



# IASB Update for AEA Superintendent Meetings— April 2026

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## What’s Coming Up for You and Your Boards?

Register now or save the date for the following conferences, workshops, and webinars:

- **[Summit on Student Success](#)—June 9, 2026: *REGISTER NOW!*** Join us in Ankeny on June 9th at the 4th annual **[Summit on Student Success: Shared Vision, Strong Outcomes](#)** for a first-hand look at how a shared vision for student success at the board table can turn today’s board decisions into tomorrow’s improved student outcomes. Don’t miss the chance to explore the positive impact of your governance through a lens for student success with featured workshops brought to you by IASB staff experts, In-depth breakout sessions, time to connect with fellow board members, and more. Huge thank you to **[Frontline Education](#)** for sponsoring this year’s Summit on Student Success! **[Learn more and register today.](#)**
- **[School Safety Group Risk Management Workshop](#)—April 14, 2026: *REGISTRATION OPENS SOON!*** The Safety Group Insurance Program, an IASB® Affiliated Program, will present this free workshop on **Tuesday, April 14 at the FFA Enrichment Center at DMACC in Ankeny, IA.** This workshop features experts in the field who will cover timely and relevant

risk management topics. Safety Group representatives will share their expertise, listen to member concerns, and answer your most pressing risk management questions. Presented by Jester Insurance Services, Inc. in collaboration with IASB® and EMC Insurance Companies, Safety Group members are invited to attend at no charge. [Learn more!](#)

- [FREE Board Meeting Minutes: 10 Tips the Pros Know Webinar](#)—April 15, 2026—Simbli is hosting, in partnership with Civility, LLC, a free webinar around parliamentary procedure best practices and effective meeting minutes. This webinar will be held on April 15, 2026, at 12 p.m. ET. Space is limited! [Learn more and register today.](#)
- [Legislative Recap Webinar](#)—May 20, 2026—*Via Zoom: REGISTER NOW!* Join IASB's government relations staff for a full rundown of bills that made it through the 2026 legislative session that will have an impact on public education in Iowa. [Register now.](#)
- **Post-Session Sample Policy Updates Webinar—June 2026 (Date TBD) Via Zoom:** The 2026 Legislative Updates Policy Primer will be released in mid-June. Policy Reference Manual subscribers are invited to join IASB staff for a webinar to learn about updates to IASB sample policies resulting from the 2026 Iowa legislative session.

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

## IASB BoardCon 2026

Nov. 18–20, 2026

### CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

**OPEN NOW!** Now is your chance to make your mark on [IASB BoardCon 2026!](#) Share your knowledge and experience with school board members by presenting an education session. The deadline to submit your proposal is **June 9, 2026**. Check out the [presentation criteria](#) and [submit your proposal today.](#)

### CALL FOR STUDENT TALENT

**OPEN NOW!** Does your district have some talented performers? What better place to showcase that talent than the Opening General Session at [IASB BoardCon!](#) IASB is seeking a group to perform the National Anthem and 3–4 additional songs for school leaders from across the state. The deadline for application is **June 19, 2026**. [Learn more](#) and [submit today!](#)

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

## ICYMI: Catch Up on Digital Offerings

Looking to circle back to the basics? It's never too late to revisit foundational tools and skills for effective governance!

## OPEN MEETINGS & PUBLIC RECORDS TRAINING

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. [Register now](#) for the online module via AEA Learning Online!

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

## GUIDE TO IASB TOOLS WEBINAR—TEACHER COMPENSATION & BENEFITS, SALARY & STAFFING DATA—RECORDING AVAILABLE

**WATCH NOW!** Did you know that IASB provides a comprehensive toolkit to help members identify areas of concern, and balance the need to recruit and retain quality educators, all while remaining efficient and cost-effective? Join IASB staff in this webinar recording as they walk you through the Teacher Compensation & Benefits Toolkit, as well as available salary and staffing data. [Watch now!](#)

## Report Your Tentative Agreements

As you complete teacher negotiations for the FY 2027 school year, please share this information with IASB and ISEA. The information compiled is developed into a [summary report](#) for districts to use during the negotiations season. Please download the [FY 2027 TA Reporting Form](#), to input your data and email the completed form to both [Marte Brightman](#) at IASB and [Jason Enke](#) at ISEA. Make sure to **follow the instructions included in the instructions tab** of the reporting form to ensure accurate reporting. Prompt reporting helps provide accurate data to districts still undergoing negotiations. [Learn more!](#)

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

## School Board Recognition Month 2026

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 325 local school boards, nine area education agency boards, and 15 community college boards. The 2026 theme is "**Because of You.**"



Personalized certificates and posters have been mailed to board secretaries. We encourage you to use our [toolkit resources](#), which include an [activities & tip sheet](#), [sample social media content](#), a [school board member fact sheet](#), and more to recognize your board members throughout the month of May.

