SPONSORED PROGRAMS

& IPAC Information





No matter what part of the state you live, every school leader is looking for ways to save money and keep dollars inside the classroom, where they can have the greatest impact on student growth. IASA Sponsored Programs are designed to keep the market honest and give you trustworthy options.

We have developed initiatives in house and partnered with like-minded organizations to offer essential services and assistance that can save schools money and maximize benefits to all members. From discounted prices on health insurance, reduced energy costs, investment programs to compliance with education reforms, an IASA Sponsored Program can benefit your school district.

We have compiled this packet as a one-stop shop to quickly learn about the different options available. Please take a moment to review this packet and consider calling the designated contact to learn more.

Yours for better schools,

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What's Inside













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IASA, IASB, IASBO Program Offers Members Comprehensive Health Insurance

Brokerage Service That Seeks Best Deal Annually For Schools

What Makes ISEBC Unique?

- Large Group Purchasing Power
- Discounted Health Insurance Premiums
- Premium Stability
- Discounted Ancillary Premiums
- Free HR Consulting
- Customizable Benefit Designs
- ACA Compliance, Reporting and Filling
- Online Benefit Enrollment System



Areas served by: Clemens and Associates Contact: Travis Cockburn

Phone: 618–529–1888 Email: tcockburn@clemensins.com



Areas served by: American Central Insurance Services

Contact Jeremy Travelstead Phone: 877–698–2247 Email: jeremy@americancentralins.com

Areas served by: **J. Krug**

Contact: Logan Simios Phone: 847-818-7540 Email : Isimios@jkrug.com

Areas served by MSEBP (separate IASA-Sponsored Program)



Affordable Health Insurance Solutions for School Districts in Cook and Surrounding Counties



Sponsored by IASA, IASB and IASBO; Brokerage Service Administered by Alliant Insurances Services

Why Choose MSEBP? Learn About Our Success Stories

DuPage County K-12 School District:

Leveraging carrier relationships, Alliant reduced program costs by over \$500,000.

McHenry County K-12 School District:

Employees requested more medical plan options which Alliant was able to procure while also reducing overall program costs.

Will County K-12 School District:

Participated in one of the largest state pools but desired a customized program with different plan options. Alliant developed a program to meet their specific needs and streamlined the overall program administration.

Extra Benefit of Enrolling in MSEBP: Pharmacy Benefit Management

Alliant's Pharmacy Team is comprised of PharmD's, PHD's and Pharmacy Consultants with decades of underwriting experience who are able to dig into the details of PBM contracts and negotiate with Blue Cross Blue Shield/Prime Therapeutics to provide competitive offers to clients.

Example 1

Local school district client has 550 employees with BCBS PPO & HDHP/HSA plans (ASO funding). Alliant was able to save client close to 20% (over \$500k annually) with BCBS for their 7/1/24 renewal without changing any benefits.

Example 2

Local school district client has 840 employees with BCBS PPO (ASO funding) & HMO (Cost Plus funding). Alliant is saving this client 15.4% (over \$683k annually) with BCBS for their 10/1/24 renewal without changing benefits.

Other Key Services Provided to School

- Free Evaluation of current health insurance program
- Procurement System (Online bidding, contract management system can save 20% on average for Dental, Vision, Life/AD&D and Disability programs)
- Compliance Consulting
- Wellness Program Evaluation and Deployment
- Human Resources Management and Support
- Online Benefits Enrollment Platform
- Touchpoints Portal

For more information, contact:

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Brian Tyrrell, Senior Vice President, 312–595–6585, brian.tyrrell@alliant.com



ILLINOIS SCHOOL DISTRICT LIQUID ASSET FUND PLUS

Guarding, guiding and growing your investments

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DISCOVER THE POWER OF THE PLUS

Since 1984, ISDLAF+ has been a trusted partner for Illinois school districts and community colleges. Known for its strong track record, ISDLAF+ delivers the safety, liquidity, and yield that school officials rely on to support their financial goals.

