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## Jeff Knapp Named 2018-19 President of the Illinois Principals Association

**Springfield, IL** – The Illinois Principals Association announces Jeff Knapp, Principal of Rockland School in Libertyville, IL as association President for the 2018-2019 school term.

"It is an incredible honor to be serving as President for the Illinois Principal's Association for the 2018-19 school year," said Knapp. I have been involved in this great organization since 2003. This is the premier association for principals across the nation and I take this role very seriously as we look to do what is best for all school leaders in the state of Illinois. Through our dedication and work together we can continue the mission to develop, support, and advocate for educational leaders. Although the challenges and obstacles that we face can be great at times, the rewards of our work allow for a long-lasting impact in education."

According to IPA Executive Director Dr. Jason Leahy, "Jeff Knapp is a visionary leader focused on doing what is best for school leaders and those they serve. He possesses a keen understanding of principals' needs and the profession overall. His focus on continuous improvement will move our innovative organization forward."

Knapp has been a member of the Illinois Principals Association since 2003. During this time, he has served on the Lake Region board as Membership Chair, Region Director and State Director. Knapp was recognized by his peers as Lake Region Principal of the Year (2013), Assistant Principal of the Year (2005) and Lake Region Herman Graves Award nominee (2009). Knapp has served the association as IPA President-Elect (2017-2018) and Treasurer (2014-2017). Knapp is also a member of the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD).

Knapp has presented "The Leaders Within" at national and regional conferences, serves as a presenter and trainer for school walk-throughs, is a certified new principal coach/mentor through the Illinois Principals Association, and has participated on the Midwestern Blue Ribbon Regional Conference Committee.

Knapp began his career in education in 1998 as a social studies teacher and team leader at Grayslake Middle School. He also served as Athletic Director for Grayslake Middle School from 2001-2003. Knapp began in administration as Summer School Coordinator/Principal in CCSD 46 in 2001. He has served as Assistant Principal at Grayslake Middle School (2003-2005), Principal at Woodview School (Grayslake-2005-2011), and has served as Principal of Rockland School in Libertyville since 2011.

Jeff Knapp currently resides in Volo, Illinois with his wife Elizabeth (teacher at Waukegan High School), son Preston (Sophomore at Libertyville High School), and friendly beagle named Karma. During his free time, Jeff enjoys traveling with his family and golfing whenever possible. Knapp received a Bachelor of Science in Social Studies Education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and his Master's degrees in School Counseling and School Administration from Concordia University at River Forest.

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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