I'm delighted to share the inaugural ISA Community Newsletter with you. Every few months we will highlight notable news updates from within our organization and partner schools.

The “School Spotlight” will call attention to stories of student achievement and success, as well as innovative projects that are preparing students for college, career and beyond!

As you read on, you will learn how ISA continues to provide the organizational and professional development support that schools, principals, and teachers need to succeed, giving students the opportunity to learn, grow, and achieve their fullest potential!

Warm Regards,
Dr. Gerry House
President, ISA

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School Spotlight

Bringing College and Career Readiness to the Curriculum at L.I.F.E

The Big Idea Project: Fostering College Readiness

News

Jersey City Public Schools Appoints Principal to Lead Innovation High School
Scott Noon Appointed Executive Director for Business Development
Jonathan Katz Releases New Math Book

Case Studies

Queens High School of Teaching
Park East High School

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