As an ISDLAF+ Participant, you can benefit from a full range of cash management and investment services designed specifically for school districts. These include:

- Banking and Cash Management
- Cash Flow Management
- Bond Proceeds Management (PMA Securities)
- Money Market and Liquid Investment Options
- Fixed Income Investments
- Credit Risk Analysis





Contact Information

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About ISDLAF+

A Complete Line of Value Added Services

The Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus (ISDLAF+) is an investment opportunity for school districts, community college districts, Cook County Township school treasurers and educational service regions.

ISDLAF+ Products & Services

The Multi-Class Series

The Multi-Class Series offers two premium pooled investment products managed by PTMA Investment Advisors, an experienced SEC registered Investment Adviser providing fixed income sector and credit research specialization.

The Liquid Class allows for unlimited check writing privileges and offers competitive yields. Select our Max Class for higher potential yields with no minimum balance. Each conservatively-managed portfolio is rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's, and is designed to meet your daily liquidity needs. With the experience and expertise of PTMA, the Multi-Class gives you access to a powerful investment management team that strives to function with a high standard of vision, synergy, and quality.

Term Series Pools

The Board of Trustees of ISDLAF+ has authorized the creation of an unlimited number of investment pools called the Term Series. Each Term Series will be comprised of statute allowable investments and will have a designated maturity of between 30 days and three years.

Fixed Income Investments

ISDLAF+ Participants also have the option to select Certificates of Deposits with FDIC insurance up to the \$250,000 limit, Certificates of Deposits secured by a FHLB Letter of Credit (for large block investing), U.S. Government Treasury securities, U.S. Government Agency & Instrumentality securities, Bankers' Acceptances, Commercial Paper and Repurchase Agreements.

Cash Flow Management Program

Giving you a complete and accurate picture of your district's cash flow so you can put your money to work sooner... and longer.

Bond Proceeds Management Program

Bringing your project to life with a comprehensive investment and arbitrage management program for bond proceeds through PMA Securities, LLC.

School Finance User Group Seminars

ISDLAF+ Participants are invited to attend quarterly user group seminars at various locations throughout Illinois.

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Program Administration/Management

Under the administration of The Sandner Group–Insurance Program managers, WCSIT has become the largest and most successful self-insurance pool for school districts' workers' compensation in Illinois. Working with its service providers, WCSIT searches for cost effective ways to provide coverage.

Claims Administration-Supported by the CM Claims Portal

WCSIT entrusts The Sandner Group-Claims Management (CM) to provide exemplary claims administration service, including Litigation Management and Medical Cost Management. CM works with members to ensure that injured employees are treated fairly and return to work as soon as possible.

Agents Throughout the State

Because WCSIT gains its strength through membership, The Sandner Group–Alternative Risk Solutions (ARS) is charged with the task of getting the word out to Illinois school districts about the great benefits of WCSIT membership. ARS has expanded the network of agents located throughout the state to increase the availability of local representation to service Members' needs.

For More Information Contact

James Woodard The Sandner Group Insurance Program Managers **312-930-6124** **ISDA**

The Illinois School District Agency (ISDA) offers comprehensive coverage for Illinois school districts. Property and Casualty Coverage includes protection from damage to or loss of property, with limits for flood and earthquake up to the total insured value of the ISDA member's buildings. ISDA also offers coverage for general liability, school vehicles, equipment breakdown and umbrella liability limits up to \$2 million.

in claims paid since inception

We expedite return to normal

Property • Auto • General Liability • School Board Legal Liability Insurance

Cyber Coverage

The Cyber Plan provides a variety of coverages, including paying the costs of investigations for security, privacy or confidentiality breaches. Further, the Cyber Plan provides coverage for areas of extortion concerning the release of private information and electronic data. The Cyber Plan also covers costs to restore damaged or lost data as well as business interruptions. Finally, it covers damages as a result of liability for a member's failure to prevent a breach. As part of the Cyber Plan, a 24-hour phone and email hotline are available. The Cyber Plan is offered with limits of \$1 million for most of the coverages offered.

School Board Legal Liability (SBLL)

SBLL is a must have core coverage as the volume of claims increases. The SBLL program covers former, present and future school board members, administrators, employees and volunteers.

