

Conference Program

Annual Superintendents' Conference 2009

October 27, 2009

Keynote Speaker

Governor Roy Romer

The College Board

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Featured Speaker

Michael Geisen

2008 National

Teacher of the Year

Session Highlights:

Strategic Planning

Response to Intervention

Principal Preparation

21st Century Initiative

Accreditation

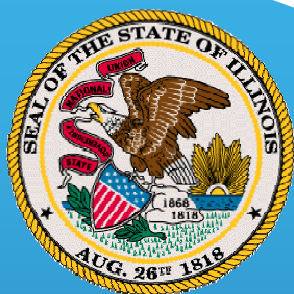
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The Illinois State Board of Education will provide leadership, assistance, resources and advocacy so that every student is prepared to succeed in careers and postsecondary education, and share accountability for doing so with districts and schools.

Goals

GOAL 1: Every student will demonstrate academic achievement and be prepared for success after high school.

GOAL 2: Every student will be supported by highly prepared and effective teachers and school leaders.

GOAL 3: Every school will offer a safe and healthy learning environment for all students.



CONFERENCE WELCOME

Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D. State Superintendent of Education

Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for coming to the 2009 Illinois Superintendents' Conference and for your leadership of our schools during this very difficult time.

We are facing one of the greatest economic crises in our nation's history. State government faces an \$11 billion shortfall, leaving school districts, hospitals and other providers waiting months to be paid for services provided. As part of this year's conference the Board will be holding a budget hearing as it develops its recommendation for the next fiscal year. Prior to taking testimony in the budget hearing we will have presentations from the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability and the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability. I would urge you to try and extend your stay for these sessions.

As we have developed the conference, we have taken into account feedback from last year's sessions and feedback we have received from superintendents from around Illinois throughout the year. There remains great interest in the implementation of Response to Intervention and as such, we have two sessions devoted to RtI. Additionally, as budgets get tighter, transparency and communications become more critical to every district and we have two sessions dedicated to these topics. You'll find additional sessions on teacher and principal development, as well as improving outcomes for students.

This year I am thrilled that we have two exceptional speakers that will address you, Roy Romer, former Governor of Colorado and Michael Geisen, the 2008 National Teacher of the Year.

Romer brings a unique perspective to our conference, from both government and education. He served three-terms as Governor of Colorado and held several national positions in relation to government and politics. Additionally, Romer was Superintendent of Los Angeles schools and is currently a senior advisor to The College Board.

Geisen is a dynamic speaker that will catch your attention from the start and hold it through his entire presentation. He was named the 58th National Teacher of the Year in 2008 and spent a year as an education ambassador speaking across the United State and abroad. He is a middle school science teacher from Oregon and when you hear him you will understand why he has been singled out for this honor.

I will also be doing what has quickly become one of my favorite sessions and one that is becoming quite popular with you as well. Our "Hot Topics" session will be Tuesday afternoon and I look forward to your questions and comments.

Thank you for the work you do. I hope you find the conference informative and helpful to you as you serve the students of Illinois.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Koch". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Education



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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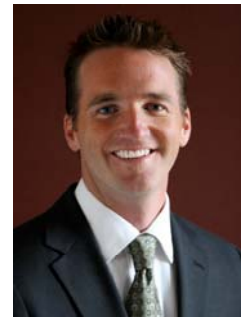
We are honored to have Roy Romer, former three-term Governor of Colorado, as our keynote speaker this year.

Romer has served as chair of the Democratic National Party, the National Governors Association, and the Educational Commission of the States. He was Superintendent of Schools for the Los Angeles Unified School District and chair of Strong American Schools. Romer now serves as senior advisor to the New York-based nonprofit, The College Board, in its mission to connect students to college success and opportunity.

He has a degree in agricultural economics from CSU, a law degree from the University of Colorado and studied ethics at Yale University. Don't miss the opportunity to hear this important speaker!

FEATURED SPEAKER

Michael Geisen 2008 National Teacher of the Year



Unifying teaching and learning through creativity, collegiality, community interests as well as individual, and just a bit of what he calls “craziness”, defines Michael Geisen’s approach to working with, in his words, “my fellow human beings...my students.”

Because of his innovative approach, community focus, and teamwork with other teachers, Geisen was named 2008 National Teacher of the Year by President George W. Bush at a White House ceremony on April 30, 2008.

