations.

School Finance: Revenues for the Novice — Learn about local revenue, the property tax cycle, and the ins and outs of the tax levy. Also, learn the ropes about general state aid, categorical, and federal revenue.

Superintendent Evaluation: It’s a Team Effort — Superintendent evaluation is a process, not a one-time event. Come learn more about IASB’s “best practices” approach to strengthening the board/superintendent relationship through a comprehensive evaluation process.

Community Engagement: What’s Working (Part 2) — Hear from a variety of districts from around the state about how they have used different processes for community engagement in their communities.

Mitigating Liability While Using Volunteers — Using volunteers can expose school districts to liability under federal and state laws, through vicarious liability, or by triggering labor union issues. We’ll review examples of how to minimize risk, costs, and disruption.

Mindfulness 101: For Overbooked, Overscheduled Board Members — Are you overscheduled and overbooked? Looking for a way to get more done? Learn how being mindful can provide schedule relief. Discover the basics and learn how to do more by being mindful, and leave the session reenergized and renewed.

School Board Presidents Roundtable — School board presidents will gather to share experiences, questions, ideas, and frustrations. The conversation is offered on both Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning; join us on either day, or both.

Building an AP-PLC: Leadership Strategies for Success — Using Beecher’s AP Honor Roll District as a model, educational leaders will implement best practices in curriculum, human resources, and community leadership to collaboratively assess and improve rigorous, college-level courses available to diverse students in their own schools and districts.

Develop Bilingual Parent Leaders and Home/School Partnerships — Explore Mannheim SD 83’s Bilingual Parent Advisory Council. Learn about factors that motivate bilingual parents to assume leadership roles, and the challenges faced, and lessons learned. Listen to personal narratives of how Latino parents became active parent leaders in their district.

Organizing a Successful Referendum Campaign — Triad CUSD 2 (Troy) passed an Ed Fund Referendum for the first time in 50 years. Learn the steps they took to succeed. From developing a community-led committee to voter turnout tactics, they’ll share what they learned during the campaign.

Collective Bargaining and Contract Management — This session will cover current issues in collective bargaining, contract management, and labor relations. Two experienced labor relations attorneys will present current information and host a Q&A session regarding collective bargaining.
3–4 p.m. continued

Supporting and Retaining New Teachers — Discover how one school district has supported and retained its new teachers through the implementation of an institutionalized and purposeful mentoring and coaching structure.

School Safety: Analysis of a School Safety Incident — The panel will discuss lessons learned from an eye-opening incident that happened within their school district. Hear personal accounts from members of this group and learn from their experience.

School Safety: Lessons Learned and Prevention Techniques — Learn from research on school safety incidents from the state’s expert and hear a school district safety officer cover safety techniques that have been proven effective. Sign up for the free School Safety Information Sharing Program.

Igniting and Sustaining Innovation: Strategies for Success — Closing achievement gaps hinges on harnessing talent within; actualization relies on board-level work. Instructional rounds, demonstration classrooms, and inter-rater teams mobilize collective action that spurs innovation and sustainable results. Handouts will document the success and attainable replication.

Negotiating and Preparing Employment Contracts for Key Employees — Learn key provisions required in a superintendent and/or administrator contract; strategies for offering and negotiating salary; alternative compensation and other termination provisions; avoiding costly ACA penalties, and key facts on TRS sick leave and 6 percent salary provisions.

Pension Reform: Impact on School Districts Today — Hear from experienced attorneys and lawmakers about the impact from current pension reform legislation and litigation, and implications for collective bargaining and administrator contracts. Get answers to questions commonly asked by administrators and employees.

Creating Governance Policies, Practices and Protocols — The process used to collaboratively create governance policies, practices, and protocols will be explained. Strategies to engage all board members and the superintendent will be demonstrated. A school board member handbook will also be shared.

Community Engagement for Schools — Join Mulberry Grove CUSD 1 in collaboration with K12 Strategies as they present successful and innovative ideas to engage the larger community around education.

Last Dance: A Twelve-Year Tango — A superintendent and board president share the secrets of their success after 12 years of successfully dancing through issues together.

