

# & IPAC Information



# A Message to Members

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,

Sent Clark

# What's Inside





























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

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Areas served by:

#### **American Central Insurance Services**

Contact Jeremy Travelstead

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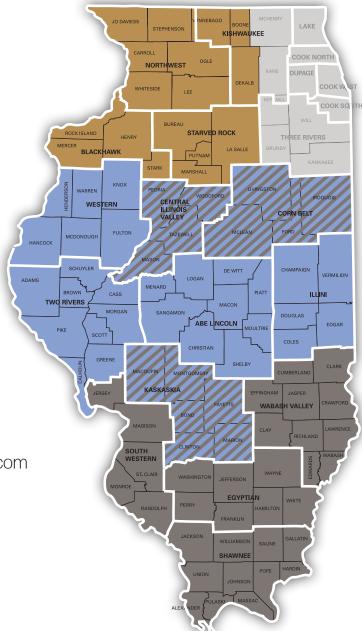
Areas served by:

#### 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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# **ISDLAF**

## ILLINOIS SCHOOL DISTRICT LIQUID ASSET FUND PLUS

Guarding, guiding and growing your investments

**SPONSORED BY: IASBO, IASB & IASA** 

# 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

# ISDLAF ILINOIS SCHOOL DISTRICT IND PLUS



#### **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 Advisor 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.

# **Protecting Illinois Schools Since 1982**

Member-Owned. Member-Focused.

Proudly sponsored by the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA) and the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB), WCSIT and ISDA have delivered tailored risk management solutions to Illinois school districts for over 60 years combined – ensuring financial stability, safety, and peace of mind for students and staff.

#### Why Choose WCSIT-ISDA?

- ✓ Comprehensive Coverage:
  Workers' compensation,
  property, casualty, sexual
  misconduct, cyber, and active
  assailant protection
- ✓ Proactive Risk Management: Expert safety training, hazard inspections, and data-driven claim analysis
- ✓ Robust School Board Legal Liability Coverage:

Up to \$10M School Board Legal Liability, including legal defense and administrative hearings

✓ Streamlined Claims Process: 24/7 filing, real-time tracking, and transparent resolutions via The Sandner Group's Claims Portal ✓ Cost-Effective Solutions:

Over \$21M returned to Members through dividends and surplus, with competitive costs and strong liability limits

✓ \$325M+ in claims paid:

Supporting hundreds of districts and thousands of employees and students statewide

#### Join the Most Successful School Self-Insurance Pools in Illinois

Contact your local ARS agent or visit **www.wcsit-isda.com** by scanning the QR code to learn how we can protect your district today!



WCSIT & ISDA – A Sponsored Program. A Trusted Partner. Protecting Schools. Empowering Communities.





## 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 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.

# 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!**

Visit: www.illinoiseducationjobbank.org | Contact IASA at 217-753-2213



# **Expert Guidance When You Need It.**



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.

Visit IASA website to
Complete CompliancePLUS
interest form.

#### **Questions?**

Contact Jason Nevel at <a href="mailto:inevel@iasaedu.org">inevel@iasaedu.org</a> or call 217-753-2213



# 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.
- 2. Updated list of resources.
- 3. Updated Data Check cues to aid with properly completing the program.
- 4. Teacher Race column added to most reports.
- 5. Added columns for storing another cycle of evaluations.
- 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: <a href="http://www.iasasurveys.org">http://www.iasasurveys.org</a>

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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.





Jointly sponsored by IASA, IASB, and IASBO

# 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!

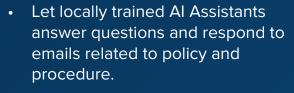
For additional information about BuyBoard, contact: David Ricketts at david.ricketts@buyboard.com

or call **913-424-5758** or toll-free **800-695-2919**.

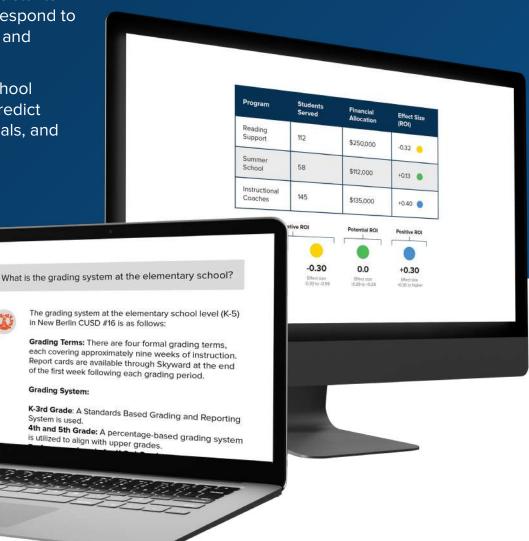


# Let AI work behind the scenes so you can focus on what matters most.

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



 Let locally trained AI School Improvement models predict student success, set goals, and evaluate programs.





Get your nights and weekends back.

Discover how ECRA and AI can work for your district at ecragroup.com



# Safety | iResponse



# 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.



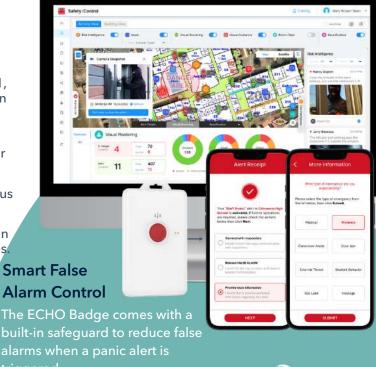
Complies with Alyssa's Law with silent panic alerts

# THE LEADING UNIFIED SAFETY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLATFORM

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







#### 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.



# Don't want to pay online?

#### IPAC PAYMENT FORM FOR CHECK OR CREDIT CARD

Personal checks (made out to IPAC) or personal credit cards only.

#### Personal Check only:

Name:	Employer:*			
Home Email Address:*	Occ IPAC updates (both finar	cupation:*_ ocial and info	rmational)	
Home Address :				ZIP:
*State law requires this inform	nation.			
Check #	payable to "IPAC" (F	Personal Che	eck only)	
Personal Credit Card only:				
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Card Number:	Expiration Date: Card Verification No.:			
Print Cardholder's Name:	Signature:			
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Street:				7IP•

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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