

CATHERINE M. FINGER, Ed.D.

EDUCATION

Coaching Certification—August 2020. Advanced Speakers and Writers Association
Coaching Certification—November 2020. College of Executive Coaching
Doctoral Degree—Instructional Leadership, 1994. NATIONAL-LOUIS UNIVERSITY, Chicago, IL
MA – Spanish Literature, 1988. UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA, Cedar Falls, IA
Bachelor of Arts, 1983. UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, Stevens Point, WI

EXPERIENCE

NAVIGATE PREPARED, NEW PHILADELPHIA, OH (2017-2019)

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS, SPRINGFIELD, IL (2017-2019)

EXECUTIVE SEARCH CONSULTANT

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 127, GRAYSLAKE, IL (2005-2017)

Superintendent of Schools, Retired

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 128, LIBERTYVILLE-VERNON HILLS (1998-2005)

Associate Superintendent of Schools

NORTHWOOD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, NORTH SHORE DISTRICT 112, HIGHLAND PARK, IL (1995-1998)

Principal

NAPERVILLE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 203, NAPERVILLE, IL (1990-1995)

Director of Curriculum – Secondary Education

Dean—Naperville North High School

Evanston Township High School District 202, Evanston, IL (1985-1990)

Teacher, Coach, Activity Sponsor

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS/OFFICES/AWARDS

LAKE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS (2002-2017)

- ☑ Served on Executive Board and in all leadership offices
- ☑ Named Lake County Superintendent of the Year

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS (1999-PRESENT)

- ☑ Served as Governing Board Member and Co-Chair of Professional Development Committee
- ☑ Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund Board Member
- ☑ Named Superintendent of Merit by the Illinois School Board of Education
- ☑ Named Superintendent of Distinction
- ☑ Frequent presenter and moderator at annual conferences

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS (2000-2020)

- ☑ Consultant for Executive Searches
- ☑ Served as Lake Division Board Member
- ☑ Frequent presenter and moderator at annual state and national conferences

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS (1999-PRESENT)

- ☑ Served as Governing Board Member
- ☑ Frequent presenter and moderator at annual conferences; published articles in AASA journal

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

- ☐ Vice Chair of Board of Trustees for the College of Lake County (2017-2020)
- ☐ Board of Trustees for the University Center of Lake County (2017-2020)
- ☐ Board Member of Arab-American Business and Professional Association (2019-2020)
- ☐ President and committee chair person for Lake County High School Technology Campus Board
- ☐ Executive Board Member of Special Education District of Lake County
- ☐ Founding Board Member for The Oasis, (Grayslake's youth center)
- ☐ Member Association of Community College Trustees
- ☐ Member Illinois Community College Trustees Association
- ☐ Member of International Thriller Writers
- ☐ Member of Sisters in Crime (writers' organization)
- ☐ Member of Association of Women Speakers and Writers
- ☐ Member of American Christian Librarians
- ☐ Member of and Blog Coordinantor for Christian Author's Network
- ☐ Member of Internatinal Federation of Coaches
- ☐ Member of Wisconsin Internatinal Federation of Coaches

RECOGNITION

- ☐ Awarded Key to the City by the Village of Grayslake—professional and community service
- ☐ Named Superintendent of Merit by the Illinois School Board of Education
- ☐ Named Superintendent of Distinction by the Illinois Association of School Administrators
- ☐ Named Superintendent of the Year by Lake County Superintendents
- ☐ Named Superintendent of the Year by the Illinois Association of Student Assistant Professionals
- ☐ Named Exchange Club Builder of the Year
- ☐ Named Libertyville Rotarian of the Year
- ☐ Book of the Year Deep River Publishing
- ☐ Selah Book of the Year Finalist
- ☐ Bronze Medalist Independent Publishers Award

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- ☐ Award-winning author of the Jo Oliver Thriller series
- ☐ Numerous articles published in professional and author-related journals
- ☐ Chapter contributions in educational leadership books
- ☐ Frequent blogs and articles published
- ☐ Frequent presenter at professional conferences
- ☐ Frequent presenter for church-related women's' groups
- ☐ Adjunct Professor in School Leadership and Superintendent Preparation at Northern Illinois University and Concordia University