Community School: Meeting Needs of At-risk Students — Enjoy a school district’s account of meeting the needs of its at-risk population through the development of a community school.

Collaborative Superintendent Program Design and Implementation — This panel focuses on various educational entities and their collaborative and collective superintendent preparation program design and delivery efforts. The programs are designed to implement a systems-orientation approach to the superintendence.

Things to Consider Before an Internal Investigation — Focus on concerns arising when a district weighs an internal investigation after a complaint alleges employee or vendor misconduct. Uninformed decisions made after such a complaint, or after deciding to conduct a proactive review, can lead to unintended, unwanted circumstances.

Politics? No. Adult Bullying? Yes, Survey Says — Being a board member is political, being an adult bully is not. Share results and stories from a February 2016 email survey of Illinois public school district superintendents and board members, and consider specific training suggestions for reducing adult bullying.

Leveraging Your Best Assets: Parents and Community — Glenbard THDS 87 (Glen Ellyn) developed a nationally recognized parent education series to inspire and educate parents and community members to face challenges of parenting young people today. Learn how you can enhance the impact of your district’s two greatest assets for helping your students succeed: your parents and your community.

Bringing a Vision to Life — Westmont CUSD 201, a small unit district, envisioned becoming a small giant. To offer students an exceptional educational experience, they implemented a dual-language program, and service learning, creating one of the nation’s most improved high schools in just four years.

Student Learner Work Study — Examine a cooperative student learner program between students, manufacturing, and local business that addresses local businesses’ need to find, train, and retain local employees. The program helps place Okaw Valley CUSD 302 students in a working/business/manufacturing environment to gain valuable experience.

KEY: ▲ Panels are part of the Safety and Security Seminar (see p. 21 for more information).
Join colleagues to benefit from an exciting assortment of panels. In one room, 33 presentations will be offered simultaneously. You can pick and choose to participate in three different 30-minute panels. The event will be held at the Sheraton Grand Chicago, Ballroom Level IV.

**1:30–3:15 p.m.**

**Multi-School Bus Bids: Save Student Time and District Money**  
— Zukowski Law Offices

**1:1 Devices: Zero to 4,000 at Warp Speed**  
— Central CUSD 301

**Performance Contracting RFPs: An Alternative Approach**  
— Oak Lawn-Hometown SD 123

**Libraries: 21st Century Hubs for Student Learning**  
— Huntley Community SD 158

**A Journey Towards Trauma-Informed Schools**  
— Calumet Public SD 132

**Visibility Matters! Contributing to a Positive Climate**  
— Manteno CUSD 5

**Thriving with Community Eligibility Program Breakfast**  
— Beach Park SD 3

**Know Your School Facilities? Conduct Facility Audits**  
— Eastern Illinois University/FGM Architects, Inc.

**Transform Learning Centers into STEM Learning Hubs**  
— McHenry CCSD 15

**Integrating Adaptive Life Skills in School/Community**  
— Flanagan-Cornell Unit District 74

**Building a Gold-Circle Early Childhood Program**  
— Mannheim SD 83

**Partnering with Purpose: A Pathway to Trust**  
— Oak Lawn-Hometown SD 123

**Why Data Privacy Matters: Guarding Against Intruders**  
— Dykema Gossett PLLC

**Enhancing Superintendent/Board of Education Relations**  
— Eastern Illinois University

**External Partnerships to Expand Student Experience**  
— Huntley Community SD 158

**#FutureReadyLearning**  
— Homer CCSD 33C

**Innovative Approach to Collaborative Goal Setting**  
— CHSD 230

**Rethinking RtI: Sustaining Implementation for Success**  
— Manteno CUSD 5

**Research on Redesigning Principal Preparation in Illinois**  
— Illinois Education Research Council and University of Chicago Consortium on School Research

