



## DISTRICT LIAISON GUIDE

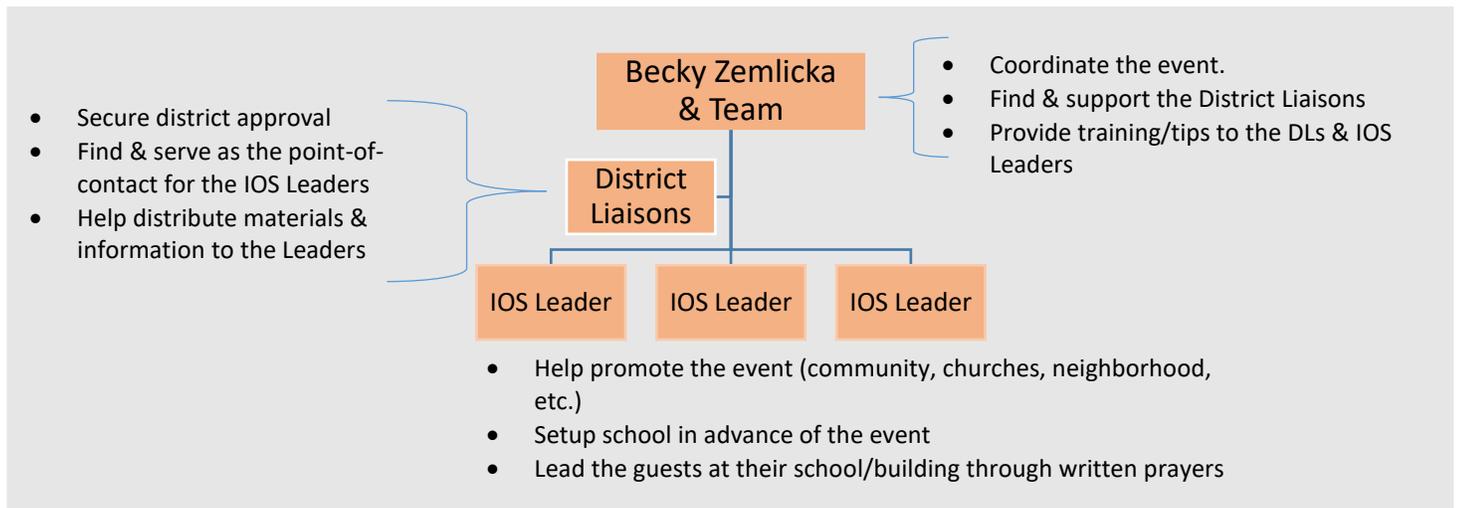
### ABOUT INSPIRE OUR SCHOOLS:

Inspire Our Schools is a non-denominational Christian gathering of the community to offer prayers of blessing & dedication over our schools. We believe we're all on the same team, we're better together, and our schools — students, teachers, faculty, staff and parents — are in vital need of prayer.

**Inspire:** "to breathe or blow into or upon; to infuse (something, such as life) by breathing." We're breathing the Holy Spirit into our schools.

"If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you. For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them."  
Matthew 18:19-20

"Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.""  
John 20:21-22



### DISTRICT LIAISON RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Contact your school district right away and secure written permission to hold the Inspire Our Schools event. Technically, we don't need district approval since it's public property and it's held on a Sunday evening (no school activities), but we want to garner as much support and backing for this event as possible.
- Start securing IOS Leaders right away! The goal is to secure a Leader for each school in your district — elementary, middle & high school levels — as well as the district building, admin. buildings, bus barns, etc. We



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want to cover as many schools and buildings as possible. Be sure to give them a copy of the IOS Leader description once they agree to serve.

- Serve as the coordinator for all of your IOS Leaders. You will be their point of contact and provide them with the materials they need to hold IOS at their building.
- Stay in communication with Becky Z. & team. Let us know:
  - When you've secured district approval.
  - The name and a phone number for each IOS Leader as you secure them, as well as the school/building they will be leading, so we can add it to the website ([www.InspireOurSchools.org](http://www.InspireOurSchools.org)).
  - Any needs, questions, concerns, etc.
  - Anything else we should be aware of (opportunities for promoting your event, any negative feedback you hear, if one of your IOS Leaders gets ill the day of the event, etc.)
- Materials can be picked-up from Becky Z. in early August. You will need deliver them to your IOS Leaders at least one week prior to the event or arrange for them to pick-up the materials from you. Materials consist of an IOS Leader script & yard signs for the day of the event.
- Following the event, gather the materials from your IOS Leaders and arrange to return them to Becky Z.

### Key Points In Securing IOS Leaders:

- All of the prayers will be scripted. If they can read in front of a crowd, they can do it!
- If they want to find a partner to lead with them, that's great!
- We recommend they scope-out their school/building beforehand to identify all the doors.
- They need to show-up at 6:30 on Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>, setup the site with a yard sign & welcome guests as they arrive.

### A FEW POINTS OF CLARIFICATION & MESSAGING ABOUT IOS:

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- This is unapologetically a non-denominational Christian event. Jesus is the focus. However, everyone – regardless of their religious affiliation - is welcome & encouraged to attend.
- It's always important to communicate that this is not a district event, nor is it endorsed by any of the districts involved. Our official message says, *"While this event has received district approval for all participating schools, it is not a district event, nor is it in any way endorsed or sponsored by the districts involved."*
- The event happens at every participating district and every participating school/building simultaneously. Guests can show-up at the school/building of their choice and an IOS Leader will guide them through the prayers.
- This single event is the only thing we have been called to at this point. Often people try to make this into an ongoing prayer gathering, but that's not what God asked us to do. We instead encourage them to create one themselves & we will support them in any way we can.
- We strive to be as respectful as possible with this event. We don't want to give anyone a reason to say "no" in the future.

### A FEW DO'S & DON'TS:

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- **Spread the word!** The Inspire Our Schools events are promoted primarily through word-of-mouth and social media, so please begin sharing the event & date immediately!
  - **Share IOS with your church!** If they need additional materials or graphics so they can promote it to your congregation, direct them here: <https://bit.ly/2Ft95No> If they need something different, let us know.
  - **Share IOS with your friends & family!** Share our social media posts (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter), text and email the information and direct them to our website ([www.InspireOurSchools.org](http://www.InspireOurSchools.org)),
- **Give us your input and feedback!** If you have ideas to promote Inspire Our Schools, or if you have suggestions for improving the event itself, we want to hear from you!
- **Do not speak to the media on our behalf.** If anyone from the media contacts you, please give them our contact information.
- **Encourage your IOS Leaders to ask questions.** We want you to be a resource for your IOS Leaders, so encourage them to ask questions. If you can't answer them, ask us!
- **Don't add to the event.** While we love the passion and excitement people have for this event, please ask your IOS Leaders not to add music, food, devotions, etc. to their IOS event. It's really important that every school/building have the same experience, and we want Christ to be the focus.