



2021 IOWA LEGISLATIVE GUIDE

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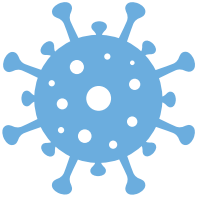
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WHAT WE STAND FOR

2021 IASB Legislative Priorities



COVID-19 Remediation

IASB supports providing additional resources for student achievement to ensure school districts can provide the remediation and support needed as a result of learning loss due to the pandemic.



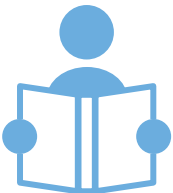
School Funding

Timely, adequate and equitable funding are essential at a time when there is so much uncertainty around schools. IASB calls for legislators to provide funding that ensures districts can responsibly plan and budget for upcoming years, especially when enrollment is unpredictable.



Mental Health

IASB supports continuing the progress that was made on children's mental health last session. We need to ensure students have access to quality mental health providers, a dedicated funding stream, and ongoing training for teachers and staff.



Preschool

IASB supports access to strong early childhood education for all 4 and 5-year-olds, including funding for transportation and full-day programming.

PEOPLE TO KNOW

Executive & Legislative Branches

Executive Branch



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**Denotes former school board members.*

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ADVOCACY ADVICE

Insights from Legislators & Peers



Senator Chris Cournoyer

Senate Education Appropriations Chair

“Don’t be shy! Reach out to your local legislators, develop a positive relationship, and share your legislative priorities with them. Explain the impact of those priorities to your district and offer to be a resource any time they have questions about education and how it would affect the students in your district. It is especially important that they understand how your district has been impacted by COVID and what kind of resources you need to move forward.”



Representative Todd Prichard

House Minority Leader

“I represent over a dozen school districts in north central Iowa and it is vital that I hear from each and every one of them. I recommend reaching out to your elected officials and setting up a Zoom before session starts and then continue that conversation on your priorities into the legislative session. A simple email that includes your thoughts and contact information helps me make the best decisions for my district.”



Representative Dustin Hite

House Education Committee Chair

“Email is one of the most effective tools for advocacy, especially during this pandemic where we are trying to minimize person-to-person contact. However, I am a firm believer in the importance of personal relationships, and so I would encourage school board members to get to know their legislator, even if just over a cup of coffee. You should not only advocate to your legislator, but also become a resource for your legislator on how policy affects your district.”



Jamet Colton
Ames Board Member

“There has never been a more important time to advocate for the needs of our students. COVID-19 has unveiled many systemic inequities and hit our most vulnerable families the hardest. This is a time for action: we need more funding for our teachers, and additional funding to support a safe return to in-person learning. Sharing your stories will help legislators take action to address these issues.”



Glen Keppy
North Scott Board Member

“Keep it simple. Legislators have heard it all, so ask how you can work together to understand issues and work to solve them.”



Liz Brennan
*West Des Moines & Heartland AEA Board Member;
IASB President-elect*

“Legislators have to know so much about so many different issues, and if we don’t let them know the important things about education and what’s happening in our local area, they may not get to hear it. Advocacy is the only way to get things done.”



Sheri Benson
Former Newton & Current Heartland AEA Board President

“Thank your representative and senator for serving. Offer your help because even if they are members of an opposing political party, they still want to serve ALL their constituents.”



IASB RESOURCES

Resources to Aid Your Advocacy

Legislator Look-Up Tool

As an advocate, it's important to develop a relationship with your senators and representatives. IASB offers a directory tool, [Legislator Look-Up](#), to assist you in learning about, and communicating with, your legislators.

Advocacy in Action

IASB's weekly [Board Briefs](#) email includes a recap during the legislative session, a video update from our lobbyist, bill summaries and advocacy tips and tools, available at www.ia-sb.org/boardbriefs.

Issue Toolkits

IASB offers resources to assist members with district-specific information related to current legislative issues, available at www.ia-sb.org/advocacy.

