

# Web Sites for Association Bargainers

*The following Web sites are just a few of many possible resources on the Internet that your bargaining team may find helpful as you study and frame issues for negotiations, converse with association members, and educate the community. You may know of other sites of value. If you do, please feel free to share them with IEA Program Development for inclusion on future editions of this CD.*

## **Association For Supervision And Curriculum Development** [www.ascd.org/](http://www.ascd.org/)

ASCD is an international, nonprofit, nonpartisan education association committed to the mission of forging covenants in teaching and learning for the success of all learners. ASCD provides professional development in curriculum and supervision; initiates and supports activities to provide educational equity for all students; and serves as a world-class leader in education information services.

## **Bureau Of Labor Statistics** <http://www.bls.gov/>

The principal fact-finding agency for the Federal Government in the field of labor economics and statistics, BLS, collects, processes, analyzes, and disseminates essential statistical data to the public, Congress, Federal agencies, State and local governments, business, and labor. The BLS serves as a statistical resource to the Dept of Labor.

## **Catalyst: Voices Of Chicago School Reform** [www.catalyst-chicago.org](http://www.catalyst-chicago.org)

An independent newsmagazine created in 1990 to document, analyze and support school-improvement efforts in the Chicago Public Schools. It is published by the Community Renewal Society, a 115-year-old, faith-based organization that works to create racially and economically just communities in metropolitan Chicago. The Society also publishes *The Chicago Reporter* an award-winning newsletter created in 1972 to investigate issues of race and poverty.

## **The Chronicle of Higher Education** [chronicle.merit.edu/](http://chronicle.merit.edu/)

The academic world's number one source of news and information. The site includes: a daily briefing on developments in higher education, articles about tenure, retirement, and other professional concerns, reports on developments in information technology, statistics on salaries, enrollment, tuition, and more.

## **Compensation Link** [www.compensationlink.com](http://www.compensationlink.com)

A global on-line service that unites principal compensation internet based resources from the United States, Canada, Europe, Asia, and Latin America with Compensation and Human Resource professionals around the world. It provides access to comprehensive, current information on pay program design and administration, articles, conferences, and workshops.

## **The Department of Education**

[www.ed.gov/](http://www.ed.gov/)

Web site of the U. S. Department of Education. It contains information on research and statistics, educational news and events, a variety of publications, and links to other sites.

## **Education Policy Analysis Archives**

[olam.ed.asu.edu/epaa/](http://olam.ed.asu.edu/epaa/)

An archive of peer reviewed articles on a variety of educational issues such as: block scheduling, assessment, international education, teacher shortages, academic freedom, et. al.

## **ERIC - The Educational Resources Information Center**

[www.eric.ed.gov/](http://www.eric.ed.gov/)

ERIC is a national information system designed to provide users with ready access to an extensive body of education-related literature. The database contains more than 950,000 abstracts of documents and journal articles on education research and practice.

## **Education Week On The Web**

[www.edweek.org](http://www.edweek.org)

The site contains the full text of *Education Week*, American Education's Newspaper of Record. It has background pages on key education issues, lists of terms, organizations, and Web sites. You can also read the full text of the monthly *Teacher Magazine*. Every afternoon, "The Daily News" digests what papers around the country are writing about schools. The site also archives 15 years of news and features from its various publications.

## **Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service**

[www.fmcs.gov/](http://www.fmcs.gov/)

The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) was created by Congress in 1947 as an independent agency to promote sound and stable labor-management relations. FMCS offers services in dispute resolution, mediation services, and training in mutual problem solving.

## **FindLaw**

[www.findlaw.com/](http://www.findlaw.com/)

A site dedicated to making legal information and community on the Internet easy to find. Use it used to find Supreme Court and other court decisions, law review articles, legal news, and other information from the legal community.

## **The Illinois Board of Higher Education**

[www.ibhe.state.il.us/](http://www.ibhe.state.il.us/)

IBHE coordinates higher education in Illinois by setting priorities, examining the needs of the state, and working with colleges and universities to achieve them. The Board approves new programs and reviews existing programs at all public and some private colleges and universities; administers grant programs; maintains and distributes information about Illinois higher education; and annually recommends higher education's budget to the General Assembly. The site includes the *Data Book on Illinois Higher Education*, a general reference for and an overview of Illinois higher education.

## **The Illinois Community College Board**

[www.iccb.state.il.us/](http://www.iccb.state.il.us/)

The coordinating board for the 39 community college districts (48 colleges). It administers the Public Community College Act in a manner that maximizes service to communities, promotes cooperation within the system, and accommodates those State initiatives that are appropriate for community colleges.

**Illinois Learning Standards** [www.stclair.k12.il.us/makethelink/mlgrid.htm](http://www.stclair.k12.il.us/makethelink/mlgrid.htm)

This "Directory of Classroom Ready Activities" catalogues sites linked to one or more of the benchmarks from the Illinois Learning Standards. Lesson plans and activities which support Illinois Learning Standards goals, standards, and benchmarks are provided.

**Illinois State Board of Education** [www.isbe.state.il.us/](http://www.isbe.state.il.us/)

This sites has many useful resources here including copies of news releases and the Superintendent's Bulletins, job postings for educators, and the latest in education initiatives (ISAT, certification, waivers, technology, etc.) and grants. It offers the Teachers Lounge as a "chat room" to share ideas, concerns or comments with others.

**The Kettering Foundation** [www.kettering.org/](http://www.kettering.org/)

An operating foundation rooted in the American tradition of inventive research. Its focus is to understand the way bodies politic (politics of everyday life rather than only what governments do) function. The research is done to craft study guides, community workbooks, and other exercises that help a public act responsibly and effectively on its problems.

