

THE COUNCIL CONSIST OF:

Education Support Professional Council consists of thirteen (13) voting members and three (3) alternates all of whom are ESP school employees and members of the Illinois Education Association. The ESP council's goal is to represent and support ESP's throughout Illinois.



★ ESP STAR AWARD ★

The ESP Council created the ESP STAR program to allow IEA Local leaders, members and board of directors to recognize and publicize the good work of their ESP members across the state.



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Jill Scarcelli
Chairperson (51) · 2026

Leatreasa Lilly-Madison
(2) · 2024

Debra Ward-Mitchell
Vice-Chairperson (27) · 2026

Gina Lozano
(34) · 2026

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· 2025

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(41) · 2025

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(39) · 2024

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(39) · 2026

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(56) · 2024

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EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS COUNCIL

It is the mission of the Education Support Professional Council to uphold the Illinois Education Association-NEA's mission to effect excellence and equity in public education and to be THE advocacy organization for all education support professionals in public education.

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RESPECT:
Raising Education Support Professionals
by Elevating Careers Together

Support staff are typically the first to arrive at school as they unlock doors and turn on lights. They are some of the first people to greet students when they arrive at school in the morning, who give students the academic support they need to become successful scholars, who carefully assist with their health, safety, and nutritional needs, and are the last people who see students safely home at the end of the day. The value of their work is priceless.

RESPECT: is a statewide effort by ESPs, with the support of IEA staff, to improve working conditions by focusing on four areas:

WAGES – A minimum salary, fair substitute teaching compensation and unemployment insurance

HEALTH INSURANCE – Affordable health insurance for the currently employed and the retired

PENSIONS – Making the Tier 2 pension system equitable for all education employees

RETENTION, RECRUITMENT AND JOB DUTIES – Tuition reimbursement, Grow Your Own Teacher from ESP to certified, paid family leave, licensing fees relief, quality job-related professional development, “hold harmless” language for assigned duties, appropriate access to IEPs and suitable job duties for ESPs. education employees

Bring your voice to our table as we work to:

- Pass legislation that improves living and working conditions of our education support professional members
- Create Model Contract Language to support members as they bargain
- Organize, Organize, Organize!

Visit our website for more info

ieanea.org/respect

RESPECT Virtual Meeting Dates

Second Thursday of each month
5:30-6:30pm



Meeting ID: 846 7843 0657
Passcode: 768962

August 10th
September 14th
October 12th
November 9th
December TBD
January 11th
February 8th
April 11th
May 9th

2023-2024 Meeting Dates

August 4-5th

Bloomington IEA office
Team Building, Council Training

November 18th

Naperville IEA office
9am - 2pm

February 24th

Minooka IEA Office
10am - 2pm

May 4th

Decatur IEA office

ONE
CONFERENCE
WORKING TOGETHER AS ONE

October 13-14th

Oak Brook, IL
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ESP Celebration

September 23rd
10-11:30am
[Register Here](#)

