



# IASB Update for AEA Superintendent Meetings May 2023

**Please note:** As AEA superintendent meetings are only held from September until May, the next [IASB AEA Report](#) will be sent around during late August, ahead of September meetings.

## Timely Tools & Resources

### THANK YOUR BOARD FOR THEIR SERVICE WITH SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

May is [School Board Recognition Month](#) in Iowa. Every year, IASB leads School Board Recognition Month to honor the volunteer board members who serve on Iowa's 327 local school boards, nine area education agency boards and 15 community college boards. The 2023 theme is "**Developing Iowa's Future Together.**"

Personalized certificates and posters have been mailed to board secretaries (**note:** due to a mix-up with the printer, some districts received the wrong certificates—new certificates have been mailed out to affected districts), and we encourage you to use our [toolkit resources](#) to recognize your board members throughout the month of May.



If you have questions, please contact Tammy Votava at [tvotava@ia-sb.org](mailto:tvotava@ia-sb.org).

### 2023 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS—WEBINAR DATES & UPCOMING RESOURCES

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR.** The school elections are held in conjunction with the general election on November 7. As you reach out or hear from candidates in your community, be sure to ask them to save the following webinar dates! These webinars are invaluable for first-time candidates, and a great refresher for candidates running again. Plus, they are complimentary and will be recorded.

- **Running for the School Board 101: Essential Tips for School Board Candidates,** August 17, Noon–1 p.m.
- **Legal & Ethical Campaigns for the School Board,** August 31, Noon–1 p.m.
- **Student Learning: Do Boards Really Make a Difference?** September 21, Noon–1 p.m.

Once the legislative session adjourns, the Secretary of State's Office (SOS) will update the candidate guide and key date information posted on their website. Following these updates, IASB will begin

updating all candidate and election resources. Expect these resources on our website in June! Additionally, we will mail out packets to all board secretaries with important candidate information to hand out in the district office.

If you have questions, please contact Tammy Votava at [tvotava@ia-sb.org](mailto:tvotava@ia-sb.org).

## PERUSE THE LATEST *POLICY PRIMER*

**AVAILABLE NOW.** The April 20 *Policy Primer* highlights eight policies and one regulation recently released in the [IASB Policy Reference Manual](#), including resources on school board members and social media, and meeting notice and employee records (which have been updated to better reflect legal requirements).

The next *Primer* is scheduled for June 2023, and will detail policy updates based on the 2023 Iowa legislative session actions.

If you have questions, please contact Marte Brightman at [mbrightman@ia-sb.org](mailto:mbrightman@ia-sb.org).

## BOOST YOUR KNOWLEDGE & UTILIZE DATA TO AID DECISION MAKING AT THE BOARD TABLE

**NEW DATA BOOST EVERY WEEK.** Data is a powerful tool that helps you stay informed and up-to-date. IASB offers [Data Boost](#) each week to provide district-specific data and gives you the ability to compare your data with districts across the state. Be sure to [subscribe to IASB's weekly Board Briefs email](#) for the latest tools you can use at the board table. Recent [Data Boost](#) topics include:

- **April 7, 2023:** Management Fund Balances
- **April 14, 2023:** Flexibility Account Transfers—FY 2018 to FY 2022
- **April 21, 2023:** Shared Operational Functions (2022–23)
- **April 28, 2023:** FY 2022 Executive Administrative Expenditures by School District & AEA

If you have questions, please contact Taylor McGill at [tmcgill@ia-sb.org](mailto:tmcgill@ia-sb.org).

## Continue Learning with a Free Webinar Featuring Summit Keynoter Sonn Sam



**FREE FOR IASB MEMBERS.** When students engage in meaningful work that is aligned with their passions, while developing critical thinking skills, it's called deeper learning. How does a board encourage and support deeper learning for all students, every day? It starts at the board table with you.

Supplement your Summit learning experience with a free webinar featuring keynoter Sonn Sam, along with Big Picture Learning, on Monday, May 15 at noon to discuss what classroom experiences should be like for students today and why. You will leave inspired to dream big and with conversation starters to have with your

whole team, as well as possible approaches your district may take to rethink teaching and learning. [Register now.](#)

**Special thanks to the Summit on Student Success sponsor, [Frontline Education!](#)** Due to their generous sponsorship, we were able to bring inspirational expert speakers for the event and this follow-up webinar. [Check out photos](#) from our inaugural Summit on Student Success.



If you have questions, please contact Tiffany Rudd at [truidd@ia-sb.org](mailto:truidd@ia-sb.org).

## Upcoming Events

**May:** [School Board Recognition Month](#)

**May 15:** [A Board's Eye View: A Culture of Innovation Starts with You \(Webinar\)](#)

**June 20:** COSSBA Urban Boards Alliance: Food Insecurity & Public Education (Webinar)

**July 18:** Fostering Team Cohesion: Leveraging District Goals & Superintendent Evaluation (Webinar)

**August 17:** Running for the School Board 101: Essential Tips for School Board Candidates (Webinar)

**August 31:** Legal & Ethical Campaigns for the School Board (Webinar)

**September (TBA):** [ISFLC New Superintendents' Conference](#)

**September 21:** Student Learning: Do Boards Really Make a Difference? (Webinar)

For a complete listing, visit [www.ia-sb.org/learninghub](http://www.ia-sb.org/learninghub).