



# IASB Update for AEA Superintendent Meetings January 2024

## January 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. Make plans for you and your board team to attend one of the 10 regional workshops offered throughout January listed below. Each workshop will cover foundational elements of good governance, management roles of the superintendent, tips for fostering good communication to support an effective board-superintendent team partnership and more.

- Jan 3**—Van Meter Schools
- Jan 4**—Chariton Schools
- Jan. 9**—Corning/Southwest Valley Schools
- Jan. 10**—Glenwood Schools
- Jan. 11**—Carroll Schools
- Jan. 16**—Clear Lake Amana Schools
- Jan. 17**—Mount Pleasant Schools
- Jan. 18**—Maquoketa Schools
- Jan. 24**—Decorah Schools
- Jan. 25**—Oelwein Schools

[Learn more and register for a workshop near you today.](#)

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

## Timely Tools and Advocacy Resources

### ISSUE TOOLKITS

IASB has been busy updating resources in the Issue Toolkits section of the [Advocacy Center](#) for the upcoming legislative session beginning **Jan. 8, 2024**. [These toolkits align with our Success for All Students: Public Policy Agenda of Iowa School Boards](#). Updates include talking points with legislative asks, fact sheets, data tools, maps and more!

Be sure to check out our brand-new [Area Education Agencies Toolkit](#) to help you and your board talk with your legislators about the importance of AEAs and the essential services they provide students and school districts.

If you have questions, please contact Michelle Johnson at [mjohnson@ia-sb.org](mailto:mjohnson@ia-sb.org).

### PERUSE THE MOST RECENT *POLICY PRIMER*

**NOW AVAILABLE.** The second quarter *Policy Primer* was published on Dec. 19, 2023 and attempts to tackle two different topics: generative and open-source Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the education environment and building clarity in school finance. Both of these topics in school districts can easily become highly technical and intimidating for your school community. The policy changes in this *Primer* are designed with accessibility in mind and attempt to break down these complex topics into digestible information that is understandable to the entire school community. If you are interested in subscribing to IASB's online policy subscription service, visit the [Policy Reference Manual webpage](#) for further details.

If you have questions, please contact Siobhan Schneider at [sschneider@ia-sb.org](mailto:sschneider@ia-sb.org) or (515) 247-7028.

### STATE REVENUE PROJECTIONS FROM THE DECEMBER REC MEETING

[The Revenue Estimating Conference \(REC\)](#) met Dec. 13, 2023, to revise their estimate for FY 2024 net General Fund Receipts (including transfers). They agreed to decrease the estimate by \$6.3 million compared to the estimates they made in October. [Read the full written recap](#) for more information regarding FY 2025 estimates, what this means for the state budget and more ahead of the 2024 legislative session.

If you have questions, please contact Shawn Snyder at [ssnyder@ia-sb.org](mailto:ssnyder@ia-sb.org).

## Advocacy Opportunities in 2024

### INVITE YOUR LEGISLATORS TO PRESCHOOL

Our Preschool Coalition of the Iowa Association of Christian Schools, Iowa Association of School Boards, Iowa Catholic Conference and School Administrators of Iowa is working together to invite as many legislators as possible to see high-quality preschool in action on **Feb. 2, 2024**.

- Invite your legislators to tour your district's preschool program on Feb. 2.

- Provide them an in-person look at the important work and learning happening in the classroom.
- Show them preschool is an investment in Iowa's future.

Share this [digital invite](#) across your school district and be sure to reach out to your legislators as soon as possible about this day of action.

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

During the first-ever collaborative Day on the Hill, we're focusing on the innovation happening in public schools across Iowa. School districts and students will be onsite at the Capitol to share the great things they are doing through their initiatives and programs. Topics include teacher prep, work-based learning, preschool, mental health and more. Thank you to the 20 school districts that agreed to participate. [Check out the full list on our website](#) and make sure to stop by their displays to support students and staff.

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).

## Enrich & Expand Your Superintendency Skills Through Invaluable ISFLC Events

**REGISTER NOW.** ISFLC conferences are excellent opportunities for new or aspiring superintendents and school business officials to expand their knowledge base and skills. [The ISFLC February Conference](#) on Feb. 22–23, 2024 is the second of two conferences offered in the winter as part of the [Iowa Superintendents Finance and Leadership Consortium \(ISFLC\)](#) program. Taking place at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny, the ISFLC February Conference offers tracks to complete your certified budget, a legislative panel, a keynote from Superintendent of the Year, Stacey Cole from Storm Lake Schools and more. Visit IASB's website to learn more and register today.

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

## Upcoming Events

**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:** Advocacy and Alignment Workshop

**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).