SBLL provides comprehensive coverage of up to \$10 million for eligible school districts and school boards for actual or alleged breach of duty, negligent acts, errors, omissions and misstatements. Defense sub-limits for critical areas of probable claims, such as special education, employment practices and contract disputes, are included in the basic coverage.

Student Accident Coverage

Student Accident Coverage helps cover medical costs for preK-12 students who are injured while attending regular school sessions, while traveling to and from school, or while participating in most school-sanctioned activities. With a limit of \$5 million, this excess coverage also includes an accidental death benefit of up to \$12,000 and an accidental disbursement benefit of up to \$11,000.

> Supported by the **CM Claims Portal**

Active Assailant

The Active Assailant Plan offers a combination of property and casualty coverages in the event of a violent attack. Property damage caused by a person(s) attempting to cause serious harm by use of a vehicle, explosive device or handheld weapon will be covered under the plan. Demolition costs for a building found to be no longer of use are covered. The Active Assailant Plan is offered with a limit of \$500,000.



For More Information Contact

James Woodard. The Sandner Group, Insurance Program Managers 312-930-6124

Empowering Schools to Save Money Through Renewable Energy Solutions and Collective Purchasing Power

IEC Powered by Future Green is Illinois' largest school energy management group co-sponsored by IASA, IASBO and IASB. The program is rooted in helping schools lower utility costs, which allows districts to allocate more funds directly to student learning. Savings can be achieved through a wide range of services.



Did You Know IEC Powered by Future Green Can Help With

Members Benefits:

- Dedicated Account Representative
- Fixed & Managed Product Options
- Online Portal for Account Management
- Transparent & Competitive Pricing
- Quarterly Newsletter

Interested in Harnessing the Power of an Energy Consortium?

Contact Haj Young at haj@future-green.org or 815-200-8721

Utility Bill Breakdown

Unlock potential savings with a guided analysis & walk-through.

Renewable Energy Assessment

Get a complimentary report about sustainable solutions customized for your district.

Renewable Energy Development

From start to finish, develop on-site solar projects while having the protection of the associations.

Annual Budget Forecasting

Plan ahead with an energy expenditures and usage report.

Consolidated Billing Options

Streamline your commodity and utility charges on one invoice.

Electric Supply and Administration

Control costs and achieve budget goals.

Natural Gas Program Manage your costs and risk exposure over time.

Bus2Grid Initiative Electrify your bus fleet an

Electrify your bus fleet and leverage V2G revenue opportunities

Energy Expert

Access to an exclusive energy account specialist who will diagnose energy usage (Electric, Water, Gas), create corrective action plan and manage implementation of the plan

Supplier Billing Issues

Encounter any billing issues with your energy supplier? Our team will promptly intervene to secure a swift resolution.

Find the Right People. At the Right Price.

TASA Illinois Education JOB BANK[™] Your Trusted Partner in Finding Qualified Candidates.

Every day, hundreds of job seekers visit the IASA Illinois Education Job Bank looking for openings at Illinois school districts. Trusted by superintendents statewide, the Job Bank makes finding qualified applicants for permanent, interim, part- or full-time vacancies simple and effective.

Why Choose the IASA Job Bank?



Cost-Friendly Investment

Fees have not increased since 1999.



Time-Saving Templates

Create job postings directly or use templates to save time when posting similar positions. Our easy-to-use interface makes finding and using templates simple.



Personalized Landing Pages

(New for Employers) Simply link from your website to drive traffic to your customized job showcase.



Automatic ROE Notifications

The Job Bank is set up to automatically send an email notice to your ROE when a position is posted.

NEW for 2025: Custom Applications Option

Enhance your hiring process with a custom application for the low cost of \$149, giving you power to:

- Create your own application templates
- Design your own questions with dropdowns, checkboxes and text fields specific to your district needs
 - Customize entire sections based on your needs

GET STARTED TODAY!

