



# IASB Executive Director Announces Retirement

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The IASB Board of Directors was informed at the September 22 board meeting that Executive Director Lisa Bartusek is retiring June 30, 2023. Lisa’s decision to retire will bring to a close a remarkable career of 26 years of service to IASB.

“Lisa has always been laser-focused on the mission of IASB, improving the effectiveness of Iowa’s school boards through training, policy development, and fiscal responsibility. Lisa will be leaving IASB as a strong, effective, and nimble organization. The IASB Board of Directors will have a difficult task in finding an executive director with Lisa’s talents and dedication,” said IASB Board President Jim Green.

During her nine-year tenure as executive director, she has guided the organization through several major efforts. She spearheaded the 2015 project to write the [IASB Standards for Effective School Boards](#) with insights from member focus groups, envisioned the Promise of Iowa campaign (2016–2019), oversaw IASB’s advocacy to extend the State Penny Sales Tax (SAVE) in 2017, ushered the organization through the school board election change in 2019, and most recently led the staff team through the pandemic with a focus on health and safety while prioritizing member needs. Internally she has supported the organization’s focus on strategic planning, enhanced member engagement processes, realigned affiliated programs, and strengthened the use of technology.

Prior to her time as executive director, Lisa worked in a variety of positions at IASB—including communications, leadership development and convention. Highlights included her work in pioneering the Leadership Academy, overseeing [Annual Convention](#), and most notably, translating the groundbreaking Lighthouse Study into the [Leadership for Student Learning](#) Book and Study Guide.

Her deep commitment to locally-elected boards and public education is unrivaled, as are her passion and focus on student learning and advocacy. She leaves the organization in solid financial standing, and a strong board and staff that can continue to grow and expand member services.

The IASB Board will oversee the process to select her successor.

