

**Dr. Arthur J. Fessler**

**ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

<b>University Of Illinois, Champaign</b> Ed. D., Educational Leadership	<b>May, 2011</b>
<b>Concordia University – River Forest, IL</b> Master of Science, Curriculum & Instruction	<b>December, 1996</b>
<b>Judson University – Elgin, IL</b> B.S, Elementary Education, Minor: Science	<b>May, 1989</b>
<b>Hope College – Holland, MI</b>	<b>1984-1985</b>

**RECENT RECOGNITIONS**

- 2021 Hanover Township New Leader In Education School District U- 46
- 2020 NSSEO Shining Star Leadership Award
- 2020 Selected to Judson University Doctoral Advisory Board
- 2018 The Institute for Education Innovation (IEI) National Governing Board
- 2016 National Center for Educational Research and Technology([NCERT](#)) National Board
- 2015 American Association for School Administrators Governing Board (IL, elected)
- 2015 National School Boards Association's "20 to Watch" Tech Educators
- 2014 United States Department of Education Top 100 #FutureReady Superintendent
- 2012 National Robert Kottkamp Outstanding Dissertation Award Winner, Sponsored by Learning and Teaching in Educational Leadership (LTEL) SIG Awards, American Educational Research Association (AERA)

**ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

**Interim Principal** **2021 - 2022**  
**Eastview Middle School**  
**School District U-46**

**Superintendent of Schools** **2013 – 2021**  
**Elk Grove CCSD59**

Responsibilities Include:

- Developed and supported a district vision and mission to provide a meaningful and relevant education that will prepare students to be successful in the 21st century.
- Facilitated the development of a modern vision for learning and wellbeing for students, families and staff.
- Partnered with the Board of Education and school community to develop and implement a Strategic Plans that are fiscally responsible and provides a modern and relevant teaching and learning focus
- Employed a contemporary vision of leadership and learning with a depth of understanding in the areas of teaching and learning and supporting professional development.
- Deployed a 1-to-1 and 2-to-1 technology solution that provides every K-2 student a tablet and each student in grades 3-8 a tablet and a Chromebook.
- Facilitated transition to an electronic learning environment through cloud-based domain with access with necessary infrastructure, tools and training.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE (p2)**

- Created a standards based curriculum and professional training that feature integrated learning experiences.
- Utilize 100-day planning and reporting approach to assess progress of the strategic plan.
- Facilitated systems change with a one district focus for the purposes of collaboration and efficiency.
- Developed comprehensive learning plans for improving staff and leadership performance.
- Facilitated short and long range systems planning in the areas of finance, facilities, technology, and communication.
- Utilized 21<sup>st</sup> century tools to enhance all areas of district operations, board function, and teaching and learning.
- Restructured leadership organization to align with work outcomes and objectives of the strategic plan
- Facilitated multiple contract negotiations utilizing hybrid interest based approach leading to the elimination of a salary schedule.

### **Superintendent of Schools**

**2010 – 2013**

#### **Oak Lawn-Hometown District 123**

Responsibilities Include:

- Created and implemented a vision of learning that focused on creating a culture for 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching and learning. The vision included developing teacher paradigm and skill for teaching practice, developing collaborative learning environments with rich technology tools, professional development that focused on building teacher capacity, utilizing data to inform practice and training for creating curriculum that included CCSS and 21<sup>st</sup> century skills.
- Facilitated comprehensive long-range planning in the area of finance, communication, technology, facilities and teaching and learning.
- Balanced the budget avoiding referendum and/or bond sales.
- Facilitated negotiation of multi-year certified/non-certified contract in four sessions.

### **Suburban Superintendent Association (SSA) Treasurer**

**2012 – Present**

- Serve over 200 suburban school district superintendents
- Co-facilitate Professional Learning for the SSA
- Recruit new members
- Organize networking opportunities for superintendents

### **Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA) South Cook Professional Learning Coordinator**

**2011 – 2013**

- IASA South Cook Governing Board
- Coordinate new superintendent training programs
- Facilitate planning for south Cook superintendent training opportunities
- Plan IL Administrator Academy and other professional training opportunities
- Developed IASA cloud-based Resource site @ [google.com/a/d123.org/iasa-education-exchange/home](http://google.com/a/d123.org/iasa-education-exchange/home)

### **South Cook South Cooperative Organization for Public Education (SCOPE) Finance Committee Chairman & Executive Board Member**

**2011 – 2013**

SCOPE is a grassroots local organization focusing on the needs of school districts in south and southwest suburban Cook and Will Counties. The primary goal is to provide schools with legislative information and to provide legislators and the Governor with educational information.

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE (p3)

Education League of Illinois (ELI)	Inducted 2012
ISBE Principal Preparation Program Advisory Committee	2011 – Present
ISBE Superintendent Advisory Committee	2012 – Present
IASA South Cook Superintendent Mentor	2011 – Present
Illinois Principal Association Principal Mentor	2008 – 2010
<b><u>Assistant Superintendent Grades 6-12 &amp; Middle School Principal</u></b>	<b>2007 – 2010</b>
<b>Barrington CUSD #220, Enrollment 10,000 students</b>	

Responsibilities Include:

- Facilitate Secondary (6-12) Operations and Curriculum Development
- Facilitate District Strategic Planning Strand "Optimal Time for Learning"
- Implemented PLC and UbD Framework 6-12
- Co-Chair PreK-12 RtI District Implementation
- 6-12 Budgeting/Resource Allocation Committee Co-Chair
- Facilitate 5-Year District Staffing Projections in Conjunction with PMA
- Facilitated Community Education Programming, "Beyond CUSD #220"
- Referendum Focus Group Member
- Middle Level Redistricting Representative
- Board Finance and Facilities Sub-Committees
- Member of the 2009 Board Negotiating Team, IBB Trained

