



From D.T.'s Desk: Top IASB Resources for New Superintendents

Please note that you will need to login to the [IASB website](#) to access the following materials.

Board Books: IASB updates the School Board Member Handbook each election year.

New Board Member Portal: Whether you've got a newly appointed or newly elected board member, check out the New Board Member Portal. **Pro tip:** Share the Glossary of Education Terms with your newbies.

Open Meetings & Public Records: All boards must adhere to Iowa's Open Meetings Law. **Pro tip:** Check out this [document](#) with information explaining the motions to enter into a closed session.

Board Presidents' Corner: This section has many helpful resources for board presidents and superintendents. **Pro tip:** Review the [Board Presidents' Budget Calendar](#) to help your board stay up-to-date with oversight and monitoring.

Tentative Agreement Data: IASB collects tentative agreements from districts during the negotiation season. **Pro tip:** This data is compiled into a district-by-district summary report.

Salary and Benefits Data: IASB offers downloadable spreadsheets to help you compare salary and benefits data for staff positions. These are based on the BEDS data reports. [Review FY 2024 data.](#)

School Safety Resources: This section includes school safety and mental health resources available to Iowa public schools, including Safe+Sound Iowa, Critical Incident Mapping, & Vulnerability Assessment.

Superintendent Updates: IASB tracks superintendent transitions each year. Check out where they've been, where they're going, and who's new.

Online Policy Subscription Service: The Policy Reference Manual is one of IASB's most popular services. The subscription-based service provides districts with online access to more than 430 sample policies. Additional resources included with the subscription include the Policy Primer Newsletter, a list of mandatory policies, and Title IX resources.

Visualizing Data: Calling all data wonks—you can get a schematic view and short analysis of public school district issues across the state on a wide variety of topics.