



Legislative Committee Update

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The Legislative Committee is continuing with the development and implementation of the **Legislative Network** of school psychologists for the purpose of dissemination of information and to serve as a communication tool for the Association and its members. With the elections this fall many of the state Senate and House officials have changed. In the next few weeks, we will be working to update the listing of officials on the Network and making that information available on the ISPA website. Keep an eye on the Legislative Page on the ISPA site at www.iowaschoolpsych.com

We are continuing to seek additional school psychologists to become a part of the Legislative Network. Members of this Network are asked to make contact with their legislators as an introduction and to follow up with them as needed for related legislation or explanation of the role of a school psychologist. With the completion of the election in November, now is a great time to either welcome the new elected person or to congratulate the incumbent.

- There are 100 House and 50 Senate districts in the Iowa Legislature and ISPA is **seeking volunteers from each District** to serve as a contact. **YOU** can help by **volunteering**.
- To date we have been successful in locating volunteers to represent only **13** Senate Districts and **16** House Districts.
- If you are unaware of your district and the names of your legislators - you can obtain this information at the Legislative website: www.legis.state.ia.us. Click on "Find Your Legislator" under Popular Links, type in your address and you will get a listing of state and federal legislators.
- E-mail the names and district numbers of your legislators to John Boyle at jjkboyle@mchsi.com and I will forward the next set of information.
- Our goal is to have every district covered by the middle of January so liaisons can begin to make contact with their elected officials as the session starts January 10th.

As issues related to legislative/public policy matters come about this year information will be presented to ISPA members through the newsletter, e-mails, and a planned Legislative Page on the ISPA website. For additional information, to volunteer, or to make a comment – get in touch with John at jjkboyle@mchsi.com or 515-965-3822.