



## **Preparing Small and Rural Schools for the 2010 Indiana Legislative Session**

*An Objective Look at the Issue of Consolidation and  
How to Work Effectively with Lawmakers*

Legislation under possible consideration in the next session of the Indiana General Assembly has attracted significant attention from schools and communities throughout Indiana. Senate Bill 521, introduced last year, died during the legislative process. Last session a bill dealing with consolidation, SB 521, was brought before the Senate. The bill, as introduced, would have required consolidation of school corporations with an average daily membership (ADM) of less than 500 students. School corporations with an ADM of greater than 499 students and less than 1,000 students would have been required to demonstrate compliance with standards for educational opportunity and operational efficiency. School corporations that were unable to demonstrate compliance would have been required to consolidate.

The Indiana Small and Rural Schools Association has partnered with staff from Bose McKinney & Evans to present this informative session designed to provide an objective view of the potential discussions and/or legislation which may face small and or rural schools in the coming legislative session, including prior efforts to consolidate schools in Indiana (the 1959 Act), methods and impact of grassroots lobbying and best practices employed by individuals.

Participants will leave the workshop with better background knowledge of the history behind consolidation and prepared for discussions with their local lawmakers, their communities and other interested groups in this topic.

**When:**

Tuesday, November 3, 2009  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon (Eastern Time)

**Where:**

Indianapolis Marriott North  
3645 River Crossing Parkway  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
Near Keystone Crossing

**Cost:**

Registration Fee: \$45  
Includes Handouts, Continental Breakfast and Lunch

### Agenda

**9:00 - 9:30 AM**

Registration

**9:30 - 9:35 AM**

Welcome and Overview

*Mark Gould, Indiana Small and Rural Schools Association  
Susan Traynor Chastain, Bose McKinney & Evans LLP*

**9:35 - 10:00 AM**

School Consolidation: The Historical Perspective

*Chuck Rubright, Bose McKinney & Evans  
Pete Goerges, Bose McKinney & Evans*

**10:00 - 10:45 AM**

The Nuts & Bolts of Grass Roots Lobbying

*Roger Harvey, Bose Public Affairs Group LLC  
Andrew Miller, Bose Public Affairs Group LLC*

**10:45 - 11:00 AM**

Break

**11:00 - 11:30 AM**

Perspectives on Making a Case to the Indiana Legislature

*Dr. Sandra Martinez, School City of Whiting  
Dr. Terry Sargent, Southwestern Consolidated School District of Shelby County*

**11:30 - Noon**

Panel Discussion: Potential Impact of Legislative Changes on Small Schools

Registration Deadline – October 28, 2009

How to Register

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