Social Media

Follow us on Facebook ([IowaSchoolBoards](#)) and Twitter ([@IASB_Iowa](#)) to stay current on education in Iowa during the legislative session.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Mark Your Calendar Today



JAN.

11

Jan. 11, 2021

First day of session.

MARCH

5

March 5, 2021

First Funnel—Bills can only move forward if they have been passed out of committee in their own chamber.*

MARCH

15–19

March 15–19, 2021

Senate and House consider only their own bills.

APRIL

2

April 2, 2021

Second Funnel—Bills can only move forward if they have been passed out of committee in the opposite chamber.*

APRIL

5–9

April 5–9, 2021

Senate and House only consider bills from the opposite chamber.

APRIL

30

April 30, 2021

110th Day of Session—Traditional end of session.

**Appropriations and tax bills are not subject to funnel dates and can be introduced at any time.*



ADVOCATE WITH IASB

Upcoming IASB Advocacy Dates

Priorities in Primetime Webinars & 2021 Virtual Lobby Days

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed how we do just about everything, including how we personally interact with legislators. This means our annual Day on the Hill will look different as the legislature will take health precautions and limit or eliminate large groups coming to the Capitol. Starting in January, IASB will host four issue-based webinars around our priority issues followed by a virtual lobby day for each priority. Hear from IASB staff, legislators and other experts in each field to give you the information you need to lobby your legislators.

A virtual lobby day is when school board members and administrators from across the state come together to reach out to their legislators on a specific topic. On the designated day, you will be asked to reach out to your legislators via phone or email to communicate with them on a priority issue.

Mark your calendars for the following webinar and virtual lobby dates:

Webinars

Jan. 19, 2021: Supplemental State Aid (SSA) & School Funding Policy

Feb. 2, 2021: COVID-19 Remediation for Student Achievement

Feb. 9, 2021: Mental Health

Feb. 16, 2021: Preschool

Virtual Lobby Days

Jan. 21, 2021: Supplemental State Aid (SSA) & School Funding Policy

Feb. 4, 2021: COVID-19 Remediation for Student Achievement

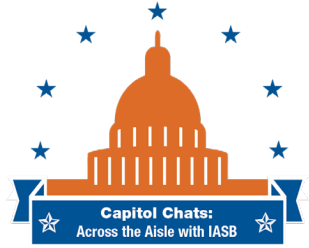
Feb. 11, 2021: Mental Health

Feb. 18, 2021: Preschool

Learn more about the webinars at www.ia-sb.org/pip and Virtual Lobby Days at www.ia-sb.org/lobbydays.

Capitol Chats: Across the Aisle with IASB

In the second season of IASB's advocacy podcast series, we'll explore topics essential to the 2021 legislature and advocacy efforts. You can listen directly from the IASB website or on your phone from wherever you get podcasts (Apple Podcasts, Spotify, etc.). Subscribe to the podcast so each new episode will automatically download to your phone!



Season 2, Episode 1: October REC Meeting Breakdown

NOW AVAILABLE! IASB's Shawn Snyder provides a breakdown of the October 2020 Revenue Estimating Conference's (REC) meeting and gives us a look into the future as we continue to see the impacts of COVID-19 on our economy.

Season 2, Episode 2: 2020 Election Results & Analysis

NOW AVAILABLE! Dive into state-level election results and analysis with IASB Lobbyist Emily Piper as she provides an update on the makeup of the Iowa House and Senate.

Season 2, Episode 3: December 2020 REC Meeting Breakdown

NOW AVAILABLE! IASB school finance expert Shawn Snyder provides a mostly positive analysis of the December 2020 Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) meeting. He gives an update on their revenue projections and what he thinks we could see for a possible Supplemental State Aid (SSA) rate.

Season 2, Episode 4: Condition of the State Recap

Coming in January 2021.

Stay tuned for future episodes of *Capitol Chats: Across the Aisle with IASB* throughout the legislative session!

Learn more at www.ia-sb.org/capitolchats.