



IASB Update for AEA Superintendent Meetings April 2021

Salute Your School Board with School Board Recognition Month Materials!

Each May IASB invites Iowans to honor and recognize school board members. This month is a designated time to show support for your local school board. The 2021 theme is “[School Boards: Leading Through Uncharted Waters.](#)”



Over the past year, leadership at the board table has come with challenges and decisions no one

could have anticipated. School boards have made tough choices that impact the health and safety of students, staff and the school community, while continuing to prioritize student achievement and educational equity.

In a normal year, these unpaid volunteers work diligently to ensure schools provide the best education possible for Iowa’s future citizens. In 2020, they persevered and led through uncharted waters to make critical decisions without even a map to navigate these challenges. Join us as we celebrate the outstanding leadership of your school board members throughout the entire month of May. Posters and certificates have been mailed to board secretaries. Additional resources, including sample materials, customizable newspaper ads, social media graphics and more, are available for download at www.ia-sb.org/sbrm.

For questions, contact Tammy Votava at tvotava@ia-sb.org.

Check Out the Tool of the Month—Collective Bargaining & Settlement Agreements

The school settlement report is updated weekly during the negotiations season and [available here](#). Once you have finished negotiations with your teachers for the FY 2022 school year, please download and complete the Tentative Agreement form found on [this webpage](#) and return it to [Marte Brightman](#) and [Jon Studer](#) at ISEA. Prompt reporting of tentative agreements helps districts who are still negotiating. The information reported on these forms is compiled into a summary report of all districts and has proven to be a vital piece of information during the negotiations process. As of March 31, 2021, 41 districts or 2.92% of districts have submitted their tentative agreements.

For questions, contact Eric Howard at ehoward@ia-sb.org.

Register Yourself & Your Board Team for Excellent Learning Opportunities

The [Rapid Fire for Legal Eagles](#) workshop on April 1 is a stellar session during which you'll get a chance to ask your most pressing legal questions live! A panel of knowledgeable education law attorneys from across Iowa will discuss pre-determined legal topics then open it up for an open Q&A session. Come prepared and ready to ask the tough questions.

During the April 29 workshop, [The 2021 Legislative Roundup](#), learn about the far-reaching impact of the legislative session on public education. You'll hear IASB advocacy and school finance experts share how legislative changes will impact decision making at the board table and financial forecasting in the years ahead.

Conveniently scheduled in the evening to fit busy schedules, workshops run from 6–7:30 p.m. and recordings will be provided to registrants afterward. Register for access to all four workshops at a flat group rate of \$135, no matter how many members of your board-superintendent team attend! Find out topics and dates for the rest of the workshops and [register for these workshops](#) today.

For questions, contact Marte Brightman at mbrightman@ia-sb.org.

Help Make the (In-Person) 76th IASB Annual Convention a Success!

We're beyond excited to let you know we're planning a vibrant in-person event Nov. 17–18! We've just opened our [Call for Presentations](#) and [Call for Student Talent](#). Consider how your organization can help shape a meaningful experience by presenting or encouraging your talented students to perform. Presentation proposals are due by **June 1**. Student talent submissions are due by **June 16**. Help make convention a success! Apply at www.ia-sb.org/convention.

For questions, contact Lou Ann Gvist at lgvist@ia-sb.org.

Listen to the Latest *Capitol Chats* Episode Recapping the March REC Meeting

In the latest episode of our advocacy podcast, [Capitol Chats](#), IASB school finance expert Shawn Snyder gives a recap of the March 2021 Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) meeting and shares some optimism as we pass the one year mark since the pandemic began. [Listen now!](#)

For questions, contact Michelle Johnson at mjohnson@ia-sb.org.

Peruse the Latest *Policy Primer* for Important Updates

Subscribers to IASB's policy services received an update regarding the completion of the in-house comprehensive review of our *IASB Policy Reference Manual*, which began in the summer of 2019. This review included checking every policy, regulation and exhibit to ensure they maintain their legal compliance. Some changes were more substantive and included updating policy language while others were of an administrative nature, such as updating legal and cross-references or notes. Contextual changes of note include updates involving transfer of funds, cash in school buildings,

internal controls procedures, community resource persons and volunteers and community use of district buildings/equipment and more.

If your district is not yet a subscriber to the Policy Primer, please contact Marte Brightman at mbrightman@ia-sb.org to learn more about this [valuable service](#).

Encourage Your Board to Save the Date for New Iowa Standards Webinar

Join IASB on June 9 (from 6–7 p.m.) or 11 (noon–1 p.m.) for a webinar titled **Change is Coming—What You Need to Know About New Iowa Standards for School Leaders**. This complimentary webinar is designed to help boards get familiar with the new Iowa Standards for School Leaders and consider how they will impact superintendent goal setting and evaluation. Content will be the same between both sessions, so choose the one that best fits your schedule! Registration opens in early April—look for more information on the [Learning Hub webpage](#)!

If you have questions, please contact Emily Rhodes at erhodes@ia-sb.org.

Upcoming Events

April 1 & 29: [The Leadership Digital Workshop Series: Policy, Governance & Legal Issues](#)

April 8–10: [NSBA 2021 Online Experience](#)

May 6: [SBO Webinar Series: Property Tax Relief](#)

June 8–10: [NSBA Advocacy Institute](#)

June 9 & 11: Webinar: Change is Coming—What You Need to Know About New Iowa Standards for School Leaders

Nov. 17: [Delegate Assembly & Annual Meeting](#)

Nov. 17–18: [IASB Annual Convention & Trade Show](#)

For a complete listing, visit www.ia-sb.org/learninghub.