

“This academy provided us with a wealth of resources that will prove to be important for any superintendent moving forward. I would highly recommend this training for aspiring superintendents and new ones as well.”



**July 13–17
2020**



***Preparing for the job of the
21st Century Superintendent***

“So much more than a ‘program’—more of an opportunity designed to ignite your desire to lead school districts in Illinois in the company of a group of peers who share your aspirations and passion...life changing!”

What is the IASA Aspiring Superintendent Academy and who should participate?

Have you ever wondered what you didn't learn in graduate school but may need to know in order to be an effective leader? If you are thinking about becoming a school superintendent then #ASuperWeek in July 2020 is for you!

The learning classes will be organized to provide for active learning as well as daily reflection time. In addition, there will be many simulations during the week for hands-on learning opportunities. The Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA) Aspiring Superintendent Academy (ASA) is a program for school leaders who are thinking about becoming a superintendent. The five day summer learning academy will hone participants' leadership knowledge and skills and give them a view of the modern superintendency. This summer learning academy, aligned with the ISLLC Standards, will be a fast-paced, authentic Learning Academy where attendees will participate in simulations and produce meaningful artifacts that reflect the current expectations of the job of the superintendent. Click [here](#) to learn more about IASA's Aspiring Superintendent Academy.

What can I expect each day?

Each day of the Aspiring Superintendent Academy will feature a different accomplished superintendent and other professionals from across the Midwest. They will bring expertise regarding different aspects of the modern superintendency. In addition to learning from them, you will also be able to add them to your own professional network for future support and collaboration.

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| Day 1 | School District Leadership |
| Day 2 | Communication Strategies |
| Day 3 | School District Planning & Operations |
| Day 4 | School Finance, Advocacy & Law |
| Day 5 | Action Planning and Next Steps |

Why should I participate in the IASA Aspiring Superintendent Academy?

- Professional learning network
- Immersive learning experience five days/nights
- Working/Networking Dinners
- Access to screening interviews with state/national search firms
- Illinois Administrators' Academy Credit
- Relationships that will last your career and your lifetime.

Participants will produce/experience a usable artifact during every module.

Examples may include but are not limited to: video creation, crisis planning, legal issues, principal evaluation, simulation of school board meeting, state of district address, welcome back speech, budget presentations, PTA meeting, resolution of an ethical dilemma, and much more.

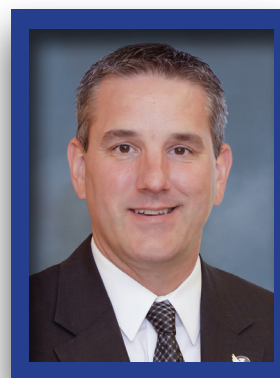
Fast Facts

- COST?** \$1,650 per participant (program costs, resource materials, meals, and lodging)
- WHERE?** Classes to be held at the IASA headquarters, 2648 Beechler Court, Springfield, IL 62703
- WHEN?** July 13–17, 2020; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily

Presented by:

Michael Lubelfeld, Ed.D.

Michael Lubelfeld Ed.D. has served as a public school superintendent in Illinois since 2010. In addition, he has worked as an adjunct professor, advisor, and supervisor at National Louis University in the Department of Educational Leadership. A public school educator and educational leader for more than 25 years, Lubelfeld has served as an assistant superintendent, a middle school associate principal, a principal, and a middle school teacher. He has experience teaching social studies, reading, and civics. Earning his doctorate in education in curriculum and instruction allowed Lubelfeld to test theories of learning in action. Mike is a graduate of the IASA School for Advanced Leadership II program and the AASA National Superintendent Certification program. In 2017 he was named the Lake County (IL) Superintendent of the Year. He is the co-moderator of the monthly Twitter chat #suptchat with Nick Polyak, and he and Polyak co-authored the book *The Unlearning Leader: Leading for Tomorrow's Schools Today* (Rowman-Littlefield Publishers). Their latest book, co-authored with PJ Caposey, was released in January 2018, *Student Voice: From Invisible to Invaluable*.



