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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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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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, RECRUITEMENT 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**