



NIA | THE NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION

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

June 13, 2025

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 sub-regional 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 7, 2025.

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

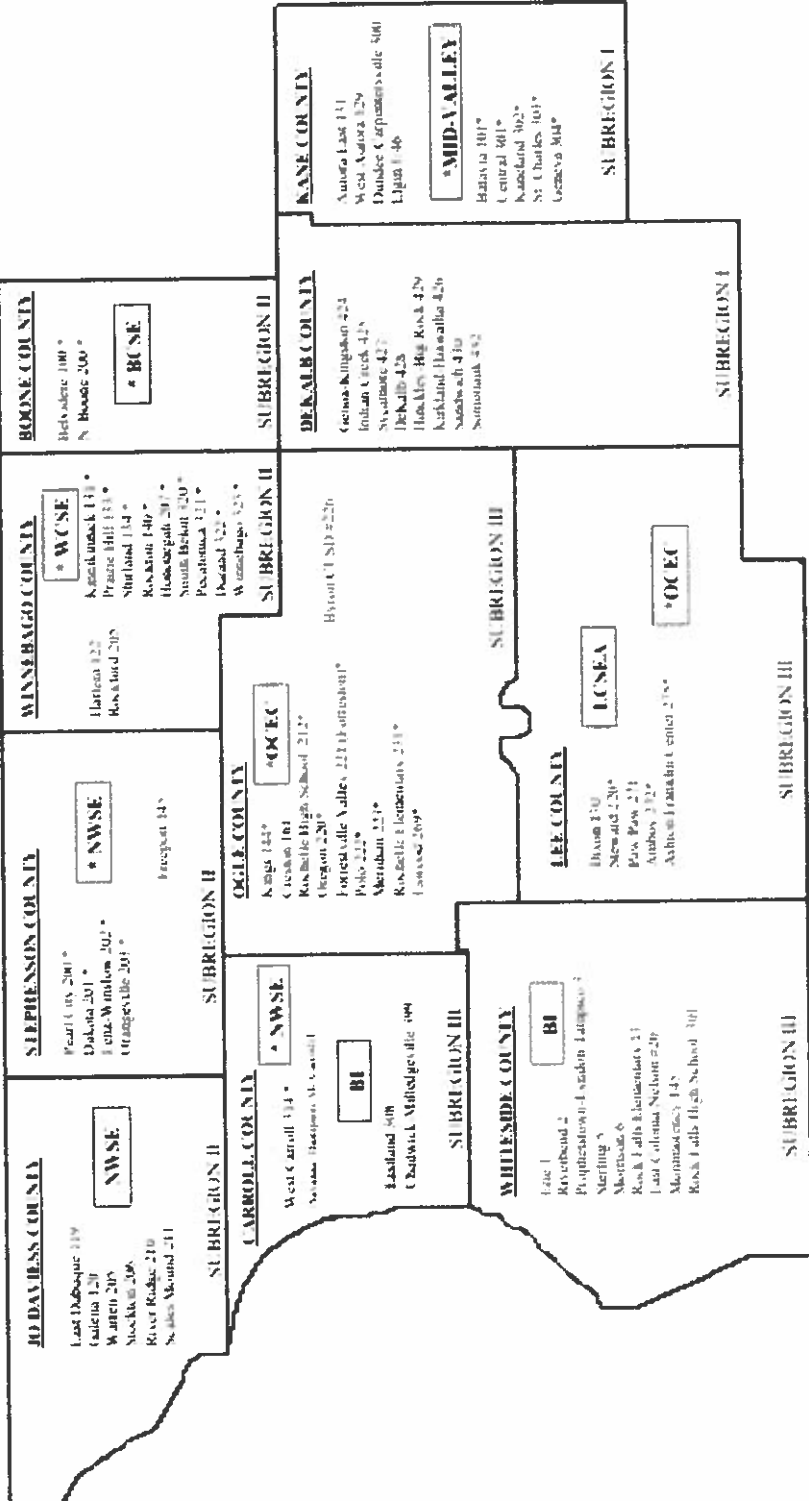
Sincerely,

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH – EXECUTIVE CANDIDATE – SUBREGION III

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Tracy Dahl is currently the Director of Special Education for Northwest Special Education in Elizabeth, IL. She earned her M.S. in Educational Leadership from Northern Illinois University, her M.S.W. in School Social Work from Aurora University and her B.S.W. in Social Work from Illinois State University. During Tracy's 26 years of professional education service for Northwest Special Education Cooperative, she has served in a variety of social work and administrative experiences, including School Social Work, Special Education Supervisor, and Director.

Tracy enjoys volunteering in her community, serving as a Religious Education teacher for nine years at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Lena, Illinois, a Big Sister with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and Co-Founder of Lena Area Church Cooperative. Tracy is a member of the Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education and the Illinois Association of School Administrators.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Christine Lynde moved to Byron in 2005 with her husband and three children. She is an active member of the community, volunteering for many organizations. She has a degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana. In 2017, she was elected to the Byron CUSD #226 School Board and has proudly served as its president since 2019. She currently serves on the IASB Northwest Division Executive Board as a Director at Large. Christine has been a member of NIA's Executive Board since 2018.

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SUBREGION III BALLOT

EXECUTIVE BOARD

BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

According to the Articles of Agreement for the Northwestern Illinois Association, the District Administrator and the School Board Member shall be elected within each subregion by the Boards of Education of the member districts in odd numbered years.

Each Board of Education shall cast one (1) vote for District Administrator and one vote for School Board Member.

VOTE FOR ONE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR:

- Tracy Dahl - Northwest Special Education
District Administrator

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WRITE IN – District Administrator

VOTE FOR ONE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER:

- Christine Lynde - Byron #226
School Board Member

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WRITE IN – School Board Member

NOTE: Ballots will be counted in the NIA Executive Board Recording Secretary.

PLEASE USE THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED TO RETURN THIS BALLOT BY
AUGUST 7, 2025