“A great teacher,” he says, “is a unifier of ideas, a unifier of people, and a unifier of ideas with people. In my teaching I strive to bring together creativity and science, to unite my students into a community, and to help each person in this community connect with the big ideas of science.”

Annual Superintendents' Conference 2009 - Schedule at a Glance

Monday, October 26, 2009

- IASA Administrators' Academy Credit courses will be offered as Pre-Conference Workshops from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza – Springfield.
- IASA New Superintendent Workshop will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the IASA Office in Springfield.

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Registration/Information Desk Open
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Exhibits Open
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. – Opening Remarks
Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D., State Superintendent of Education

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Keynote Speaker
Governor Roy Romer, The College Board

Date	Time	Session #1 Plaza F	Session #2 Plaza G	Session #3 Plaza H	Session #4 Plaza I	Session #5 Plaza BC
Tues. 10/27	10:45 – 11:45	<i>Mentoring and Induction in Illinois: New Teacher Development in Illinois State Board of Education Funded Programs</i> Mary Elin Barnish, Ed.D., ISBE Beginning Teacher Induction Programs	<i>A Long-Term Approach to Strategic Planning with a School Board</i> Quintin Shepherd, Superintendent, Amboy CUSD #272	<i>Communications: All Day/Every Day</i> Dan Burns, Unicom ARC Rod Wright, Unicom ARC	<i>Addressing the State Requirements for Response to Intervention (RtI) Implementation for All Students at ALL Levels</i> Dr. Renee Goier, Supt. Dr. Judy Hackett, Supt. Dr. Dave Schuler, Supt. Dr. Tim Thomas, Supt.	<i>Let's Work Together – Enabling Student Success in both Career and Life</i> Bobbi Kingery, Career Advisor, Eastern Illinois University Michael Shirley, Ph.D., History Department, Eastern Illinois University

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. - Luncheon

Date	Time	Session #6 Plaza F	Session #7 Plaza G	Session #8 Plaza H	Session #9 Plaza I	Session #10 Plaza BC
Tues. 10/27	1:30 – 2:30	<i>If You Build It, They Will Come...Induction and Mentoring for the 21st Century</i> Vicki Hensley, Assistant Superintendent, I-KAN, ICE 21 Co-Chair Nicki Rosenbaum, ICE 21 Co-Chair	<i>Improving Science Achievement with Participation in the University of Illinois Chemistry Grant for Rural Schools</i> Becky Canty, Superintendent, A-C Central CUSD #262	<i>Newly Defined Principal Preparation Program for Illinois</i> Debbie Meisner-Bertauski, Associate Director, IBHE Dr. Linda Tomlinson, Assistant Superintendent, ISBE	<i>2009 Legislative Update</i> Sara Groom Boucek, Associate Director/Legal Counsel, IASA Darren Reisberg, General Counsel/Deputy Superintendent, ISBE	<i>Navigating Through the District Accreditation Process</i> Michael J. Kelly, Superintendent, Carlinville CUSD #1 Becky Schuchman, Principal, Carlinville Intermediate School

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. – Hot Topics Session in Ballrooms
Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D., State Superintendent of Education and Illinois State Board of Education Senior Staff Members

Superintendents' Reception - 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

**8:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. – Registration/Information Desk Open
 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – Exhibits Open
 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. – Breakfast**

Date	Time	Session #11 Plaza BC	Session #12 Plaza F	Session #13 Plaza H	Session #14 Plaza I
Wed. 10/28	9:00 -10:00	<i>General School Funding FY 2010</i> Toni Waggoner Senior Budget Analyst, ISBE	<i>Meeting the Needs of Gifted Learners</i> Ronda Bangert, Regional Superintendent, ROE #42 Diane Beedy, Director of Professional Development, ROE #39 Gail Owen, Assistant Superintendents, ROE #53	<i>Dashboards: Offering a Quick Glimpse of the District to Stakeholders</i> Bryan Chumbley, Director of Research, Peoria #150 Scott Thompson, Superintendent, Antioch CCSD #34	<i>Successful Implementation of Response to Intervention Systems at the High School Level</i> Joseph Greene, Associate Principal, Rolling Meadows High School Charles Johns, Ph.D., Principal, Rolling Meadows High School Howard McMackin, Ph.D., Curriculum Administrator, Rolling Meadows High School

