



The voice of nonpublic education in Illinois

Ad Hoc Committee for  
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Agudath Israel of Illinois

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Network

Archdiocese of Chicago  
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Torahs of Chicago

Association of Christian  
Schools International

Association of Illinois  
Montessori Schools

Bright Promise Schools

Catholic Conference  
of Illinois

Chicagoland Lutheran  
Educational Foundation  
(CLEF)

Council of Islamic  
Organizations of Greater  
Chicago (CIOGC)

Illinois Association of  
Christian Schools

Lake Michigan Association  
of Independent Schools

Lutheran Schools Missouri  
Synod  
Central Illinois District  
Northern Illinois District  
Southern Illinois District

Seventh Day Adventist  
Illinois Conference

Solomon Schechter Day  
School of Metropolitan  
Chicago

Wisconsin Evangelical  
Lutheran Synod (WELS)

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Dear Potential Member of the Illinois Coalition of Nonpublic Schools,

As the Illinois Coalition of Nonpublic Schools, we are writing to formally request your membership in the Illinois Coalition of Nonpublic Schools (ICNS). We hope that you value the critical role ICNS plays in supporting and advancing the mission of nonpublic education across Illinois, and we are eager to have your school join this network of schools and organizations dedicated to quality education and advocacy.

Please become a member of ICNS because of the many benefits it offers, including:

- ❖ **Advocacy and Representation:** Ensuring that the voices of nonpublic schools are heard in legislative and regulatory discussions at both state and federal levels.
- ❖ **Access to Timely Information:** Staying updated on policy changes, funding opportunities, and compliance issues that affect nonpublic schools.
- ❖ **Professional Networking:** Building relationships with leaders from other nonpublic schools across Illinois, fostering collaboration, and sharing best practices.
- ❖ **Professional Development and Resources:** Gaining access to workshops, conferences, and resources that strengthen our school's leadership, staff, and programs.
- ❖ **Strength in Unity:** Collaborating with other schools to protect and promote the vital contributions of nonpublic education in Illinois.

At the Illinois Coalition of Nonpublic Schools, our mission is to provide a high-quality, values-based education that nurtures the academic, social, and spiritual growth of our students. Your membership in ICNS will help us enhance our capacity to serve our students and families and contribute to the collective voice and vitality of nonpublic education in Illinois. We remain committed to advocating strongly for Illinois nonpublic schools, both locally in Springfield and nationally, through our work with the Council for American Private Education (CAPE).

Please partner with ICNS to shape the future of nonpublic schools. Attached is a membership form that you can complete and submit with payment. Or pay online at:

<http://www.icns.net/membership.htm>

Visit [www.icns.net](http://www.icns.net) to learn more about the benefits of joining ICNS, including access to updates on government, regulatory, and nonpublic school policies from two full-time lobbyists, a job bank for nonpublic school positions, educational resources, a monthly newsletter, ISBE updates, and the opportunity to feature your school on our website.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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