**Top School Construction Problems and Solutions**  
— Robbins Schwartz

**Perspectives of Parents of Black Children**  
— Eastern Illinois University

**Student Success Through Effective Community Relations**  
— McLean Co. Unit District 5/Champaign CUSD 4

**Building Collaborative Relationships with Your Union**  
— Manteno CUSD 5

**Boosting Student Growth: GRR and Cooperative Learning**  
— Woodridge SD 68

**Going Open: Path to Open Educational Resources**  
— Northern Illinois University

**Personalized Professional Learning for All Staff**  
— CCSD 93

**Activating Young People to Create Inclusive Opportunities**  
— Special Olympics Illinois

**School Greenhouses/Gardens Add Value to Communities**  
— Waterloo CUSD 5

**Empowering Students and Community with Workplace Readiness**  
— Hononegah CHSD 207

**Unilateral Implementation of CBA: Retroactive Compensation**  
— Country Club Hills SD 160

**Collaborative College/Career Readiness Initiatives: IRISE and Beyond**  
— CEC/IRISE/Partner Institutions of Higher Ed

**Restorative Justice: Apply Senate Bill 100 Effectively**  
— Hauser Izzo, LLC

**Leadership Practices Inventory: The Leadership Challenge**  
— Eastern Illinois University
Concerned with questions about your board role? Need to know more about solving issues facing your district, or preparing to lead for the world of tomorrow? Or do you want to discuss legal issues, share board tips, become a better advocate of public education, etc.? Come learn from the experts and share ideas with your peers. We'll offer hot coffee to help you wake up and get the conversation going. Join us.

8:30–9:30 a.m.

**Legally Stumped?** — Is your board facing difficult personnel decisions in light of decreasing funding? Is your district struggling with the changes in student discipline? Discuss legal issues with school attorneys and other school leaders facing the same challenges.

**Rural Issues** — Less money, changing student census, unfunded mandates, rising costs, outdated buildings: sound familiar? These are some issues rural district leaders are facing. Share your concerns and solutions in this interactive discussion of key issues while you network with your peers.

**Board Presidents’ Roundtable** — School board presidents will gather to share experiences, questions, ideas, and frustrations. The conversation is offered on both Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning; join us on either day, or both.

**Aspiring Superintendents** — Whether they have completed requirements or are currently enrolled in coursework to become a superintendent, aspiring administrators won’t want to miss this discussion with search staff experts from IASB and professional staff from IASA.

**Communicating a 1:1 Rollout** — Launching a 1:1 program? Considering steps to take to inform staff, students, families, and community about the positive impact devices can have on learning? Hear about two districts’ approaches to communicating the roll out of 1:1 devices for their students.

**After the Applause: Arts Education in a Changing Landscape** — Strong music education programs unite communities, connecting students with artistry and humanity while teaching creativity, critical thinking, and more. Join members of ILMEA’s board of directors to explore tools that support music programs in today’s education landscape.

**Board Member/Parent: What Hat to Wear When** — Many individuals who serve on a local boards do so because their children attend the schools. Explore the ways that a board member/parent can separate those roles and decide which hat to wear, and when.

**New Board Member Orientation: It Matters** — Team dynamics change when even one new member joins a board. How do you ensure a smooth transition and keep your board highly effective? Join us for an interactive discussion on what works.

**Who’s Fighting for Us in Illinois and Washington D.C.** — Your Association carries an effective locally developed agenda to lawmakers on your behalf. Meet your advocacy team, and join them for a discussion of emerging legislative issues and the power of working hand in hand to effect change in education policy.

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**EARN UP TO NINE PD CLOCK HOURS**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CLOCK HOURS FOR TEACHERS

The Joint Annual Conference is an ISBE-approved activity and licensed Illinois educators who are either registered Conference attendees (board members) or registered guests of those attendees may receive nine (9) PD Clock Hours for attending the full Conference.

There is no cost to board members; however, there is a $50 handling charge for non-board members who qualify for PD Clock Hours and attend the Conference as guests.

Participants must pick up an Evaluation Form (ISBE 77-21A) at the Conference registration desk in the Hyatt during regular registration hours and return the form in exchange for the Evidence of Completion (ISBE 77-21B). In addition, participants will need to sign an attendance roster that includes the educators’ IEIN number. Please bring your IEIN number for this purpose. Note: those forms are not available now; they must be picked up in person at the Conference.
Nine IASB Pre-Conference Workshops to Choose From

Those who register for the 2016 Joint Annual Conference can choose from six full-day and three half-day workshops on Friday, November 18, which will conclude prior to the first General Session.

