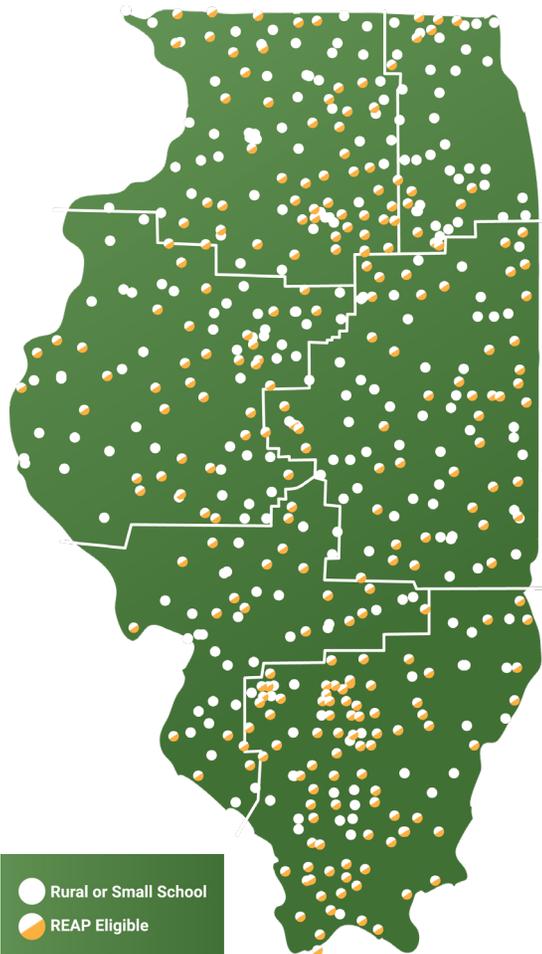


Map of Illinois Rural and Small Schools

Within the IARSS Six ROE Service Areas



AIRSS serves over 500 rural and small schools.

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The Association of Illinois Rural and Small Schools



21-22 Membership Information Inside

The voice of Illinois rural and small schools.

To ensure **Access** to quality education opportunities for all rural students, to **Advocate** for rural and small schools and to serve as the collective **Voice** on all matters of the education process in rural and small schools is not only the mission and goal of AIRSS, it is the life work of those teachers, administrators and staff who serve in a rural school and community.

The role of AIRSS is to support these goals and serve as the collective voice of over 500 rural and small schools, keep the best interest of the nearly 500,000 children at the forefront, and preserve local control. You must be **represented** if you expect to make any progress on issues and initiatives that are important to your organization.

Representation is afforded only if you have a seat at the table. Here are the people that are working on your behalf and fighting for a seat at the table within the state board of education and any entity that represent the education enterprise in Illinois.

First, **the AIRSS Board members**, all who serve rural and small schools each and every day. They are committed to the goals of the organization and each of them have a clear understanding of the complex agency and political structure we work in. Many members of the board are engaged in the process by serving on agency boards and are engaged in the political process.

Secondly, **the Executive Director**, dedicated, committed and totally engaged in the agency



Dr. Patrick Twomey (Past President), Edwin Shoemate (President), and Dr. Jennifer Garrison (President Elect)

and political process. Working tirelessly to ensure the “voice” of rural schools and students is heard in a direct and consistent manner. Clearly focused on and working to advocate for better state and federal policy that has a positive impact on rural and small schools. Finally, always focused on elevating our teachers and students in rural and small schools and developing strong rural school and community partnerships.

- Member of the NREAC (National Rural Education Advocacy Coalition)
- Consultant member of the Board of Directors for IASA (Illinois Association of School Administrators)
- Direct contact with agencies (ISBE, IBHE, ICCB) and members of the General Assembly and the Executive Branch
- Executive Committee member of NREA (National Rural Education Association)



David M. Ardrey, Executive Director of AIRSS



The Association of Illinois Rural and Small Schools

The work of AIRSS can only continue with your involvement. Membership support is the baseline funding that keeps the organization continually viable. AIRSS must continue to be the voice of rural and small schools, and your support is greatly appreciated.

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School District Name: _____

School District Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Total Amount Due (Payable to AIRSS)

Membership for 1 Year \$400 2021 2022

Membership for 2 Years \$800 2021-2022

Please provide the name and email address of four district representatives.

Name: _____

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Check all that apply: Superintendent Principal

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