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## Hattie Llewellyn Named 2017-18 President of the Illinois Principals Association

**Springfield, IL** – The Illinois Principals Association announces Hattie Llewellyn of New Berlin, IL as association President for the 2017-2018 school term.

“I am honored to be the incoming president of the Illinois Principals Association,” said Llewellyn. “Through my time serving on committees and attending various conferences, I have developed a broad understanding of what the Illinois Principals Association provides members, far exceeding what I have always perceived as being ‘service and support.’ It has been such a rewarding experience to watch the IPA staff develop this association into something that shapes state policies through effective advocacy, is recognized by other states as a leader in efforts to inform our nation’s elected officials as they make crucial decisions regarding public education, and is at the forefront of providing innovative, personalized professional development. It is truly my pleasure to serve as president of this outstanding organization, and I am looking forward with great anticipation to the many things we will accomplish this year.”

“Hattie Llewellyn is an outstanding school leader who is well respected by her peers,” said Jason Leahy, Executive Director of the Illinois Principals Association. “She is known as someone who is innovative and passionate about doing what is best for her students. Hattie has served the IPA in many capacities and is well prepared to lead as the Association’s President.”

Llewellyn has been a member of the Illinois Principals Association since 2005. During this time, she has served on the Southwestern Region board as Region Director and State Director, and served the Abe Lincoln region as Membership Chair, Region Director, and State Director. Most recently, Llewellyn served as IPA President Elect (2016-2017). Llewellyn has also served as a representative to the Illinois State Educator and Licensure Preparation Board, Next Generation Science Standards Development Committee, and Illinois State Board of Education 5Essentials Committee.

Llewellyn has been previously recognized by her peers and fellow administrators by selection for the Reaching Out and Building Bridges Award through the Abe Lincoln region of the IPA for her partnership with the Jared’s Keepers suicide awareness organization in 2016, and partnership with Central Illinois McDonald’s in 2013. She was previously named Abe Lincoln Region High School Principal of the Year in 2014 and was selected to receive an internship to attend the Joint Annual Conference of the Illinois Association of School Boards, Illinois Association of School Administrators, and Illinois Association of School Business Officials in 2013.

Llewellyn began her career in education in 1994 as a science teacher at Althoff Catholic High School in Belleville, IL. She continued her career as a science teacher at Waterloo High School. Llewellyn’s first administrative role was as principal of Valmeyer High School in Valmeyer, IL in 2005. She returned to serve as Curriculum Director of Waterloo Community School District 5 in 2009 and since 2011, Llewellyn has served as principal of New Berlin High School in New Berlin, IL.

Llewellyn resides in New Berlin, Illinois with her husband Aaron Llewellyn, principal at Virginia Jr./Sr. High School, and daughter Grace Doyle, student at New Berlin High School. Her family also includes daughter Taylor Maus,

teacher at New Berlin Elementary, McKenzie Doyle, student at Southeast Missouri State University, step-children Anna and J.R. Llewellyn, students at Washington Elementary School in Jacksonville, IL, and grandson Carter Maus of New Berlin. Llewellyn received a Bachelor of Arts in Biology, Secondary Education from McKendree University, a Master of Science in Educational Administration from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, and a Specialist in Education degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Illinois at Springfield.

The Illinois Principals Association is a leadership organization which serves over 5,300 educational leaders throughout the state of Illinois and whose mission is to develop, support, and advocate for innovative educational leaders. For more information about the IPA, please visit [www.ilprincipals.org](http://www.ilprincipals.org).

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