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Renewed for 3rd Year

Specialized Expertise in Funding Optimization, Operational Efficiency and Compliance - All in One Program

IASA launched Compliance Plus to help districts save time and navigate ISBE and ROE compliance more efficiently. What participants found was the program extended well beyond compliance, helping district leaders maximize transportation claims, utilize indirect costs and implement more streamlined procedures.

Based on overwhelmingly positive feedback, IASA Compliance Plus is returning for the 2025–26 school year. Sign up today to be among the 40 districts that have access to facilitators Cheryl Graff, former Regional Superintendent, and Robert Wolfe, former Chief Financial Officer at ISBE. Cheryl and Robert provide on-demand and customized support to your questions on a wide range of matters dealing with school finance and compliance.

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"Our district greatly benefitted from the services provided by Compliance Plus. The feedback we received on our transportation claim alone helped us garner enough additional resources to pay for the program. In addition, the review of our website, policies, and handbooks helped ensure that we met all requirements during our Regional Office of Education Five Year Compliance Review. The services and expertise provided by Compliance Plus are invaluable and I highly recommend this program for your consideration. Worth every penny!"

Tim Schurman, Superintendent Chadwick-Milledgeville CUSD #399



Facilitators

- Cheryl Graff served as Regional Superintendent in ROE #30 for 61/2 years before retiring.
- **Robert Wolfe** recently retired from ISBE after 33-plus years as Chief Financial Officer.

Cost

Flat rate of **\$5,200 per district.** This service may align with your district's Risk Management Plan, making tort funds available. Contact your district's legal counsel.

<u>Visit IASA website to</u> <u>Complete CompliancePLUS</u> <u>interest form.</u>

Questions?

Contact Jason Nevel at inevel@iasaedu.org or call 217-753-2213

Senate Bill 7 Compliance Made Easy

2025–2026 Software Now Available for Purchase

IASA's Senate Bill 7 Performance Rankings Tool

improves efficiency in your district by generating reports needed to comply with Senate Bill 7 and other related laws, freeing you up to focus your time and energy more on supporting your students and staff.

The program provides districts a method of managing district positions aligned to local qualifications, teacher's credentials and performance ratings. It's proven, affordable and used by districts across the state.

What's new?

1. Updated tutorial videos.

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- 2. Updated list of resources.
- 3. Updated Data Check cues to aid with properly completing the program.

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- 4. Teacher Race column added to most reports.
- 5. Added columns for storing another cycle of evaluations.
- 6. Data Transfer Support: Data transfer from previous files to the 2025–2026 file can be completed by Dr. Don White for no additional charge.

Affordable

The annual licensing fee is \$300 for members and \$600 for non-members. Find the access request form at: **http://www.iasasurveys.org**

This software was originally reviewed by the Senate Bill 7 teams from the Illinois Federation of Teachers (IFT) and the Illinois Education Association (IEA). The 2025–2026 version of this software builds on the knowledge gained from hundreds of users.

Please note that previous versions of the IASA Senate Bill 7 Performance Rankings File are no longer supported. Also, the service method for the 2025–2026 software will be via email only.

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Leverage Better Pricing While Reducing Administrative and Resource Time

Through the **Buy Board National Purchasing Cooperative** school districts can get the most out of district funds and streamline the procurement process.

Vendors are awarded contracts for products and services through a competitive procurement process, thereby giving BuyBoard members the opportunity for bulk discounts combined with the ease of online shopping.

Products available through BuyBoard include:

- Classroom teaching supplies and equipment
- Floor covering and sports surfaces
- Custodial supplies and equipment
- Recreation supplies and equipment, field lighting products
- Computers, software, and technology supplies and equipment
- Furniture
- Athletic supplies and equipment
- Library books, supplies, and equipment

Meet your procurement goals.

Save money through discounts secured by collective purchasing power. Save time by eliminating the formal Request for Proposals process!

For additional information about BuyBoard, contact: David Ricketts at <u>david.ricketts@buyboard.com</u> or call **913-424-5758** or toll-free **800-695-2919**

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Let AI work behind the scenes so you can focus on what matters most.

ECRA's Al-powered solutions augment the capacity of school leaders by streamlining data workflows.

