

# 2021 Membership Support Information



## The Association of Illinois Rural and Small Schools



Left to Right: Dr. Patrick Twomey (Past President), Edwin Shoemate (President), and Dr. Jennifer Garrison (President Elect)

The AIRSS board supports the belief that ALL schools defined rural and small in Illinois are members.

All work is on behalf of all members and the strength of our advocacy is in its numbers. Over 500 school districts contain a rural or small school in Illinois. Approximately 300 are REAP eligible and receive funding. Nearly 500,000 children attend these schools

The value of your \$400 District Support is incomparable

because of the reach AIRSS has as an organization. Our advocacy work alone on your behalf is worth the cost and includes:

- Direct state-level advocacy with ISBE and the General Assembly
- Direct Federal Advocacy through the National Rural Education Advocacy Consortium - (NREAC)
- Your Executive Director has multiple state and national association board appointments
- AIRSS is the only statewide Association representing all Illinois rural and small schools.

In 2021, AIRSS will be watching and working on a number of issue affecting our schools. Critical items include:

- Teacher Shortages
- School Funding
- Commission for Rural Education
- Access to quality education programs
- A watchful eye on childhood hunger and poverty

The collective strength of AIRSS is in the Individual strength of our rural and small schools. Together we can protect, support, and enhance our rural schools.



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School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due \$400 (Check payable to AIRSS)

Please provide the name and email address of the following:

Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

School Board Chair / President: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher / Instructional Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your support and membership with AIRSS!

Please return this card along with payment to **AIRSS, PO Box 292, Carmi, IL, 62821**