

Dear Idaho School Counselors,

“Courage is the power to let go of the familiar.”- Raymond Lindquist

Due to restructuring in the Idaho Counseling Association (ICA), the executive board of the Idaho School Counselor Association (ISCA) took the courageous step of voting to begin the process to step out as our own nonprofit organization. As of July 10th, 2023, ISCA is no longer a division of ICA.

As the role of a school counselor evolves, ISCA is evolving with it. We are committed to meeting the unique needs of school counselors in Idaho while maintaining our invaluable relationship with the professional counselors in Idaho through ICA.

Undoubtedly many of you will have questions about our decision to transition. We've included a FAQ in this newsletter to address the questions you may have.

We are excited to start the new year by entering the next chapter of our ISCA journey.

Wishing you all the best.

Frequently Asked Questions about the New Collaborative Relationship between the Idaho Counseling Association (ICA) and the Idaho School Counselor Association (ISCA)

1. What is the new relationship between ICA and ISCA? ISCA is now a

completely independent organization and is no longer a division of ICA. A new collaborative relationship between the two associations parallels the transitions made by our national associations (ASCA and ACA, respectively).

2. Why did ICA and ISCA need a new relationship? Due to an overall

restructuring of ICA, all divisions were dissolved into special interest groups. ISCA has been a charter of ASCA for 52 years and would have had to forfeit that affiliation in the

new restructured system. The two organizations evolved to the point where a more independent relationship makes sense. Both ICA and ISCA are thriving and a new relationship where both organizations choose to collaborate when appropriate, but otherwise are independent, supports continued growth on both sides.

3. Will ISCA continue to have a representative on the ICA Executive Committee?

No. Because ISCA is no longer a division of ICA, we do not have a seat on the ICA Executive Committee. This does not mean that school counselors will lose representation; all ICA Executive Committee members act in accordance with the ICA mission and continue to represent all professional counselors in Idaho.

4. What type of collaboration will ICA and ISCA be involved with going forward?

We hope to continue to work with ICA to support school counselors in Idaho through government relations, legislative affairs, advocacy efforts, and professional development.