



# IASB Update for AEA Superintendent Meetings December 2023

## Ready, Set, Govern! Regional Workshops

Our interactive Ready, Set, Govern! Workshops are designed to set your new board members on the road to success. If your new board members were unable to attend RSG at convention, they can still participate in the workshop which is now offered regionally with the same content. Consider sending them to one of the 16 regional workshops near you and even attend alongside them. Taking place across Iowa throughout December and February, each workshop will cover foundational elements of good governance, management roles of the superintendent and tips for fostering good communication to support an effective board-superintendent team partnership.

[Find a workshop near you and register today.](#)

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

## Advocacy Efforts Take Center Stage

### ONE VOICE FOR IOWA STUDENTS—DAY ON THE HILL 2024

The AEAs, IASB and SAI are uniting for the 2024 Day on the Hill! With three events across two days, along with two pre-training webinars, you will be well equipped to advocate for public schools and student success. [Learn more and register today.](#)

- **Day on the Hill Pre-Training Webinar:** Three Things to Know; Jan. 30, Noon–1 p.m.
- **Day on the Hill Pre-Training Webinar:** State of the Budget; Feb. 7, Noon–1 p.m.
- **Advocacy and Alignment Workshop:** On Feb. 12 beginning at 5 p.m., join the AEAs for a panel discussion with legislators and educational lobbyists followed by a hosted dinner.
- **Day on the Hill:** Feb. 13, 8–10:30 a.m., join us at the State Historical Building for a session on talking points, key issues and logistical information for advocating at the Capitol. Then, from 10:30 a.m.–3 p.m., head to the hill to meet and network with legislators in the rotunda.

If you have questions, please contact Emily Miller at [emiller@ia-sb.org](mailto:emiller@ia-sb.org).

## PERUSE THE 2024 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM, PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA AND MORE

IASB's [2024 legislative platform](#), which was approved during IASB's Delegate Assembly and Annual Meeting on Nov. 15, details legislative beliefs and resolutions to support high-quality, equitable public education in Iowa. Visit the Iowa School Board Advocacy Agenda webpage for more information on the 2024 legislative platform, [public policy agenda](#) and a summary of the [2023 legislative session](#) to aid your advocacy efforts in the upcoming session beginning **Jan. 8, 2024**.

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

## Register for ISFLC December and February Conferences

ISFLC conferences are excellent opportunities for new or aspiring superintendents and school business officials to expand their knowledge base and skills. The [ISFLC December Conference](#) on Dec. 13–14, 2023 is the first of two conferences offered in the winter as part of the [Iowa Superintendents Finance and Leadership Consortium \(ISFLC\)](#) program. This year, catch an engaging general session presentation from UNI: Purple Pathway for Paraeducators and a brand-new track led by Iowa experts.

[The ISFLC February Conference](#) on Feb. 21–22, 2024 offers tracks to complete your certified budget, along with many other options and a presentation from Superintendent of the Year, Stacey Cole from Storm Lake Schools. Both conferences will be held at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny. [Visit IASB's website](#) and browse the various tracks available at the December and February conferences and register today.

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## Timely Tools & Resources

### SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH TOOLS

IASB provides supports for board teams preparing to engage in the superintendent search process. In addition to a phone consultation with staff, we have two resources that provide general steps, key considerations and questions to ask search firms to help ensure a smooth and productive process.

- [Finding the Right Match: Hiring a Superintendent](#)—An overview of the steps to take and other considerations when hiring a superintendent.
- [Hiring a Superintendent: Process Considerations](#)—A tool to help guide your board on the search and hiring process.

## Annual Board Awards Shout-Out!

WOW! This was a record-breaking year for the Annual Board Awards program. More than 200 school board members earned the Individual Achievement Award; over 25 teams qualified for the Team Achievement Award; and more than 20 superintendents and AEA chiefs earned the Award of Honor.

Check out our [Flickr album](#) for photos of the 2022–23 recipients who attended the IASB Annual Convention and stopped by the booth to have their photo taken and pick up their award. [View the full list of recipients.](#)

## That's a Wrap!

**Thank you to everyone who attended, presented, sponsored or exhibited at this year's 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention!** It was a fantastic event, and we were so excited to see so many school board members in attendance, including those newly elected this year, learning from our presenters and one another.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR.** We are already hard at work planning our 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention & Trade Show on Nov. 20–22, 2024. In the meantime, keep your eyes peeled for event photos, general session recordings and more.

## Upcoming Events

**December 13–14:** [December ISFLC Conference](#)

**December & January:** [Ready, Set, Govern! Regional New Board Member Onboarding Workshops](#)

**January 30:** Day on the Hill Pre-Training: Three Things to Know (Webinar)

**February 7:** Day on the Hill Pre-Training: State of the Budget (Webinar)

**February 12:** AEA Reception

**February 13:** Day on the Hill

**February 21–22:** [February ISFLC Conference](#)

**March 26:** Guide to IASB Tools—Teacher Compensation & Benefits, Salary & Staffing Data (Webinar)

**April 4:** Safety Group Risk Management Workshop

**June 11:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Summit on Student Success

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