Note: These workshops at the Sheraton Grand Chicago are open only to IASB members. Advance registration and additional fee are required ($280 for full-day workshops; $140 for each half-day workshop). Fees include materials and a meal.

ALL PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD AT THE SHERATON GRAND CHICAGO

Additional questions may be directed to Peggy Goone (ext. 1103), at either 217/528-9688 or 630/629-3776, or by email at pgoone@iasb.com.

For information about the Pre-Conference Workshops (requires Adobe Acrobat Reader), visit http://iasb.mys1cloud.com/pre-conf-workshops-2016Registration-brochure.pdf.

Note: To register for Pre-Conference Workshops, participants must be registered for Conference.
IASB Pre-Conference Workshops — Friday Full-Day Workshops

The Basics of Governance — This workshop will focus participants on roles and responsibilities of boards and board members. This workshop will provide participants with an opportunity to: identify the role and work of the school board, distinguish board work from others’ work, etc.

Leading Leaders: The Job of Board President — Leaders set the tone and expectations for the groups they serve. The board president, more than any other individual board member, can impact the quality of the board’s work. Attend this interactive workshop designed specifically for you — the board president.

Professional Development Leadership Training (PDLT) and Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA) Training for School Board Members — Our PDLT session satisfies the requirements for mandatory board member training per Public Act 097-0008 and includes instruction in education and labor law, financial oversight and accountability, and fiduciary responsibilities.

Myers-Briggs® Type Indicator — Back by popular demand. Countless board members and administrators have found Type (MBTI) to be an excellent resource for governance, organizational, and personal excellence. IASB staff will share their expertise in MBTI assessment and board governance in this engaging workshop.

Connecting with the Community: The Board’s Role and Work in Community Engagement — “The board engages in an ongoing two-way conversation with the entire community” (from Foundational Principles of Effective Governance). Sounds good, but what does it mean, and how does the board begin? Why engage community? Attend IASB’s newest workshop and see.

Introduction to Collective Bargaining for School Board Members and Administrators — Come learn what every school board member — and every administrator — needs to know about collective bargaining. That includes: what the law requires of school boards and employee unions, steps involved in bargaining labor contracts, alternative processes, and more.

IASB Pre-Conference Workshops — Friday Half-Day Workshops

The Board and its Superintendent: Developing and Maintaining an Effective Relationship (a.m. only) — An effective board works to develop and maintain a productive relationship with the superintendent — one of mutual respect and clear understanding of respective roles and expectations. Learn how to engage in a deliberate process benefiting your board, superintendent, and district.

School Finance for Board Members: Topics and Trends (a.m. or p.m.) — Experienced? Want more depth regarding school finance? Join Howard Crouse and a group of experts in examining state revenue, property tax issues, and the condition of school finance across Illinois. Explore new legislation, GSA calculations, negotiations, and other “hot topics.”

A Courageous Conversation™ About Race and Its Impact on Achieving Equity in Schools (a.m. or p.m.) — The belief persists that some children cannot be high achievers. But research shows bias is a root cause of racial achievement disparities. Explore Courageous Conversations™* and discover how they are essential to helping all children achieve at the highest levels.

*Courageous Conversations is a trademark of Pacific Education Group, Inc.

Despite the rhetoric of “No Child Left Behind,” the belief that some children cannot learn and thus, will not achieve at high levels persists. Increasingly, “gap” research points to the insidious and pervasive effects of personal and institutional unconscious racial bias as a root cause of racial achievement disparities in U.S. schools.

Addressing the intersection of race and exclusion and how they manifest today in the culture and climate of school districts is critical to creating a successful strategy for eliminating racial achievement disparities. In his Friday Pre-Conference Workshop, Glenn Singleton will explore the topic of institutional racism and its impact on student achievement; introduce the tools for Courageous Conversations™; and guide you in a discovery of how honest, “courageous conversation” about race among educators is essential to help ALL children, particularly children of color, to achieve at the highest levels.
Illinois ASBO Pre-Conference Seminars

Friday, November 18, 7:30 a.m. — The Administrator’s Role in Collective Bargaining (AAC #809) —
All educational leaders who take an active role in collective bargaining are invited to come and learn the legal aspects of such bargaining in Illinois. Participants are required to review documents of their last two contract negotiations and, based on that review and an analysis of current relevant issues, to arrive with a list of questions/issues.

