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- **Special Education Alert, prepared by Andrews & Price Law Firm**
- **Education Law Report, prepared by Tucker Arensberg Law Firm**

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**2018 marks the 70th anniversary of the Tri-State Area School Study Council!
Thank you for being a member!**

2017-2018 Workshop Calendar*

Annual NCAA Update— “A Student Athlete’s evolution: High School to College”

October 17, 2017, Petersen Events Center

Special Education Workshop— “Cyclical Monitoring and Continuous Improvement—State Compliance”

October 26, 2017, Edgewood Country Club

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November 15, 2017, Edgewood Country Club

School Board and Distinguished Educator Banquet

March 15, 2018, Edgewood Country Club

Enhancing School Governance and Management

March 16, 2018, Edgewood Country Club

Dr. Jean E. Winsand Institute for Women in School Leadership

April 4, 2018, Edgewood Country Club

Dr. Samuel Francis School Law Symposium and Special Education Workshop

June 2018, The University Club

*Please check our website in the upcoming months, as new workshops may be added!

Thank you to the three law firms who contribute the *The Forum* newsletter each issue:

- **Tucker Arensburg Attorneys, *Education Law Report***
- **Andrews & Price, *Special Education Alert***
- **Weiss Burkardt Kramer LLC, *In Brief: School Law Update* (Located on pages 6-7 of *The Forum*)**

Tri-State 2017-18 Calendar of Events

20th Annual Dr. Samuel Francis School Law Symposium and Special Education Workshop

Tri-State, in cooperation with the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, hosted another successful Samuel Francis workshop on June 21, 2017. A mixture of 11 new and veteran presenters shared a wealth of important information with the attendees. Materials from each presentation are available at <https://tristate.pitt.edu/workshops/school-law-and-special-education-conference>.

During the luncheon portion of the program, Tri-State deviated from the usual awarding of the Distinguished Achievement in Law Award. Instead, there was a 20th anniversary celebration, honoring the legacy of the late Dr. Samuel Francis. His daughter and her husband, Pamela and William Kiehl were in attendance while previously colleagues and students of Dr Francis spoke about his accomplishments and character.

The topics and speakers from the 20th Annual Law included:

- ◆ “School Law Update: New Issues for School Administrators”, Carl Beard, Esq., [Beard Legal Group, P.C.](#)
- ◆ “Students’ Rights in the Age of Trump”, Sara Rose, Esq., [ACLU of Pennsylvania](#)
- ◆ “Employment Discipline and Horror Stories from Arbitration”, Jocelyn Kramer, Esq. & Ira Weiss, Esq., [Weiss Burkardt Kramer, LLC](#)
- ◆ “Construction Fundamentals: Avoiding Common Pitfalls”, Matthew Hoffman, Esq., [Tucker Arensburg, P.C.](#)
- ◆ “Student Discipline and Free Speech: In School, Out of School and on Social Media”, Patrick Fanelli, Esq., [Fanelli Willett Law Offices](#)
- ◆ “Practical Implications of the Supreme Court’s Decision in Endrew F.: A Renewed Focus on the Importance of Progress Monitoring”, Jocelyn Kramer, Esq. & Annemarie Harr, Esq., [Weiss Burkardt Kramer, LLC](#)
- ◆ “The New Era of Zero Tolerance: Case Law, Positive Practices and Model School Codes”, Cheryl Kleiman, Esq., [Education Law Center](#)
- ◆ “Special Education Discipline Refresher”, Patricia Andrews, Esq., [Andrews & Price, LLC](#)
- ◆ “Special Education Updates: Information for Administrators”, Cortney Verner, Special Education Advisor, [Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education](#)
- ◆ “Ethics Presentation, Robert Harper, Esq., Professor Emeritus, [School of Law, University of Pittsburgh](#)



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PASA Legal Services for Commissioned Officers

PASA’s legal staff offers a wide range of employment-related legal resources and services to PASA members who are Commissioned Officers, including consulting services, employment contract services, non-litigation dispute resolution, and assistance with the negotiation and development of separation agreements. In addition, employment contract assistance is available to PASA members and non-members who are being considered for appointment to their first commissioned position and to experienced administrators who are relocating from another state and moving into a commissioned position in Pennsylvania. See the PASA website for details at www.pasa-net.org/legalservices.

Tri-State & Local Education News

Regional Chief Administrator Changes

As of September 1, 2017

Retired Administrators

We congratulate and thank the following administrators for their years of service to the students of Western Pennsylvania:

- **Dr. Philip J. Savini, Jr.**, Brownsville Area School District
- **Dr. Barbara Marin**, Hempfield Area School District
- **Rick Huffman**, Northern Cambria School District
- **Dr. Roberta DiLorenzo**, Washington School District

Administrative Transitions

Congratulations to the following new and new-to-district superintendents and directors over the past year:

- **Dr. Joan Welter**, Superintendent, Ambridge Area School District
- **Ms. Thelma Szarell**, Superintendent, Bethlehem-Center School District
- **Mr. William Kanich**, Superintendent, Blacklick Valley School District
- **Dr. Keith Hartbauer**, Superintendent, Brownsville Area School District
- **Dr. Brian White**, Superintendent, Butler Area School District
- **Mr. Scott Seltzer**, Acting Superintendent, Chartiers Valley School District
- **Dr. Tammy Wolicki**, Superintendent, Hempfield Area School District
- **Dr. Mark Holtzman**, Superintendent, McKeesport Area School District
- **Dr. Chris Stone**, Superintendent, Montour School District
- **Dr. Maureen Ungarean**, Superintendent, Moon Area School District
- **Mr. Tom Rocco**, Interim Superintendent, Northern Cambria School District
- **Dr. Frank Prazenica**, Acting Superintendent, South Butler School District
- **Dr. James Konrad**, Superintendent, Washington School District

*Some districts are in the process of filling vacancies. We apologize if we missed anyone!