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. - Break

**10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. – Featured Speaker and Closing Remarks
 Michael Geisen, National Teacher of the Year 2008**

ISBE Budget Hearing will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Plaza H

Session Descriptions

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Session #1

Plaza F

Mentoring and Induction in Illinois – New Teacher Development in ISBE Funded Programs

Mary Elin Barnish, Ed.D., Co-Coordinator, ISBE Beginning Teacher Induction Program

Quality teaching is essential for schools to support student achievement and to meet AYP. Since 2004, the Illinois New Teacher Collaborative has worked with ISBE and numerous partners to administer state-funded grants for new teacher induction and mentoring programs. This session provides an update on exemplary induction and mentoring programs throughout the state and focuses on how the development, skill and professionalism of new teachers can be accelerated through excellent mentoring and induction. This session will also consider the critical roles that administrators play in the successful development of new teachers as well as research and resources dealing with induction and mentoring.

Session #2

Plaza G

A Long-Term Approach to Strategic Planning with a School Board

Quintin Shepherd, Superintendent, Amboy CUSD #272

This session will give participants practical ideas for approaching strategic planning with their school boards in a rural district (less than 1,000 students). Accountability within the strategic plan will also be addressed. Amboy CUSD #272 has undertaken an ongoing strategic planning process starting in 2006, which has grown and developed over the past four years. Examples will be given and ideas will be shared, with a portion of the time set aside for audience sharing.

Session #3

Plaza H

Communications: All Day/Every Day

Dan Burns, Unicom ARC

Rod Wright, Unicom ARC

This session will give participants insight into how to develop a communications program for your district. Topics will include: priority 365 days a year, stimulating true two-way communication, and how to help achieve district goals.

Session #4

Plaza I

Addressing the State Requirements of Response to Intervention (RtI) Implementation for All Students at ALL Levels

Dr. Renee Goier, Superintendent, Deerfield SD #109

Dr. Judy Hackett, Superintendent, NSSEO

Dr. Dave Schuler, Superintendent, Northwest Suburban HSD #214

Dr. Tim Thomas, Superintendent, NSSED

This workshop will focus on RtI implementation in a variety of different settings. Four superintendents will share their experiences and address district responsibilities as they relate to the state requirements for 2010-2011 implementation of the RtI process. They will provide examples of data systems and interventions across elementary/secondary levels, use of PLC in the change process for RtI implementation, use of coaching support coupled with professional development and the importance of coordinated, collaborative efforts at local, cooperative and state levels to improve outcomes for all students.

Let's Work Together: Enabling Student Success in Both Career and Life

Bobbi Kingery, Career Advisor, Eastern Illinois University Career Services Center
Michael Shirley, Ph.D., History Department, Eastern Illinois University

Preparing for college and career success is a challenge that faces educators from the moment a child begins school. The presenters will discuss what they have learned from working with college freshman, including the students' understanding of their own skills and weaknesses, and what additional preparation they need to be successful in higher education and beyond.

Session Descriptions**Tuesday, October 27, 2009****1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.***If You Build It, They Will Come...Induction and Mentoring for the 21st Century*

Vicki Hensley, Iroquois-Kankakee Assistant Regional Superintendent, ICE 21 Co-Chair
Nicki Rosenbaum, Retired Assistant Regional Superintendent, ICE 21 Co-Chair

Construction of the Induction for the 21st Century Educator (ICE 21) Initiative has been taking place in Illinois for the past decade. The construction crew consisted of ISBE, IASA, IPA, IFT, IEA, Regional Offices of Education/Intermediate Service Centers, universities and, of course, new teachers. This session will introduce participants to the educational leaders' overview training, a one day approved administrators academy and the 4.5 days of training for district-selected mentors. A blue print will be shared showing how ICE 21 meets all ISBE requirements for induction programs plus lots, lots more. Come join the 180+ school districts which have already experienced ICE 21.

*Improving Science Achievement with Participation in the University of Illinois
Chemistry Grant for Rural Schools*

Becky Canty, Superintendent, A-C Central CUSD #262

The University of Illinois, National Science Foundation and 93 rural school districts have partnered to improve chemistry teaching utilizing technology. This session will provide an overview of the grant project entitled: *Institute for Chemistry Literacy through Computational Science (ICLCS)*. The results of the project include dramatically reducing the isolation commonly experienced by Illinois rural teachers, who are often the only science instructors in their schools or districts.

