

2017 ISFIS Conference Evaluation



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participants must
return evaluation.

What was the best part of this conference?

What suggestions do you have for improvement?

Rating (check one, leave any comments on the line)

9:00 a.m. General Session 1: Legal and Legislative Update: Report of the 2017 Legislative Session Impacting Schools */**

- Poor _____
- Good _____
- Excellent _____

10:00 a.m. Breakout Session 1

- Decision-Making Paradigm Shift: New opportunities from home rule, categorical flexibility and local authority to think differently - Margaret Buckton and Larry Sigel */**
- Best Practices in School Security - Eric Phillipson (OverWatch International)
- Engaging Parents in Advocacy - Tom Lane (Lobbyist, AEAs of Iowa, Former Carlisle Superintendent), Rose Green (PGIS), Louisa Dykstra (Des Moines Community Legislative Action Team) and Cindy Elsbernd (School Board Vice Chair, Des Moines Public Schools)
- 5-4-3-2-1 What Great School Leaders Do - Susie Olesen (ISFIS)

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11:00 a.m. General Session 2: Collective Bargaining Panel Discussion of Those Who Lived to Tell*/**

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1:30 p.m. Breakout Session 2

- School Finance 101 - Larry Sigel
- Contemporary Issues in Employee Health Insurance Benefits - Nataliya Boychenko (Holmes Murphy)
- School Board Election Changes: Impact on special elections, board training and other critical leadership timelines - Margaret Buckton
- Collaborating with Iowa Reading Research Center to Improve Literacy - Dr. Deborah Reed (Director, IRRC) and Dr. Sandy Schmitz (Assistant Director, IRRC)

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2:30 p.m. Breakout Session 3

- Understanding Iowa's Changing Property Tax System - Jon Muller (Partner, ISFIS)
- More About Collective Bargaining: Implementation, local policy and best practices to support employees while exercising new management rights - Brett Nitzschke and Holly Corkery (Attorneys, Lynch Dallas P.C.)
- RSAI Sponsored: Making Learning Relevant: Agriculture in the classroom - Will Fett (Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation)
- Will State Budget Get Worse Before it Gets Better? - Larry Sigel

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3:30 p.m. Breakout Session 4

- ISFIS/Piper Jaffray Comprehensive 5-Year Projection Model - Matt Gillaspie, Travis Squires, Tim Oswald (Piper Jaffray, Inc.) and Larry Sigel
- School Fees & Debt Collections: What fees are legal, how does home rule impact fees and what is the best way for schools to collect unpaid fees owed to your district? - Brandon Hansel (CFO, Fort Dodge CSD) and Matt Carver (J.D, Legal Services Director, SAI)
- Looming Iowa Teacher Shortage: Recruiting challenges and suggested best practices for finding and keeping great teachers in rural and urban schools - Margaret Buckton

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