<b><u>Principal – Barrington Middle School CUSD #220</u></b>	<b>2002 – 2010</b>
Barrington Middle School – Prairie Campus	
<b><u>Principal – Barrington CUSD #220</u></b>	<b>2000 – 2002</b>
Arnett C. Lines Elementary	
<b><u>Assistant Principal – Barrington Middle School CUSD #220</u></b>	<b>1998 – 2000</b>
Barrington Middle School – Station Campus	
<b><u>Assistant Principal – LITH Elementary School</u></b>	<b>1997 – 1998</b>
Carpentersville CUSD #300, District Enrollment 25,000 Students	

## CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

<b><u>Middle School/Jr. High Science Teacher – Carpentersville CUSD #300</u></b>	<b>1989 – 1997</b>
Carpentersville Middle School and Westfield Community School: Science Teacher	

## PUBLICATIONS

- Three Ways to Prepare Educators to Teach PBL, Getting Smart. Summer 2017, [Link](#)
- Developing Birth to 8 Roadmaps in the area of Social Emotional Learning (SEL), Literacy and Math. IASA Leadership Matters, Fall 2016. [Link](#)
- Creating a Culture of Innovation, Association of School Board Association. Summer 2016. [Link](#)
- Research in Learning and Teaching in Educational Leadership, edited by Liz Hollingworth and Arnold Danzig (LTEL SIG of AERA) and published by IAP. In Press 2014.
- 21st Century Leadership Academy CCSD 59. IASA Leadership Matters, 2013
- Perceptions of Illinois School District Superintendents Regarding the Efficacy of Their Superintendent Preparation. Scholar Press, 2013

## **OTHER RECOGNITIONS**

- 2015 National School Boards Association's "20 to Watch" Tech Educators
- 2014 United States Department of Education Top 100 #FutureReady Superintendent
- 2012 IASA South Cook Peace Award
- NCAA Academic All-America, Judson University 1988, 1989
- NCAA Basketball All-America, Judson University 1988, 1989
- NAIA Honorable-Mention All-America, Judson University 1989
- Male Athlete of the Year, Judson University 1989
- Hall of Fame Inductee, Judson University Class of 2007

## **PRESENTATIONS**

2019 IASA/IASBO/IASB Conference, Strategies to Build Adult Wellness and Positive Culture  
2018 NCERT National, Designing Powerful Learning Experiences and Improving Mental Wellness  
2018 ED-RED Panel, The Intersection of Education and Illinois' Economy  
2018 AASA National, The Use of Data Analytics with Chase Thompson, Chicago Cubs  
2018 AASA National: Panel, Connecting the Millennial Mindset with Your District's Vision  
2017 Discovery Education: What's Your Message? Branding your School District  
2016 IASA State Conference, Education's Role in Preparing Students for Successful in Life  
2016 AASA National Conference, Impact of Brain Development on Student Performance  
2015 Discovery Education, Building A Culture of Community  
2015 NSBA Technology Innovative Showcase  
2014 ITCE, Board and Superintendent Perspective on Technology Implications on Learning  
2013 National Chief Information Officer (CIO), Technology Integration and Planning  
2013 American Educational Research Association (AERA), Superintendent Preparation  
2013 Lake County Superintendents, Teacher Performance Ranking & PERA/Senate Bill 7  
2012 Rich Township Board Meeting, Implementing Board and Superintendent Ground Rules  
2012 USDA, Labor Management Convention, Effective Board and Union Relationships  
2012 South Cook Illinois Association of School Administrators, Board Relationships  
2012 IASB, Teacher Performance Ranking & PERA/Senate Bill 7  
2012 IASA South Cook, Teacher Performance Ranking & PERA/Senate Bill 7  
2011 CIO - National Conference, Presenter, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Teaching and Learning  
2011 Midwest Principal Center, Motion Leadership  
2011 Joint Conference, Presenter, Board and Superintendent Relationships  
2011 Understanding by Design (UbD) Implementation @ Grayslake Community School District  
2008, 2009, 2010 University of Illinois, Effective Principal Leadership

## **PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & MEMBERSHIPS**

NCERT, National Center for Educational Research and Technology 2013 - 2018  
AASA, American Association of School Administrators 2010 - 2018  
AERA, American Educational Research Association 2012, 2013  
NSBA, National School Board Association 2010 - 2018  
IASA, Illinois Association of School Administrators 2009 - 2018  
ASCD National Convention 2004, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2013  
IASBO, Understanding School Finance, 2004, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013  
Understanding by Design (UbD) Grant Wiggins, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

## **PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & MEMBERSHIPS (p2)**

DuFour, Professional Learning Community (PLC) Training; 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010

Michael Fullan, Motion Leadership 2012, 2014, 2015, 2017

PMA, Tax Levy Calculation 2010, 2011

IPA, Principal Mentor Training 2008

MAPS National Training/Conference 2007, 2008

Lincoln Baldrige Examiner Training 2007

NAESP National Convention 2006

NASSP National Convention 2003, 2005

Digital Portfolio URL:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aoq6PnwJnUFPZMha\\_K41M8rmjkL9ITdPbyJh9bRVx2M/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aoq6PnwJnUFPZMha_K41M8rmjkL9ITdPbyJh9bRVx2M/edit)