



Call for 2011 Legislative Action Priorities

What Your Board Needs to Do

Spend the May, June, or July (or first week of August) board meetings analyzing, discussing and voting on your top legislative priorities for next year. This should give all school boards at least two meetings to identify their priorities for the 2011 General Session by doing one or more of the following:

- Attend the IASB District Meetings in June to help inform your board work in setting priorities and help IASB to chart future advocacy efforts (visit the IASB web site, www.ia-sb.org, for more information);
- Pick no more than five priorities or approve the priorities from the 2010 platform, and/or;
- Suggest amendments to existing resolutions or recommend new resolutions;
- Identify resolutions that should be removed from the platform if they are no longer relevant or critical;
- Return up to five of your top legislative priorities or general approval to IASB by **August 13th** via the Internet at <http://www.ia-sb.org/iasbform.aspx?ekfrm=7270> or fax the completed form back to Marte Brightman at (515) 247-7057.

The Resolutions and Priorities Process

- The IASB Legislative Resolutions Committee (LRC), at its August meeting, will review the submitted resolutions, prioritize them and make recommendations to the IASB Board of Directors.
- The IASB Board of Directors, at its September meeting, will vote to approve or modify the LRC recommendations and forward the report to the Delegate Assembly.
- The IASB Delegate Assembly will meet in Des Moines on November 17th. The Delegate Assembly is the official body that establishes the IASB Legislative Priorities, Resolutions and Beliefs.

What is the Legislative Resolutions Committee?

The building of, and the strength of, the IASB legislative platform is based on member input. The Legislative Resolutions Committee is a 22 member committee comprised of K-12 board members, an AEA representative and an Iowa Community College Board of Trustees member. The IASB President-elect presides over the LRC. Members of the IASB Board of Directors appoint an LRC committee member from their director district. The IASB president makes five at-large appointments. The AEAs and Iowa Association of Community College Trustees each appoint one member. The LRC is a cross-section of school boards from across Iowa, big and small, urban and rural.

Thank you for adding your voices to the IASB legislative grassroots process!

Remember: IASB needs your top five resolutions by August 13th.

(Return form sent to board secretaries is available on the IASB web site <http://www.ia-sb.org/iasbform.aspx?ekfrm=7270>).