Friday, November 18, 7:30 a.m. — Learning from Lincoln: Leadership Practices For School Success (AAC #1098) — Participants will explore how Lincoln’s leadership practices and behaviors provide compelling guidance for today’s challenges of accountability, diversity, political conflict, team building, climate and economic hardship. Participants will leave with a repertoire of strategies and insights that they can apply immediately in their own workplace.

Friday, November 18, 7:30 a.m. — Seminar On School Finance (AAC #1062) — This course has been designed for school business managers and superintendents. The content will include property taxes and completion of the tax levy. The general state aid claim will be reviewed, with participants completing the claim form. The school district budget and the annual financial report will be taught and then used as a basis for preparing financial projections. Bring your working budget, legal budget, AFR, EAV, tax levy information and a copy of the ISBE State, Local and Federal Financial book.

NOTE: These seminars at the Swissôtel Chicago are open only to Illinois ASBO members. Advance registration and fee are required. To learn more about these events and to register, visit [http://iasb.mys1cloud.com/IASBO_2016_PreCon_Flyer.pdf](http://iasb.mys1cloud.com/IASBO_2016_PreCon_Flyer.pdf).

IASA Pre-Conference Session

Friday, November 18, 8 a.m. to noon — Restorative Justice Policies and Practices — The passage of SB 100 (Public Act 99-456) in the state legislature means that, starting with the 2016-17 school year, all K-12 public schools (traditional and charter) in the state will be expected to limit and justify the use of expulsions and out-of-school suspensions, in part because the districts must publicly report this discipline data. This session will update participants on what is required by the law and stories of how districts are implementing policies and practices to adhere to the intent of this new law.

NOTE: This session at the Hyatt Regency Chicago is open only to IASA members. Advance registration will open in October.
Programming designed to enhance the professional skills of the school board/district secretary or administrative assistant

Join with other school districts from around the state to take advantage of this professional development opportunity to enhance both the role and the professional skill of the individual(s) in every district who perform the duties of the school board secretary.

Selections include sessions designed to appeal to those who are new on the job and to those who have many years of experience.

SECRETARIES’ PROGRAM
Friday and Saturday
November 18–19, 2016
Swissôtel Chicago

In addition to programming designed specifically for board/district secretaries and administrative assistants, benefits of attending also include networking with other board secretaries from across the state. What’s more, participants will get the opportunity to attend all of the General Sessions, other panel sessions, the bookstore and the exhibit hall during the Conference. Unlike the Friday, November 18, Pre-Conference workshops that require an additional charge, the Secretaries’ Program requires only paid Conference registration. There is no additional charge.
School Board/District Secretaries' Program

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9 a.m. Welcome and Holly Jack Award Presentation

The Holly Jack Award is presented annually at the IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference to honor the memory of Holly Jack, a long-time employee of the Association who was instrumental in promoting and developing the Secretaries’ Program. The purpose of the award is both to honor Holly's contribution and memory, and to recognize the extraordinary work and service provided by secretaries who serve and assist their local boards of education.

9:30–11:30 a.m. Opening Session

Maintaining Dignity During Challenging Times — District secretaries/administrative assistants have the most difficult job, being gatekeeper for the district's CEO, sounding board for the staff, and complaint department for everyone. So how do administrative assistants maintain their sanity and dignity when working for everybody and seemingly pleasing nobody? Join Dr. Gary Zabilka, field services director for IASA, as he shares insight, anecdotes, suggestions, and advice.