Let locally trained AI Assistants answer questions and respond to emails related to policy and procedure. Let locally trained AI School Program Improvement models predict Effect Si; (ROI) student success, set goals, and Reading Suppor 112 \$250,000 -0.32 evaluate programs. Summe School 58 \$112,000 +0.13 Instructional 145 Coach \$135,000 +0.40 🔿 Potential PO Positive ROI -0.30 0.0 +0.30 What is the grading system at the elementary school? Effect size 0.30 to -0.59 Effect size -0.29 to +0.25 The grading system at the elementary school level (K-5) in New Berlin CUSD #16 is as follows: Grading Terms: There are four formal grading terms, each covering approximately nine weeks of instruction. Report cards are available through Skyward at the end of the first week following each grading period. Grading System: K-3rd Grade: A Standards Based Grading and Reporting 4th and 5th Grade: A percentage-based grading system is utilized to align with upper grades.



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THE SMARTEST BADGE IN SCHOOL SAFETY

- Alerts can be sent and received, with vibrations and tones, providing real-time two-way communication between staff, safety teams, and first responders.
- Panic alerts instantly link staff, responders, and 911, letting the sender confirm or update the situation in real time.
- Drill Mode and Test Mode let staff safely practice using panic devices without triggering real alerts or 911.
- LoRaWAN gives full, secure coverage across campus with no dead zones or signal issues.
- Assign ECHO Badges for visitors to locate visitors in real time and account for them during emergencies.
- Leverages existing infrastructure to determine accurate alert locations, reducing the need for additional equipment, setup, and ongoing maintenance costs.

Complies with Alyssa's Law with silent panic alerts



Safety iResponse is used by more than 16,000 schools and organizations, providing ease-of-use, undisputed reliability, and unmatched integration capabilities.

Improve response speed, precision, and enhance situational awareness with an intuitive command center, available on desktop and mobile.

- In-app panic button for silent alerts
- Direct escalation to 911 & first responders
- Group messaging for coordinated communication
- Dashboard for managing various risks
- Over 70 integrations for a comprehensive ecosystem
- Enhance school safety with digital EOPs & assessments
- Account for people with check-in and roster



The ECHO Badge comes with a built-in safeguard to reduce false alarms when a panic alert is triggered.



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What is IPAC?

IPAC is a statewide, non-partisan Political Action Committee (PAC), organized by members of the Illinois Association of School Administrators. It is funded by contributions from individual school administrators and the IASA. The dollars are distributed strategically as campaign contributions to legislators from both political parties aligned with our educational mission.

Why support IPAC?

A well-funded IPAC is an essential tool to get legislators to listen to our challenges and support our mission. Your donation ensures IASA keeps its seat at the table, secures face-to-face time with legislators and continues to have meaningful input on education policy. This partnership plays a key role in advancing IASA legislative priorities, reducing unfunded mandates and limiting legislation that could be harmful to school districts. **Contributions are also vital in IASA's ability to block or amend unfunded and curricular mandates introduced each legislative session.**

Questions?

Contact Ashleigh Knudson at 217–753–2213 or aknudson@iasaedu.org.

What has IPAC accomplished?

The dollars have been integral to the success of Vision 20/20, the passage of Evidence-Based Funding and other key legislative victories that have improved public education in Illinois. Your contributions also help block or amend short-sighted legislation that has unintended consequences on student learning.

How much are IPAC Annual Contributions?

Our goal is to have every IASA member support IPAC. Annual contributions are \$100.

How is your contribution spent?

IPAC contributions position IASA to have legislative success. The funds are used to make strategic campaign contributions and pay costs associated with attending legislative outings and events. Attending these events increases our face-to-face time with legislators, enhancing our advocacy efforts.

Scan to contribute to IPAC today:



A copy of our report is filed with the State Board of Elections and is or will be available for purchase from the State Board of Elections, Springfield, Illinois 62704. Contributions to IPAC are not deductible as charitable or political contributions for federal income tax purposes.



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Return this form (along with your IPAC check if paying by check) to: IPAC, 2648 Beechler Court, Springfield, IL 62703-7305

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