



Glenda Ritz kicks off professional development day for MSD Wayne staff



Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz gave the keynote speech for the November 4 professional development day for staff in the MSD of Wayne Township. Included in the speech was the announcement that Ritz plans to seek another term as the state's education chief.

Ritz, who taught for more than 30 years before becoming state superintendent of public instruction, encouraged educators to help students become civic-minded.

"Education is an integral part of the political system," Ritz said. "You have to be there. You have to be part of the system."

Ritz outlined upcoming changes in how the state test students. And she vowed to continue to work for a type of educational accountability that is not based on labeling schools with letter grades.

"I am dedicated to making sure that our assessment and accountability has meaning for you in the classroom," she said. She also promised to advocate for more state funding for textbooks and professional development for educators.