11:30 a.m.–noon Conference Information and What's New

1:30–2 p.m. Panel Sessions continued

Secretary Scholastic Bowl — This session is an opportunity to meet and interact with new people in a game-show setting. This exercise demonstrates that secretaries know more than answering telephones and typing. It is an opportunity to take pride in your personal knowledge.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

10:30–11:30 a.m. Panel Sessions

Google II – Beyond the Beginner Level — Looking for ways to expand your productivity and efficiency in a district that has “Gone Google?” Come discover and discuss tips and ideas that can unleash the power of Google's apps, add-ons, and extensions.

Board Secretaries: Agendas/Minutes — Learn the requirements of the Open Meetings Act, the latest Attorney General and Public Access Counselor opinions, and practical tips to avoid compliance issues.

Increase Engagement through Social Media — How does your school/district look online? Social media is the preferred information sharing method today. Learn to reach niche audiences by harnessing social media for school communications. Review the basics of Facebook and Twitter and how beginners can get started.

Do You Know Me? — This humorous, but informative and interactive session will leave you asking yourself, whether at work or play, home or away: “What is the elephant in your personal living room?”

1:30–2:30 p.m. Closing Session

Law of the Draw — Your job touches a lot of laws. Do you have questions about them? Write them down and drop them in “the hat” throughout the seminar. Then join seasoned lawyers A. Lynn Himes and James A. Petrungaro of Scariano, Himes and Petrarca, Chtd., Chicago as they draw your questions from that hat and explain the law of each question they draw! Will your question be drawn?

2:30–3 p.m. Wrapping Up and Moving Forward!

Participants are encouraged to share ideas to begin plans for the 2017 Conference agenda.
Tour a school’s unique learning environment, meet teachers and students, and experience the inspiring learning taking place in classrooms.

This year’s Conference will again feature tour opportunities of four Chicago schools. The always-popular event known as the Chicago Schools Tour will explore four separate selected schools on Friday, November 18, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This year's list of host schools includes Nettelhorst Elementary School, Gunsaulus Elementary Scholastic Academy, Chicago High School for the Arts, and Little Black Pearl Art and Design Academy.

Your district’s leaders can be assigned to different tours or opt to take one tour together. A separate fee for this event includes breakfast (8–8:45 a.m., Crystal A Ballroom, Hyatt Regency Chicago West Tower). Guests are invited to attend at the same additional fee.

ADVANCED REGISTRATION AND FEE ARE REQUIRED.
Cost of the tour is $95 per person. **Space is limited to 160 reservations.** All tour participants must be paid Joint Annual Conference registrants or guests of paid Conference registrants. Reservations will be accepted in the order received online at [http://iasb.mys1cloud.com/chicago-school-tours-2016.pdf](http://iasb.mys1cloud.com/chicago-school-tours-2016.pdf) or by mail.

Attendance at this event earns board members five credits in IASB’s Master Board Member Program.
From Operations to Culture: Safety Impacts Learning

For the first time, the Illinois Association of School Boards will host a half-day School Safety and Security Seminar as part of the Joint Annual Conference. School districts are encouraged to invite personnel from their school district and community, including safety professionals outside of their school district, who work with their district in preparing and carrying out security procedures. Some professionals who could benefit from this seminar are school resource officers, school security directors/coordinators, emergency responders, local emergency management agencies, and other school leaders.

Safety and security has become a top priority for school districts across the nation; this seminar will provide participants with current and vital information from experts in the school safety field on emergency plans, training, safety drills, building design, and culture and climate.

Join the discussion on Friday, November 18, from 8 a.m. to noon. A continental breakfast will kick off the seminar followed by three hour-long sessions covering the following safety topics: Safety Procedures and School Safety Drill Act, Physical Plant and School Buildings, and School Climate and Culture. Separate registration and fee are required.

IASB will also be providing eight safety and security panel sessions during the Joint Annual Conference on Friday, November 18, and Saturday, November 19. Look for this safety symbol ▲ to find these sessions among the panels listings. Note: Must be registered for the Joint Annual Conference with Conference fees paid to attend the additional panel sessions.

SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY SEMINAR

SEMINAR REGISTRATION
Seminar space can be held with advance payment of $140 by check, purchase order, or credit card. Advance registration will be accepted until Friday, November 4 as long as space is available. On-site registration will be accepted if space is available at a fee of $190.


