



IASB Update for AEA Superintendent Meetings— December 2025

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What’s Coming Up for You and Your Boards?

REGISTER TODAY! Registration is now open for the following conferences, workshops, and webinars:

- **[December ISFLC Conference—Dec. 17–18, 2025](#)**: ISFLC conferences are excellent opportunities for school leaders aspiring to the superintendency to further develop their knowledge base and skills. The ISFLC December Conference is the first of two conferences offered in the winter as part of the ISFLC program. [Register now.](#)
- **[Day on the Hill with Iowa’s AEAs, IASB, & SAI—Jan. 26, 2026](#)**: This advocacy event will begin at the State Historical Building in the morning for an optional brief session on talking points and logistical information before heading to the Capitol to advocate for Iowa public schools and support the student showcases in the rotunda. [Register now.](#)
- **[Open Meetings & Public Records Training—Available Online & In-Person](#)**: Iowa law requires all newly elected or appointed school board, AEA, and community college board members to complete training on open meetings and public records. IASB offers a simple 90-minute session that is IPIB-approved, designed specifically for Iowa board members, and includes a certificate of completion. [Learn more and register now.](#)

- [Ready, Set, Govern! Regional Workshops](#)—**Multiple Dates & Locations:** Kick off your board service with confidence. These interactive sessions cover the fundamentals of good governance—clarifying board and superintendent roles, strengthening communication, understanding policy, and responding effectively to community questions. [Find a location near you and register now.](#)

If you have questions, please contact Emily Miller at emiller@ia-sb.org.

That's a Wrap—IASB BoardCon

Thank you to everyone who attended, presented, sponsored, or exhibited at this year's IASB BoardCon! 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 IASB BoardCon 2026 on **Nov. 18–20, 2026**. In the meantime, keep your eyes peeled for event photos, general session recordings and more.

The IASB Foundation—Investing in Iowa's Future Leaders

The [IASB Foundation](#) is an independent 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to advancing Iowa public education. The Foundation's mission is to support students, teachers, and educational leaders through scholarships, leadership development, and strategic partnerships.

We invite you to join us in building a strong foundation for the next generation of Iowa educators and leaders. [Learn more!](#)

If you have questions, please contact Heather Hulen at hhulen@ia-sb.org.

IASB Member Survey Open Now—Survey Closes December 15!

YOUR VOICE MATTERS! The [IASB Member Survey](#) is now open for all current members. It takes less than 10 minutes, and your feedback will directly shape IASB's programs, services, and advocacy priorities. **Survey closes December 15.** Click [here](#) to begin the survey.

If you have questions, please contact Jen Woodley at jwoodley@ia-sb.org.

Kick Off the New Year with a Strong Safety Message

JOIN IASB'S STOP THE PROP CAMPAIGN! As you plan for the second half of the school year, now is a great time to reinforce one simple, high-impact safety habit: **Always keep school doors shut and secure.** [Stop the Prop](#) helps districts strengthen everyday safety practices AND is provided for free to member districts! Over **70 districts** are already participating—add yours to the list as we enter the new year. [Click here to sign up today!](#)

If you have questions, please contact D.T. Magee at dmagee@ia-sb.org.

Timely Tools & Resources

PERUSE THE 2026 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM, POLICY AGENDA, AND MORE

IASB's [2026 Legislative Platform](#), which was approved during IASB's Delegate Assembly & Annual Meeting on **Nov. 19**, details our 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 2026 Legislative Platform, [Public Policy Agenda](#) and a [summary of the 2025 legislative session](#) to aid your advocacy efforts moving forward. **Note:** The 2026 legislative session begins on Jan. 12.

If you have questions, please contact Michelle Johnson at mjohnson@ia-sb.org.

NEW BOARD MEMBER ONBOARDING RESOURCES

New to serving on the school board? IASB is here to help! Our [Onboarding—Where to Begin?](#) tool serves as a guide for board teams and newly elected board members to craft intentional ongoing learning experiences over the course of first year of service. Our [Eight Key Roles and Responsibilities of School Boards & Superintendents](#) resource helps clarify the distinct and collaborative nature of the work of the board and superintendent building a foundation for effective communication and trust. Visit the [IASB website](#) for these and other resources devoted to individual and board-superintendent team activities to successfully onboard your new board members.

If you have questions, please contact Katherine Solan at ksolan@ia-sb.org.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 17–18: [December ISFLC Conference](#)

Jan. 20: In-Depth Advocacy Webinar—Condition of the State

Jan. 22: In-Depth Advocacy Webinar—Condition of the Budget

Jan. 26: [Day on the Hill with Iowa's AEA's, IASB, & SAI](#)

Feb. 18–19: [February ISFLC Conference](#)

For a complete listing, visit www.ia-sb.org/learninghub.