**The Merrow Report** [www.pbs.org/merrow/index2.htm](http://www.pbs.org/merrow/index2.htm)

John Merrow of The Merrow Report takes an acerbic looks at issues that shape the ways we live, work and learn. His reports on PBS radio and TV ask provocative questions: Are we preparing our young people for the future? Are schools and teachers working to recognize the ability and develop the potential of each child? What does the future hold for education in America? This site provides access to text, audio, and video files reporting on such issues as school finance, the teacher shortage, vouchers, testing, special education, and more

**Mindworkers.com** [63.197.216.234/crcl/mindworkers/index.html](http://63.197.216.234/crcl/mindworkers/index.html)

Julia Koppich and Charles Kerchner started this site to encourage discussion of emerging beliefs and practices in teacher unionism. Since 1980, they have been writing, researching, and advocating alternatives to industrial unionism that promote school teaching as "good work" and make public schools highly productive organizations.

**The National Center for Education Statistics** [nces.ed.gov/](http://nces.ed.gov/)

The National Center for Education Statistics fulfills a Congressional mandate to collect, collate, analyze, and report complete statistics on the condition of American education; conduct and publish reports; and

review and report on education activities internationally. If you seek education finance information for elementary/secondary or post secondary public or private education, this site should help.

### **National Commission on Teaching & America's Future** [www.nctaf.org](http://www.nctaf.org)

Chaired by Governor James B. Hunt Jr. of North Carolina and directed by Linda Darling-Hammond at Teachers College, Columbia University, the Commission was a bipartisan group of public officials, business and community leaders, and educators representing. Following two years of study, it released its initial report, *What Matters Most: Teaching for America's Future*. The web site also includes report cards on the status of public education in each state.

### **The National Conference of State Legislatures** [ncsl.org/](http://ncsl.org/)

A bipartisan organization dedicated to serving the lawmakers and staffs of the nation's 50 states, its commonwealths and territories. The Conference is a source for research, publications, consulting services, meetings and seminars. The sites contains useful information on such topics as: class size, assessment, charter schools, school finance, certification, parental involvement, etc.

### **The National Governors' Association** [www.nga.org](http://www.nga.org)

A bipartisan national organization of, by, and for the nations' Governors. Through NGA, governors identify and deal with issues of policy and governance at the national and state levels. It provides a forum for Governors to exchange views and experiences among themselves; assistance in solving state focused problems; information on state innovations and practices; and to establish, influence, and implement policy on national issues. The site provides policy papers and state initiatives on educational issues.

### **The National Library of Education** [www.ed.gov/NLE](http://www.ed.gov/NLE)

The federal government's main resource center for education information. Find information on: programs and activities in the Department of Education; Department publications; education materials from other federal agencies; services and resources available through ERIC, the research institutes, and the national education dissemination system; and statistics through the National Center for Education Statistics.

### **The North Central Regional Educational Laboratory** [www.ncrel.org/](http://www.ncrel.org/)

NCREL is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping schools--and the students they serve--reach their full potential. NCREL's ultimate goal is to help apply proven practices to create productive schools where all students can develop their skills and abilities. NCREL draws on the latest research and best practices to strengthen and support schools and communities in order to make this goal a reality.

### **Occupational Safety and Health Administration** [www.osha.gov/](http://www.osha.gov/)

The mission of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is to save lives, prevent injuries and protect the health of America's workers. This site provides information on a variety of health and safety issues in the workplace.

## **The Program on Negotiations**

<http://www.pon.harvard.edu/newpon/main/home/index.php3>

The Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School (PON) is an applied research center committed to improving the theory and practice of negotiation and dispute resolution. Put most simply, PON is working to change the way people, organizations, and nations resolve their disputes -- shifting the process from "win-lose" outcomes to "all-gain" solutions.

## **The Progressive Policy Institute**

<http://www.ppionline.org/>

PPI advocates a radical overhaul of the industrial-era, factory model of American public education into a new system premised on public school choice, high standards, and accountability, with policies that promote teacher quality, charter schools, and performance-based federal education funding.

## **Public Agenda**

[www.publicagenda.com/](http://www.publicagenda.com/)

Public Agenda is a nonpartisan, nonprofit public opinion research and citizen education organization. It was founded in 1975 by social scientist Daniel Yankelovich and former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance. Its two-fold mission is to help leaders better understand the public's point of view on major policy issues and to help citizens better understand critical policy issues so they can make more informed decisions.

## **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**

[www.rwjf.org/](http://www.rwjf.org/)

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's mission is to improve the health and health care of all Americans. Our mission means encouraging healthier living and the conditions that promote better health to promoting positive changes in the way health care is delivered in this country. Initiatives include working to provide access to health care coverage for children and support for substance abuse programs and research.

## **Thomas**

[thomas.loc.gov/](http://thomas.loc.gov/)

A Federal legislative information database that provides current and historical information about actions of the U.S. House and Senate including text of pending bills, enacted laws, voting records, committee action, legislative calendars, and more.

## **Teacher Union Reform Network**

<http://www.turnexchange.net/index.htm>

TURN is an organization of NEA and AFT locals working to continuously improve the quality of teaching, to promote, fairness, and due process in public education and in the union democratic dynamics, to expand the scope of collective bargaining to include instructional and professional issues, and to improve the terms and conditions under which both adults and children work and learn.

**The Union Difference**

[www.aflcio.org/uniondifference/index.htm](http://www.aflcio.org/uniondifference/index.htm)

The AFL-CIO presents statistical information that illustrates the benefits of unions. Sources are from government surveys and published studies.

**U.S. Census Bureau**

[www.census.gov/](http://www.census.gov/)

A database maintained by the Bureau of the U.S. Census which allows you to query census data tables for state, county and metropolitan data.