Note: IASB member district participants (school board members, school administrators, and school business officials) must be registered for the Joint Annual Conference in order to attend the School Safety and Security Seminar, and pay a separate fee for this Seminar.
Discover New Services, Products, and Equipment

The Exhibit of School Services, Products, and Equipment has been part of the Joint Annual Conference for 67 years. Located in the Riverside Center of the Hyatt Regency Chicago, the exhibit has long been an integral part of the Conference experience for many participants. These are the vendors that do business with local school districts and they will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, November 18, and 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 19.

The exhibit hall is very large and at times very busy, so plan to give yourself ample time to see and learn about new school services, products, and equipment. Many of the exhibitors will have giveaways and door prizes, and others will be participating in the IASB Service Associates Bingo Game.

A complete list of exhibitors by name, description, and booth number will be available in the official Conference Program.

IASB is excited to renew an activity that was first offered last year at the Joint Annual Conference. “Learning Labs” will again feature in-depth presentations about products and services of Conference sponsors, all designed to assist districts looking for solutions to concerns such as energy, key services, district insurance, data analytics, consulting, and purchasing. Note: the Learning Labs are free; however seating will be limited. The labs are scheduled for Friday, November 18, and Saturday, November 19, and will be located in aisle 100 of the Conference Exhibit Hall.
IASB Homeroom is Now in Session

Need a break from panel sessions, walking to and from hotels, or browsing exhibits? Stop by the IASB Homeroom.

Open Saturday and Sunday, IASB Homeroom is located in the Columbus G/H Ballroom of the Hyatt Chicago Regency East Tower, right across from the Conference bookstore. Stop by to relax, meet with friends, and share what you are doing at conference.

We will have charging stations for your phone and tablet and large monitors to follow Conference Twitter comments and photos. Have your photo taken in our free photo booth; groups and individuals are welcome. There will be giveaways and contests at each of IASB’s service tables, where you can meet with IASB staff members and hear demonstrations about Association services.

This is also where you can attend one of our nine IASB Mini Clinics. A complete agenda of presenters and topics will be posted at the IASB Homeroom. Each of these 20-minute sessions will introduce select topics in school governance, board service, and leadership.

The IASB Homeroom is also where you can meet with representatives of the Illinois chapter of the National School Public Relations Association, and watch or participate in TV interviews conducted by the Illinois Channel.

Watch for more announcements about IASB Homeroom before and during the Conference.

EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENTS EXHIBITION

If you are thinking of building or remodeling your facilities, solving a physical plant problem, or just dreaming about what your school facilities could be, visit the 2016 Educational Environments Exhibit. It is located in the foyer outside the Grand Ballrooms at the Hyatt Regency Chicago East Tower (Columbus Hallway). IASB Service Associates have invited business firms engaged in any aspect of designing, constructing, or equipping public school facilities to show off their best work at the 2016 Joint Annual Conference. Winning entries will be chosen in various categories. Whether you’re building, remodeling, or just daydreaming, you’ll find a wealth of ideas.
Student Art Show

During the Conference, artwork from Illinois public elementary and high school students will be on display around the Grand Ballroom area of the Hyatt Regency Chicago East Tower. There will be 40 pieces of art showcasing a variety of media including painting, drawing, and printing. The Illinois Arts Education Association co-chairs, Chris Skykora and Eryn Blaser, have curated this exhibit to be a cross-section of what Illinois students are capable of creating artistically.

First General Session Music Performance

The Monticello Middle School Jazz Ensemble, directed by Amanda Allen, director of bands for Monticello CUSD 25's Middle School, will perform for Conference attendees as they enter the Grand Ballroom for the First General Session on Friday, November 18. Under Allen's direction this ensemble has been invited to perform at the SuperState Band Festival at the University of Illinois as well as the Illinois Elementary School Association. Plan to come early and get your Conference off to an upbeat tempo as you enjoy listening to the music of Illinois public school students.

Fellowship: Encouraging Faithful Leadership

Being a Christian leader in a public school requires grace and integrity. The Illinois Association of Christian Administrators will host a time of fellowship, prayer, networking, and a positive message of hope on Saturday, November 19 at 7 a.m.