Newly Defined Principal Preparation Program for Illinois

Debbie Meisner-Bertauski, Associate Director, Illinois Board of Higher Education
Dr. Linda Tomlinson, Assistant Superintendent, School Support Services for All Schools ISBE

This session will provide an overview of the Newly Defined Principal Preparation Program for Illinois. The program is concentrating on how Illinois can improve the preparation of future school leaders. Areas of discussion will include: creating preparation programs that will focus on preparing principals; preparing principals to affect school improvement in 21st century schools; and preparing principals to be instructional leaders by increasing student achievement and facilitating ongoing professional growth of staff.

Session #9**Plaza I***2009 Legislative Update*

Sara Groom Boucek, Associate Director/Legal Counsel, Illinois Association of School Administrators
Darren Reisberg, General Counsel, Illinois State Board of Education

Presenters will review laws enacted during the 2009 legislation session that affect Illinois schools. Time will be spent discussing the various legal issues. Questions will be taken from the audience as to legal issues that superintendents and their districts face on a daily basis.

Session #10**Plaza BC***Navigating Through the District Accreditation Process*

Michael J. Kelly, Superintendent, Carlinville CUSD #1
Becky Schuchman, Principal, Carlinville Intermediate School

AdvancED District Accreditation is a powerful systems approach to improving student performance results over time. It recognized increasing student achievement involves more than improving instruction—it is the result of how well all the parts of the education system including the district, school and classroom work together to meet the needs of students. Join Carlinville's district leaders as they outline the preparation, process and impact of their journey to become Illinois' first district to achieve District Accreditation. They will specifically address how the process impacted student achievement, school culture and organizational effectiveness.

Session Descriptions**Wednesday, October 28, 2009****9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.****Session #11****Plaza BC***General School Funding FY 2010*

Toni Waggoner, Senior Budget Analyst, Illinois State Board of Education

This session will include a discussion of state, local and federal revenues as well as General State Aid and Categorical funding.

Session #12**Plaza F***Meeting the Needs of Gifted Learners*

Ronda Bangert, Regional Superintendent, ROE #42
Diane Beedy, Director of Professional Development, ROE #39
Gail Owen, Assistant Superintendent, ROE #53

In these times of shrinking resources, attend this session to hear about a professional development opportunity for classroom teachers on identifying and meeting the needs of gifted students without a significant drain on schools' limited finances. This breakout session will offer a demonstration of the *Gifted Education Seminar* – a computer-assisted interactive training for K-12 teachers, developed by ISBE, ROEs, ISCs and IAGC. Join us to find out how you can implement this new model of training in your school to help teachers learn to differentiate instruction for gifted learners in the regular classroom and help them deliver real results.

Session #13**Plaza H**

Dashboards: Offering a Quick Glimpse of the District to Stakeholders

Bryan Chumbley, Director of Research, Testing and Assessment, Peoria Public Schools #150
Scott Thompson, Superintendent, Antioch CCSD #34

Dashboards offer a quick and simple way to communicate key components of the school district to stakeholders. Dashboards are designed to help monitor what's going on in the district and schools at a glance. To give stakeholders a means to rapidly monitor a district's progress in many areas, dashboards must be designed in particular ways to make them nimble and easily modified. Participants will be shown the functionality of dashboards and explore possibilities for their own district to assist in communicating with its stakeholders.

Session #14**Plaza I**

Successful Implementation of Response to Intervention Systems at the High School Level

Joseph Greene, Associate Principal, Rolling Meadows High School
Charles Johns, Ph.D., Principal, Rolling Meadows High School
Howard McMackin, Ph.D., Curriculum Administrator, Rolling Meadows High School

Rolling Meadows High School is Illinois' lighthouse high school and ASPIRE's demonstration site for a secondary RTI model. This session explains how RTI is integrated into a data-driven, continuous improvement system. It will explain how aligning standards, formative-summative assessments, research-based learning strategies, and internal benchmark reports empower teachers and administrators to serve the needs of all students. The presentation outlines how Professional Development Teams track their students' performance standard by standard to manage Tier One processes, use Tier Two protocols, and interface with school-wide interventions to meet state mandates.