Online Learning: A Successful Alternative for Meeting Student Course Needs

The reality is that some students need an alternative educational experience to reach their learning potential. This can include students wanting a course not offered locally, summer school courses, credit recovery, or courses offsite due to illness. Cindy Hamblin, Director of Illinois Virtual School (IVS) will explore how Illinois Virtual School’s online course solutions can meet these needs. The session will include a virtual demonstration of an Illinois Virtual School course.

Winning Before You Start

In today’s electoral environment, with a greater likelihood of organized opposition, school referenda are increasingly difficult to pass. That’s why it has become more and more important to engage the community in the planning process to create community ownership of the proposal. Anne Noble, Managing Director, Public Finance, Stifel and Rod Wright, President, UNICOM ARC will discuss best practices for community engagement, in the overall context of how community engagement can establish a solid foundation for a successful referendum — in essence “winning” before the actual referendum question is created.

Briefing for Candidates

This session is designed to provide board candidates with an overview of the roles and responsibilities of an elected school board member and an idea of what to expect if they are successful in the April elections. Boards are encouraged to bring candidates for the whole evening, as the dinner program will be valuable to candidates as well as to current board members. While the briefing is free, online registration and payment of $25 is required for the candidates attending the dinner. Your district superintendent or district secretary must update your district roster to include candidates prior to registration. (see REGISTRATION section below). If you have questions about registration, please email creimann@iasb.com.

Presented by: Larry J. Dirks, Director, IASB Field Services
**AGENDA:**

5:30 p.m.  Registration  
6 p.m.  Business Meeting  
       Presiding: Leroy Elleby, Chair  

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6:30 p.m.  Dinner & Entertainment: Alton High School Jazz Band  
           Director: Tim Jarden  

7:15 p.m.  Program  
8:30 p.m.  Adjourn  

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**Mark Your Calendar:**  
May 30, 2017 — Southwestern Division Governing Committee Meeting, TBD  
October 4, 2017 — Southwestern Division Dinner Meeting, TBD  
November 17-19, 2017 — Joint Annual Conference, Chicago  

Be sure to visit the IASB website for a complete list of events and locations: [www.iasb.com/calendar](http://www.iasb.com/calendar)  

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**REGISTRATION:**  

**Event date:** Wednesday, March 29, 2017  
**Registration fee:** $25  
All registrations must be completed online. You will be using the new IASB database management system to register. Please follow these easy steps:  
1. Go to [www.iasb.com](http://www.iasb.com) and click on MY ACCOUNT.  
2. Log in using your email address and password:  
   - If you do not know your password or do not have a password, do not create a new account; use the forgot password link.  
   - If you are still having difficulty logging in, please contact your District’s Superintendent or Administrative Assistant to make sure you are listed on the District Roster.  
3. Click on Events Calendar tab and continue with your registration.  

Payment may be made by credit card or the district can request that it be billed if a P.O. number is provided. Registration fees will be refunded only for cancellations received two days prior to the meeting. This is a legitimate school board expense.  

Attendance at this event earns participants five points in IASB’s Master Board Member Program.  

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**Leroy Elleby,** Chair  
Pontiac-Wm. Holliday SD 105  
**Dr. Gabrielle Schwemmer,**  
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**Rhonda Jenkins,** Resolutions Chair  
Millstadt CCSD 160  

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If you have any questions, please contact:  
Chelsea Reimann at creimann@iasb.com or 217/528-9688, ext. 1117.  
If you need a special meal or arrangements, please note when registering online or call/email the contact listed above.  

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