Nick Polyak, Ed.D.

Dr. Polyak is the proud superintendent of the award-winning Leyden Community High School District 212. He earned his undergraduate degree from Augustana College in Rock Island, IL, his Masters from Governors State University, and his Ed.D. from Loyola University Chicago.

Nick has been a classroom teacher and coach, a building and district level administrator, a School Board member, and a superintendent for the past ten years in both central Illinois and suburban Chicago. Nick is a graduate of the IASA School for Advanced Leadership II program and the AASA National Superintendent Certification program. He has been married to his wife, Kate, for the past 19 years and they have four children.

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**Courtney Orzel,
Ed.D.**

Dr. Courtney Orzel begins as IASA's Associate Director of Professional Development on July 1, 2020. She has spent six years as superintendent in Lemont-Bromberek CSD #113A, and she

formerly served as a middle school principal, assistant principal and middle school and high school teacher. She has served in public education for more than 20 years. In 2019, Dr. Orzel was a finalist for AASA's Women in School Leadership Award. She is a graduate of IASA's School for Advanced Leadership and has been instrumental in the launch and growth of IASA's Women in Leadership initiative. Dr. Orzel has also served as an adjunct professor in the College of Education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and at St. Francis University. Dr. Orzel earned her doctorate in educational administration from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

"This is summer camp for aspiring superintendents...an intense immersion into the work of school leaders that will transform your career."

**Application Deadline:
Friday, March 15, 2020**

Sunday Reception Sponsored by:

- Lincoln Investment

Dinners Sponsored by:

- Discovery Education
- Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick and Kohn LLP
- Legat Architects
- Stifel

Career Planning and Support from:

- HYA (ECRA Group, Inc.)
- Executive Searches, Illinois Association of School Boards/Member of the National Affiliation of Superintendent Searches
- HUMANeX Ventures
- School Exec Connect

Registration Information and How to Apply

The registration fee for the five-day Learning Academy is \$1,650. Tuition includes a daily continental breakfast and lunch, resource materials and lodging for the entire week, Sunday–Thursday (check-out Friday). The Learning Academy will run from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. IASA will make lodging arrangements for participants at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 3000 South Dirksen Parkway in Springfield.

The IASA Aspiring Superintendent Academy will be limited to 35 participants. Applicants must complete an online form by clicking [here](#). Applicant agrees to pay \$1,650 for the five-day experience. (Note: Payment can be split over two payments but the applicant agrees to pay the full \$1,650. Due to the nature of this program, no refunds will be given and all applicants must pay the program tuition regardless of successful completion.) Lodging will be secured by IASA once the participant list is finalized.

By completing the online application form, you are reserving a space in the IASA Aspiring Superintendent Academy. Completed applications must be submitted by Friday, March 15, 2020. Participation in the IASA Aspiring Superintendent Academy will be finalized in early April 2020 and all applicants will be notified via email.

In addition to the online application, please send a letter of support from your District Superintendent via email to Melissa Arney at marney@iasaedu.org.

“...an incredible experience that I will not soon forget.”



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Questions?

Contact Melissa Arney
Illinois Association of School Administrators
Phone: 217-753-2213
email: marney@iasaedu.org

IASA Aspiring Superintendent Academy admission requirements are set forth as follows:

1. Applicant must be able to attend the entire week. All meetings will be held at the IASA office in Springfield.
2. Applicant must provide a letter from the District Superintendent indicating support for and understanding of the commitment involved.
3. Applicant must provide a personal narrative indicating 1) the reason you are making application to the IASA Aspiring Superintendent Academy, 2) what you hope to gain from the program, and 3) what you can contribute to the other cohort members.
4. Applicant understands the commitment to the time schedule away from the current School District to effectively participate in this program.
5. Applicant agrees to cooperate and fully participate.

Scholarships

Three full scholarships are being made available by various search consulting groups and said scholarships will be determined by the selection committee based on financial information submitted on the ASA application. If interested in the scholarship, please provide your gross annual salary on the application information sheet. If you are only able to attend by receiving a scholarship, please make a note of that as well.