Annual NCAA Update

“A Student-Athlete’s Evolution: High School to College”

October 17, 2017, Petersen Events Center

Join Tri-State, Pitt Athletics, and WPIAL for updates on NCAA rules for initial eligibility, NCAA Eligibility Center requirements, non-traditional coursework, recruiting, and other hot topics. Hear about WPIAL bylaw updates and AD issues.



Register Online!

Special Education Workshop

PA Department of Education Special Education Advisor

Cortney Verner

presents

a special education workshop,

“Cyclical Monitoring and Continuous Improvement –State Compliance”

October 26, 2017



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Register Online!

SAVE THE DATE

The annual Dr. Jean Winsand Women’s workshop will occur on April 4, 2018. Information will be distributed in the beginning of 2018!

Tri-State Area School Study Council Membership Map

As the 2017-2018 school year begins, Tri-State would like to send a warm thank you to all of our member districts for their continued support of our organization. The map below shows the geographical spread of our membership – we are grateful to have members from all 8 local IUs. We do hope you will renew your membership again this year and hope to be of service. Thank you!

Intermediate Unit 3

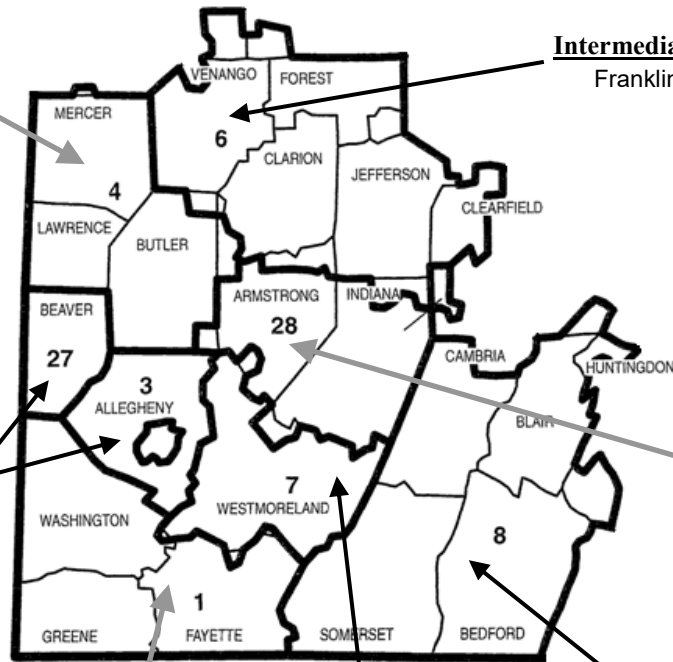
- A.W. Beattie Career Center
- Allegheny IU 3
- Allegheny Valley
- Avonworth
- Baldwin-Whitehall
- Bethel Park
- Brentwood Borough
- Carlynton
- Chartiers Valley
- Cornell
- Deer Lakes
- Duquesne City
- Elizabeth Forward
- Fox Chapel Area
- Gateway
- Hampton Township
- Highlands
- Keystone Oaks
- McKeesport Area
- Moon Area
- Northgate
- North Allegheny
- North Hills
- Parkway West CTC
- Plum Borough
- Quaker Valley
- Riverview
- Shaler
- South Fayette Township
- Upper St. Clair
- West Allegheny
- West Jefferson Hills
- West Mifflin Area

Intermediate Unit 4

- Farrell Area
- Grove City Area
- Jamestown Area
- Mars Area
- Neshannock Township
- Seneca Valley
- Sharpsville Area
- Slippery Rock Area
- Wilmington Area

Intermediate Unit 6

- Franklin Area



Intermediate Unit 27

- Ambridge Area
- Aliquippa
- Beaver Area
- Beaver County CTC
- Beaver Valley IU 27
- Big Beaver Falls Area
- Blackhawk
- New Brighton Area
- Rochester Area
- South Side Area
- Western Beaver County

Intermediate Unit 1

- Avella Area
- Bentworth
- Bethlehem-Center
- Brownsville Area
- Burgettstown Area
- Canon-McMillan
- Carmichaels Area
- Chartiers-Houston
- Connellsville Area
- Fort Cherry
- Intermediate Unit 1
- McGuffey
- Peters Township
- Ringgold
- Trinity Area
- Washington

Intermediate Unit 7

- Belle Vernon Area
- Franklin Regional
- Greater Latrobe
- Greensburg Salem
- Hempfield Area
- Mount Pleasant Area
- Southmoreland
- Yough

Intermediate Unit 8

- Blacklick Valley
- Cambria Heights
- Central Cambria
- Conemaugh Valley
- Ferndale Area
- Northern Cambria
- Portage Area
- Shade-Central City
- Windber Area

Westmoreland County

- Dr. Robert Ketterer Charter School

Intermediate Unit 28

- Apollo-Ridge
- Freeport Area
- Leechburg Area
- Lenape Technical School
- Purchase Line
- United

Other Members

- Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School
- PA Distance Learning Charter School

Allegheny County

- Diocese of Pittsburgh Catholic Schools
- Fanny Edel Falk School
- Urban Pathways Charter School



The Tri-State area School Study Council administrative office has moved! We are still located in Posvar Hall, but we have moved from the fourth floor to the fifth floor. Our new address is:

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230 S. Bouquet Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15260

Please update our address in your directories and financial systems.

2017-2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Diane Kirk, Director

Kelsey Cole, Administrative Assistant

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Edgewood Country Club, 9am-11am

September 20, 2017 **December 7, 2017**

March 21, 2018 **June 20, 2017**

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