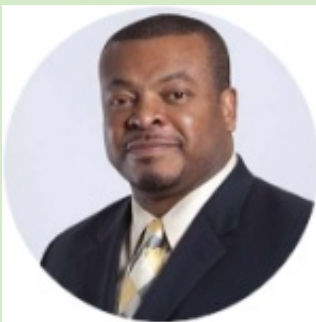




**INDIANA COUNCIL
of ADMINISTRATORS
of SPECIAL EDUCATION**

DECEMBER, 2018 WINTER NEWSLETTER

ICASE HAPPENINGS!



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the ICASE Executive Council, thank you to all of our special education leaders across the state of Indiana and the United States for your hard work, dedication and advocacy for families and students with disabilities. We personally want to wish each of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year!



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

**YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
MATTERS**

Our goal for 2018 was to increase membership by 10% We currently have 340 active members. The break down of our membership is as follows:

- 166 voting
- 146 non-voting
- 20 Aspiring
- 8 Retirees

We will be sending out lists of active members to each Roundtable Rep to be reviewed at your January/February 2019 Roundtable Meetings. We would like to grow membership and encourage all special education leaders to join ICASE.

If you are a current member we encourage you to go the ICASE website (www.icasen.org) and update your membership profile. All members should belong to a roundtable group. Join your ICASE Listserve!

If you have questions about your membership, call the ICASE office:
317-610-5997

NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Nominating Committee has accepted and closed nominations for President. The Presidential slate of candidates has been approved by the ICASE Executive Committee and Angela Balsley is our single candidate for President. The official electronic vote will take place in January of 2019.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

FALL CONFERENCE WRAP-UP

The Fall Conference and Pre-Conference October 3rd-5th themed "LEADING THE CHARGE" was a big success, jam-packed with educational sessions, social events, guest speakers and ICASE meetings. A few of the highlights included:

- A full Pre-Conference day featuring Dr. Terrance Scott speaking on the High Probability Strategies for Managing Student Behaviors in the Classroom.
- The next day, Dr. Adolph Brown followed President Mark Booth's welcome with a keynote message inspiring everyone who heard him to "learn, laugh and lead."
- Over 250 registered for the Fall Conference, Over 80 for the Pre-Conference PLUS 23 Exhibitors and Sponsors!
- The conference ended with a report and update from Dr. Nancy Holsapple, Director of Special Education, IDOE

Special thanks to all those who volunteered to make the event so successful!



Dr. Adolph Brown



GA Co-Chairs Tammy Hurm
and Jenny Smithson



Dr. Nancy Holsapple and
Friends from Old National
Trail



Jan. 9 - Feb. 2, 2019 Indianapolis Convention Center

As you know, Indiana CASE (ICASE) has partnered with the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) for the [CEC 2019 Convention & Expo, January 29 – February 2, 2019 in Indianapolis, IN.](#)

What you may not know is that ICASE's annual spring conference events have been incorporated into CEC 2019. The result is a much richer professional development experience than you could get at either event alone.

[Register by January 7, 2019 and save \\$118.](#)

Full registration for CEC 2019 will give you access to exclusive ICASE programming AND all CEC 2019 general and concurrent sessions. Use promo code **ICASE** at checkout.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?
[Get all the details here!](#)

Look for the CEC Special Edition in late January

PUBLIC RELATIONS UPDATE

The Public Relations Committee is busy planning for opportunities to share the great things Indiana does as we prepare to host visitors from around the country for the National CEC Convention on Jan 29th-Feb. 1st.

- Photo Booth - We will be providing a "photo booth" opportunity for visitors. The theme and props will be articles associated with being a "hoosier."
- Silent Basket Auction - we would like all the Roundtables, Cooperatives, and individual Districts to create baskets that are theme related to your region of the state (ex: Grant Co. has Weaver Popcorn, James Dean, and Garfield).
- ICASE and the state of Indiana lead the way with Unified Sports and our tremendous partnership with Special Olympics. We will have a "live demonstration" with several of our Young Champions from across the state showing off their athletic abilities. This surely will be a crowd pleaser!

We hope to see you at the conference. Please stop by the Exhibit Hall and visit your colleagues at the ICASE Booth. It is should to be a fantastic time for all!

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS UPDATE

Important and Time Sensitive

The 2019 legislative breakfast will be held in conjunction with the National CEC/ICASE conference on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 7:30 to 9:00 AM. Your GA representative will be sharing more information/talking points with you as the event gets closer.

There are 22 new legislators that will begin their work in January. Hopefully each of you knows who your local Representative and Senator are. If not, you can search <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/find-legislators/>.

[PLATFORM DOCUMENT](#)

We encourage you to send your legislator a welcome email in which you introduce yourself to him/her and notify them of how you can be a resource to him/her. Your GA rep can assist with a template if you would like

[SAMPLE LEGISLATOR WELCOME LETTER](#)

[2019 BREAKFAST INVITATION](#)

Here are links to the education committees:

http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2019/committees/education_0400

DOE UPDATES

Office of Special Education Weekly Digest December 19, 2018

The following information is a compilation of correspondence from the Office of Special Education from December 5, through December 18, 2018

- Master File to be Replaced -- Your Help Needed

As part of the LINK Initiative, IDOE will retire the current Master File System (Master File) within DOE Online on January 1, 2019. The Master File is the database of official contacts and addresses of schools and school personnel IDOE uses as the foundation of communication to schools. IDOE will be replacing the Master File with a new database for corporations/schools and school contacts as part of IDOE's [Link Initiative](#). The impact of this transition for schools and what schools should do prior to January 1, 2019 is described in this [memo](#).

Please make sure your information is correct in DOE Online Master File before January 1. You can contact Brandon Myers with questions at bmyers@doe.in.gov or (317) 232-9144. Thank you.

- Certificate of Completion Reporting

The Office of Special Education has released the following [guidance document](#) to assist school districts in reporting applied units courses and the certificate of completion information.

- Results Driven Accountability Data Retreats

The Office of Special Education is excited to announce our first Results Driven Accountability Data Retreat Road Show. Please follow this [link](#) to register for any of the 7 data retreats around the state. Please contact Sarah Larrison at slarriosn@doe.in.gov with any further questions.

- New OSEP Letter on Notice Requirement for Due Process Hearings
Please see the attached [Letter to Blessing](#) regarding advance notice. Additional commentary from the OSE will be forthcoming.

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