If you have questions, please contact Jen Woodley at [jwoodley@ia-sb.org](mailto:jwoodley@ia-sb.org).

## IASB Foundation Announces 2026 Scholarship & Grant Recipients

The [Iowa Association of School Boards \(IASB\) Foundation](#) is proud to announce the recipients of its 2026 High School Senior Scholarships and Student Teacher Grants, supporting Iowa students and future educators who are committed to public education. [Learn more and view the full list of recipients.](#)

If you have questions, please contact Heather Hulen at [hhulen@ia-sb.org](mailto:hhulen@ia-sb.org).

## Annual Board Award Program

Your learning is the gift you give your students. Five months into the ABA year (Nov. 1–Oct. 31, annually) is a great time to look at where your board-superintendent team stands for your ABA credits, and to plan your learning opportunities. Find more information on the program and track individual and team progress [here](#) or reach out to us at [BoardDev@ia-sb.org](mailto:BoardDev@ia-sb.org).

## Timely Tools & Resources

### ADVOCACY IN ACTION & UPDATED BILL SUMMARIES

We have officially made it past the second funnel deadline, meaning only bills that passed through one chamber and a committee in the opposite chamber remain alive (not including Appropriations or Ways & Means bills). Make sure you're in the know on all Capitol happenings and bookmark our [Advocacy in Action page](#) where you'll find bills on the move, our weekly Under the Golden Dome video with IASB Lobbyist Emily Piper, and the Advocacy Action of the Week. Plus, peruse our [2026 Bill Summaries](#) to keep track of which bills died, survived, or are on their way to the governor's desk.

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

### UPDATED SAVE REVENUE LOSS TOOL

**AVAILABLE NOW!** The House has amended its property tax reform bill. Similar to the Governor's proposal, the bill is a comprehensive change to the system and includes provisions related to school districts, most notably the amount of SAVE dollars that will be diverted to property tax relief through the Property Tax Equity and Relief Fund (PTER). While the Governor's proposal intends to increase the amount of SAVE revenue going to PTER to 30% by 2030, the new House proposal would increase the amount of SAVE revenue going to PTER to 30% by 2035. For comparison, 7% of SAVE revenue currently goes into PTER. To see the impact of this proposed House legislation on your district, use our updated [SAVE Revenue Loss Tool](#).

If you have questions, please contact Mike Guanci at [mguanci@ia-sb.org](mailto:mguanci@ia-sb.org).

## SIMBLI Q4 PROMOTION

Take advantage of 3 Months Free for any new Simbli module subscription or upgrade through **June 30, 2026**. Enhance your board's efficiency & governance today! [Learn more](#).

Contact Charlie Rigby at [crigby@boardsolutions.com](mailto:crigby@boardsolutions.com) or (770) 822-3626 for details or to schedule a demonstration.

## MARCH REC SUMMARY

The Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) determines revenue estimates under Iowa Code Section 8.22A and is responsible for evaluating the fiscal and policy impacts of program and budget proposals and making this information available to decision makers. Read the [March REC Summary](#) to learn more about the estimates made at the March 12 meeting.

If you have questions, please contact Mike Guanci at [mguanci@ia-sb.org](mailto:mguanci@ia-sb.org).

## LICENSED CONTRACT TERMINATION RESOURCES

The decision to terminate an educator's employment contract is a difficult one even when it seems necessary. These decisions are complicated in school districts because licensed employees, such as teachers, principals, and superintendents often hold highly visible positions in the community. Regardless of which licensed employee is being considered for termination or the reasons for the decision, the employee's rights must be recognized to ensure an effective termination. Click [here](#) to learn more about the basic requirements of Iowa's contract termination process for licensed employees.

## COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RESOURCES

Check out IASB's tools and resources designed to assist you and your district with the [collective bargaining](#) process and compare your district's compensation data to others across the state. The toolkit includes the basic resources, tools for digging deeper, and district specific information. Click [here](#) to learn more.

If you have questions, please contact David Hoth at [dhoth@ia-sb.org](mailto:dhoth@ia-sb.org).

## Upcoming Events

**April 14, 2026:** [School Safety Group Risk Management Workshop](#)

**April 15, 2026:** [FREE Board Meeting Minutes: 10 Tips the Pros Know Webinar](#)

**May 20, 2026:** [Legislative Recap Webinar](#)

**June 2026 (Date TBD):** [Post-Session Sample Policy Updates Webinar](#)

**June 9, 2026:** [Summit on Student Success](#)

**Nov. 18–20, 2026:** [IASB BoardCon 2026](#)

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