

Carlos Guerra, IPTA Board President Welcome to the IPTA Website



It was my great honor in July of last year to begin my second term as President of the Iowa Pupil Transportation Association. I was originally from West Texas, and 21 years ago moved to Iowa with my wife, Linda, and our three children Sabrina, Carlos IV, and Zac. Sabrina married Ross Brown and they are expecting their first child June 30th and they are returning to Norwalk. Ross has accepted a teaching position at the Norwalk CSD. Carlos IV and Lauren just had a new little girl named Makenzie Lou, our first grandchild!

I have enjoyed working as the Transportation Director for the Norwalk CSD for 5 years after being in Red Oak CSD for 10 years. When I am not working, I enjoy time with my family, the outdoors, fishing, and my favorite activity, bird hunting with my dog, Oakley.

To check out the full Board of Directors roster go to our website, www.4ipta.org click on *About Us* and scroll down to *Board Members*.

It is a very exciting time to be in a leadership role with the Iowa Pupil Transportation Association. Ideas imagined years ago have gained momentum, and there has been growth in every area of the organization with our *Quarterly Newsletter*, *Regional Meetings*, *Conference and Trade Show*, *New Director Training Workshop*, and the *IPTA Website* accessible from our members *Smart Phone* or *iPad*.

As a member of IPTA, you are fueling the association's work for continued support of school districts throughout the State of Iowa. You gain access to resources like the *Transportation Emergency Assistance Manual for Iowa Schools* (T.E.A.M.) also accessible from our members side of the website. The IPTA is designed to improve your knowledge and skills, including networking capability with your transportation colleagues throughout the State of Iowa.

Our Executive Director, Chris Darling has always said that he was taught that to achieve results, we must use all the available strengths, as these strengths are the true opportunities. The unique purpose of an organization is to make strength productive for its members. My goal as your IPTA President is to expand our member support by promoting the voice of school district personnel on issues important to school districts across Iowa. Ensuring the value of member benefits, increasing our membership base, and enhancing member satisfaction.

If you're not a member currently, the IPTA has a tiered School District Membership fees according to the size of your school district. This type of membership is typical among many organizations and associations today and permits the opportunity for association efficiency of operations while increasing a wider range of benefits for our district members. The IPTA has been helping to promote student safety on school buses for over 58 years, and we are looking forward to working with you and your school district. We are here to help your district's transportation personnel keep children's safety first! To join the IPTA go to www.4ipta.org and click on "Join Now".

If you have any questions or need to visit with us about membership opportunities, contact the IPTA office at 2015ipta@gmail.com or at (712) 830-3242.

As the Board President of the Iowa Pupil Transportation Association, I look forward to working with you and your school district. I believe that we have the vision of what we can become as a membership organization and my goal as board president is to keep us loyal to that vision. Thank you for your part in our vision for the IPTA serving school districts here in Iowa, and I can't wait to see what we will achieve together.

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