Dear NSPMA-

The National School Plant Management Association is proud to announce our 23rd Annual Conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey. **The Conference & EXPO will be held Sunday, March 11- Wednesday, March 14, 2018, at Harrah's Resort Waterfront Hotel & Conference Center.** This spectacular venue is located in the Marina District and in the heart of many popular tourist destinations and the iconic Atlantic City shoreline and boardwalk.

NSPMA had a very successful 2017 Conference & Expo in Rogers, Arkansas, under the leadership of Mike Mertens. Thank you to Mike and the ASPMA!!!

**Together We Can Maintain a Healthy & Safe Learning Environment** is our 2018 theme. NSPMA and NJSBGA are working collaboratively to attract record attendance, state participation, and vendor presence at our 2018 event. We are planning training and workshops of critical value to attendees from all parts of the country, as well as social and resource networking time. Conference & EXPO Registration is now open through our website.

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Please visit our new website [www.nspma.org](http://www.nspma.org) to learn more about our organization and the opportunities we can provide to local, state, and national school facilities personnel and vendor partners. NSPMA welcomes all inquiries and hopes that you get involved whether you are seeking information or can offer guidance or mentorship to those in need.

We hope that you can join us in Atlantic City because **Together We Can!!!**
A record number of school plant managers attended the 46th annual ASPMA Conference October 1-3 at the Hot Springs Convention Center & Embassy Suites. The year’s conference, utilizing a theme of “Keys to Success,” was packed with great keynote speakers, informative breakout sessions, vendor presentations, and a large trade show. As always, this yearly event was an excellent opportunity for professional development, business contacts, networking with peers, and up-to-date information on a variety of topics and products relevant to the work of school plant managers.

This year’s conference also included a day of classes for the Certified Facilities Director (CFD) program. During the conference, sixteen attendees received initial CFD certification and a number of plant managers were recognized for renewal. ASPMA is pleased to announce that Kevin Conkin, with the Springdale School District, was honored as the 2017 recipient of the President’s Blue Ribbon Award for his leadership, active participation in ASPMA for many years, and commitment to quality school facility management statewide.
The Virginia School Plant Management Association had their 10th annual conference at the Hilton Doubletree in Midlothian, VA, in mid-October, 2017. The conference trade show sold out and had 230 attendees. The VSPMA was proud to have their first president, Fran Foster, retired director from Virginia Beach Public Schools, VA, in attendance to celebrate our silver anniversary.

We were especially proud to have United States Branch Chief of Pesticide Programs, Frank Ellis, as a guest speaker. We also had Brigadier General Walt Mercer of the United States Army and National Guard as a guest speaker, as well as School Dude Evangelist, Josh Peach, who also spoke. The VSPMA announced its first Virginia School Plant Manager of the Year and was proud to recognize Wade Beverly, From Newport News Public Schools, VA as the recipient.

The Louisiana School Facility Managers' Association held its annual Fall Conference at the Paragon Casino in Marksville, LA on Thursday, October 19th and Friday, October 20th. The fall conference, which is a member only session, was centered on professional development in many facility related areas. Session topics included, but were not limited to, Department of Health and Hospitals School Health Initiatives, VRF/VRV HVAC systems Fire Marshal's Office Review/Update.

Facility managers also participate in round table discussions and networking sessions. The conference concluded with a presentation on the state retirement system and a facility managers business meeting. At the business meeting, information was shared regarding the upcoming NSPMA 2018 Conference and Trade Show.
More than 800 school facilities managers and business partners gathered in Saratoga Springs, New York, on October 1-4 for the School Facilities Managers' Conference and Expo. Inspired by Dr. Seuss characters, the conference bustled with timely training on a wide range of topics, a sold-out exposition and hundreds of attendees. Session highlights included “The Power of Many,” presented by author Dr. Steven Sroka and legislative/state updates.

As in past years, sponsors stepped up generously to make the conference, expo and golf tournament possible, and to provide scholarships and recognition to members, emphasizing the importance of professional development in the school facilities field. Networking flourished during socials and receptions, in hallways, and at exhibitor booths.

During the professional development portion of the conference, those completing accreditations and re-certifications were recognized. This year, NYSSFA was able to offer more scholarships than any other year in its history.

One of NYSSFA's primary goals during the past year has been to make the connection between the work school facility managers do and the kids served. During the conference, NYSSFA unveiled a new video, *It Takes A Professional!*, in an effort to help spread the word about the importance of our work and its impact on children. The video is available for viewing download at [www.nyssfa.com](http://www.nyssfa.com).

A dance troupe of students dressed as Dr. Seuss characters kicked off the Expo.

Seussical costumes were definitely encouraged at the conference!
Greetings From Atlantic City, NJ!

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NJSBGA/NSPMA Conference & EXPO 2018

March 12-14, 2018

Harrah’s Waterfront Conference Center

Atlantic City, New Jersey

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Upcoming Events

South Carolina School Plant Management Association
Facility Masters Conference (link)
February 4-7, 2018
Myrtle Beach, SC

Kentucky/Tennessee Joint Workshop (link)
February 9, 2018
Somerset, KY

Tennessee School Plant Management Association Annual Conference (link)
June 18-20, 2018
Pigeon Forge, TN

Mississippi School Plant Management Association Conference (link)
July 30-31, 2018, Pearl, MS

Arkansas School Plant Management Association Annual Conference (link)
October 8-9-10, 2018
Hot Springs, AR

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