



2022 IOWA LEGISLATIVE GUIDE

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Access advocacy information and resources at www.ia-sb.org/advocacy.



WHAT WE STAND FOR

2022 IASB Legislative Priorities



Dropout/At Risk

IASB supports the elimination of the per pupil inequity in dropout prevention and at-risk funding by allowing districts to request the maximum per pupil rate. For almost a decade, 199 school districts have been unable to generate the same amount of funds as other school districts, due to caps put in place by the legislature. These caps have hurt schools' efforts to provide needed services to keep students in school and graduate.



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.



Teacher Recruitment & Licensure

IASB supports efforts to address Iowa's teacher shortage. It is important that districts be given the flexibility and resources to attract and retain a high-quality workforce to educate our students. We support expansion of student loan forgiveness programs, stipends for student teachers, and a streamlined and less expensive alternative pathway for qualified individuals to change careers and become educators.



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.



Supplemental State Aid

IASB calls for legislators to make their decisions on growth in school funding by the deadlines set in law so that schools can responsibly plan local budgets. Legislators must also ensure the rate of growth is sufficient to support local district efforts to plan, create and sustain world-class schools.

PEOPLE TO KNOW

Executive & Legislative Branches

Executive Branch



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ADVOCACY ADVICE

Insights from Legislators & Peers



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.”



Representative Jennifer Konfrst

House Minority Leader

“It’s essential that lawmakers hear from school boards members about the impact legislation and school funding has on students across Iowa. Developing and sustaining a relationship with your state lawmakers will help us craft policies that strengthen our public schools and makes sure every kid in Iowa gets a world class education.”



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.”



Angela Catton

Le Mars Board Member

“Advocating on behalf of Iowa’s public schools is about cultivating relationships with Iowa’s lawmakers over time. IASB provides a solid foundation of resources and learning opportunities that build board member confidence to serve as a valuable partner in advancing issues that improves public education.”



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](https://www.facebook.com/IowaSchoolBoards)) and Twitter ([@IASB_Iowa](https://twitter.com/IASB_Iowa)) to stay current on education in Iowa during the legislative session.

Government Relations Team

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IMPORTANT DATES

Mark Your Calendar Today



JAN.

10

Jan. 10, 2022

First day of session.

FEB.

18

Feb. 18, 2022

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

FEB.

21–25

Feb. 21–25, 2022

Senate and House consider only their own bills.

MARCH

18

March 18, 2022

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

MARCH

21–25

March 21–25, 2022

Senate and House only consider bills from the opposite chamber.

APRIL

19

April 19, 2022

100th 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 Dates & Resources

Day on the Hill

Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022

Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden & Iowa State Capitol, Des Moines

IASB's annual Day on the Hill is your day to lobby your legislators at the Capitol in Des Moines. This unique experience provides the opportunity to meet with your elected officials to discuss the education issues facing your district. You will also be able to network with other school board members across the state, hear from legislative leaders about current issues, and the most effective ways to advocate for your students.

Learn more and register today at www.ia-sb.org/dayonthehill.

BoardCast

In season three of IASB's board development and advocacy podcast series, we will continue to explore the legislative issues and topics most relevant to school board members. You can listen directly from the IASB website or wherever you get your podcasts (Apple podcasts, Spotify, etc). Subscribe to the podcast so when a new episode drops you won't miss it!



2021 Delegate Assembly Review

NOW AVAILABLE! IASB Board President-Elect and Legislative Resolutions Committee (LRC) chair Liz Brennan and IASB Government Relations Director Phil Jeneary give you a recap of this year's Delegate Assembly and review the legislative platform that the delegates approved. Let this be your jumping off point for your advocacy heading into 2022!

Recap of December 2021 Revenue Estimating Conference Meeting

NOW AVAILABLE! The December REC meeting is important as the governor and legislature use this number as their basis for determining the budget for the upcoming year. Join IASB Associate Executive Director, Government Relations & School Finance, Shawn Snyder as he provides a breakdown of the meeting and what that could mean for school funding.

2022 Legislative Session Preview (January 2022)

The 2022 legislative session is nearly here! Join IASB lobbyist Emily Piper and IASB Government Relations Director Phil Jeneary as they preview the 2022 session. Hear about important issues you need to be speaking with your legislators about and what our thoughts are on issues such as SSA, dropout prevention, vouchers, and much more.

Condition of the State Recap (January 2022)

Governor Reynolds provides the state and the legislature with her policy priorities and goals. What do those mean for K-12 schools and how can we work together to advocate our students? Join IASB Associate Executive Director, Government Relations & School Finance, Shawn Snyder and IASB lobbyist Emily Piper as they break down her speech and go in-depth on the governor's education priorities.

Stay tuned for future episodes of our advocacy podcast!