



IASB Update for AEA Superintendent Meetings— September 2026

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Take Advantage of a Free Learning Opportunity Tailored to Fit Your Needs—ISFLC New Superintendents' Conference

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2026

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER! Superintendents new to Iowa and new to the role are invited to join us on **Wednesday, September 16** for a [complimentary one-day conference](#) focused entirely on key concepts in Iowa's funding of school districts. Attendees will hear information on Dillon's Rule vs. Home Rule, review basic school finance formula principles, and learn about Iowa's school finance formula.

Don't worry! IASB school finance experts are on hand all day to answer both general and district specific questions, review key financial information like unspent authorized budget, solvency ratio, enrollment trends, and current/trending legislative issues. Registration is complimentary for

superintendents new to Iowa and/or new to the superintendency whose district(s) are members of IASB. [Register now](#).

IASB BoardCon Registration & Lodging Open

Nov. 18–20, 2026

Join us at [BoardCon](#)—IASB's dynamic annual conference. Grounded in 81 years of excellence, BoardCon is ready to equip you for the future with inspiring speakers, in-depth workshops, and engaging breakouts.

OUTSTANDING GENERAL SESSION KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Thursday, Nov. 19, 2026

This year's keynote lineup is one you won't want to miss.

Author [John Hodge](#) will kick off BoardCon with a powerful message about resilience and the difference caring adults can make in the lives of students. Drawing from his book *You Can Get in the Way: How You Can Become a Roadblock to Risk Factors*, John shares real-world stories and practical insights that will leave you thinking differently about your role in supporting student success.

Over lunch, podcaster [Matt Lehrman](#) will challenge us to rethink disagreement. In a time when difficult conversations seem unavoidable, Matt offers a refreshing approach to building trust, strengthening relationships, and creating spaces where people can disagree without becoming divided.

Author [David Horsager](#) will close BoardCon with an engaging session on trust—one of the most important ingredients for effective leadership. Through stories, research, and practical strategies, David will share how leaders can build trust, improve communication, and create stronger teams and communities.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

With dozens of breakout sessions to choose from, where do you even start? From new board members to board presidents, there is something for everyone! Make sure to check on SCHED beginning on September 23 to see a full selection of offerings!

INFORMATIVE PRECON WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2026

We have carefully crafted a lineup of [PreCon Workshops](#) that allow you to customize your day of learning. PreCon workshops include:

- Strategic School Safety Leadership for Boards with Ken Trump
- School Finance 101, 102 & 103
- Basics for Board Secretaries

- Board Secretary Workshop
- Pressure Release—Communication Strategies for Boards & District Leaders
- Ready, Set, Govern! New Board Member Onboarding Workshop

[Learn more and register.](#)

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

Ensure Your District's Voice is Heard at IASB's Delegate Assembly & Annual Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2026

REGISTER DELEGATES TODAY! The [Delegate Assembly & