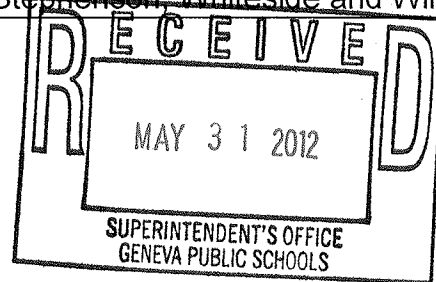


**Northwestern
Illinois
Association**

A Regional Special Education Cooperative Serving the Counties of
Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, Jo Daviess, Kane, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago

May 30, 2012



Dear Superintendent:

Enclosed, please find a ballot and a brief biographical sketch of the candidates for the election of the specified members for the NIA Executive Board. These candidates have agreed to run for a two year term to represent the school districts within their subregional area (see enclosed map).

Please present this ballot at a regularly scheduled school board meeting for official board action. Please return this ballot in the enclosed, stamped envelope to the NIA Human Resources Office by August 17, 2012.

If you have any questions regarding the election process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Laura Frankiewicz".

Laura Frankiewicz, Ed.D.
NIA Regional Director

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NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION

SUBREGION I BALLOT

EXECUTIVE BOARD

BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

According to the Articles of Agreement for the Northwestern Illinois Association, the Directors of Special Education and the At-large Members shall be elected within each subregion by the Boards of Education of the member districts in even numbered years.

Each Board of Education shall cast one (1) vote for Director of Special Education and one (1) vote for Member-at-Large.

VOTE FOR ONE DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION:

Carla Cumblad – Mid-Valley Sp Ed.
DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

WRITE IN DIRECTOR OF SPEC ED

VOTE FOR ONE MEMBER-AT-LARGE:

Kathy Countryman – Dist. #427
MEMBER-AT-LARGE

WRITE IN MEMBER-AT-LARGE

NOTE: Ballots will be counted in the NIA Human Resources Office.

PLEASE USE THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED TO MAIL THIS BALLOT TO THAT OFFICE.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH – EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATE – SUBREGION I

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

Carla Cumblad serves as the Executive Director of Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Cumblad coordinated the implementation of Response to Intervention (RtI) in Elgin U-46, the second largest district in Illinois. Formerly, she was the Assistant Superintendent for Special Services in Arlington Heights D25 where she oversaw all programming for special education and RtI implementation. She was a Coordinator for Northwest Suburban Special Education Association (NSSEO) where she was also assigned to Arlington Heights. Dr. Cumblad was one of the founding members of the Illinois Flexible Service Delivery Consortium and has served in a leadership role for the Illinois ASPIRE RtI grants. She also has had experiences working on U.S. Department of Education federal projects, consulting, and teaching coursework at Northern Illinois University.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Kathy Countryman, Assistant Superintendent of Sycamore CUSD #427, received her undergraduate and Master's Degrees in Education from the University of Iowa. She also holds a Superintendent Endorsement from Western Illinois University. Kathy spent 8 years teaching in Iowa prior to moving to Illinois. Her administrative career began in Indian Prairie #204 in Naperville as Assistant Principal. Her tenure with Sycamore Schools began the fall of 2000, as the principal of Southeast Elementary School. In 2004, Kathy was appointed Assistant Superintendent, a role she will hold until July 1, 2012 when she will become the Superintendent.

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