Webinar with State Superintendent Tony Smith
August 7, 2018
Whole Child • Whole School • Whole Community
Today’s Speakers

Tony Smith, Ph.D.
Illinois State Superintendent of Education

Dr. Alicia Geddis
Superintendent of Danville SD 118

Jonathan Tallman
Superintendent of Red Bud CSD 132

Dr. David Schuler
Superintendent of Township HSD 214
Peer-to-Peer Learning Tools

Superintendents-Only Support Line (SOS Line)

(217) 782-2222
Monday – Friday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

- ISBE Executive Staff
- Thought Partners
- No “Unworthy” Questions
Peer-to-Peer Learning Tools

The Peer Finder

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Deep-Dive Webinars

- **Summative Designations**  August 10, 10-11:30 a.m.
- **IL-EMPOWER**  August 14, 3-4 p.m.
- **Assessments Update**  August 24, 10-11 a.m.
- **2018 Report Card and Beyond!**  August 29, 2-3 p.m.

Registration: www.isbe.net/backtoschool
Dr. Alicia Geddis
Superintendent of Danville SD 118
Relationships

Reaching Each Student

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Danville District 118
Dr. Alicia Geddis

Challenges

- Generational Poverty
- Discipline Data
- Aging Facilities
- Strained Community Resources
- Teacher Shortages (young & mobile)

Strategies

- Immediate Action
  - This Summer
- Fortify the Staff
  - Professional Development
- Increase Student Support
- Refocusing
  - Back to School Opening- Begin with the “WHY”
  - All Year- Examining our discipline data (What does it tell us about us?)
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- **Immediate Action**
  - Summer School Changes
  - New Summer Programming

- **Fortify the Staff: Professional Development**
  - Social Workers and Psychologists: CBITS
  - Lurie Hospital: Trauma Informed Teaching
  - AVID: Culturally Relevant Teaching
  - New staff training expanded to include components of SEL and appropriate relationships
  - Focus on Equity
  - 77 Staff Members Attended AVID Summer Institute
  - Open Gyms
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- **Increasing Student Support**
  - Psychiatrist
  - Partnership with Rosecrance Health Network
  - Restructure Refocus Room
    - Ripple Effects
  - Student Lounge and Study Area (DHS)
  - Summer Programs and Summer School
  - Increased Home Program Intervention Coordinators

- **Refocus: Staff Welcome**
  - Start with the “Why”
A good teacher is like a candle – it consumes itself to light the way for others.
-Mustafa Kemal Atatürk
Jonathan Tallman
Superintendent of Red Bud CSD 132
Personalizing the Start of School

And Continuing It Through the Year
Build Momentum & Excitement For The Start Of The Year

- Leverage community, families, teachers, and students!
  - Incentives!
  - Make it personal
- Try something different
  - Out with the old
  - Make it personal
First Day Back

Institute Day
- Make it fun!
- Balance
- Make it personal
- Balance

Students’ First Day
- Set the tone
- Support
- Make it personal
  - Relationships instead of rules
Maintaining....

- Make it personal
- Chief storyteller
- Recognize & celebrate staff by recognizing students
- Reach out to families of staff
- Birthdays & holidays
Dr. David Schuler
Superintendent of Township HSD 214
#LeadersMatter

AASA, The School Superintendents Association has launched its Leaders Matter campaign to showcase school districts where the exemplary leadership of the superintendent has resulted in meaningful, measurable outcomes for the schools, students and communities they serve.

Why Do Leaders Matter?

AASA, The School Superintendents Association represents superintendents at the national level. From advocating on your behalf and on behalf of the children you serve, then successfully pushing for the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to successfully working to double the dollar available through Title I, we are your support structure. We care about your professional development and we care about your well-being.

To help you with the problems and situations you face daily, we will share stories, tips and tools from successful practitioners. We will share the stories of superintendents that have successfully implemented programs you may be contemplating. Additionally, we will keep you informed of what’s going on in Congress and the US Department of Education. We will ask you to share your stories or pose your requests for information or where to find the appropriate resources. We will do that for you because you are an educational leader and a champion for children in the community you serve.

School system leaders create meaningful change for the students they serve and their communities.

Advocacy
Share Your Story
Questions?

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Illinois State Superintendent of Education

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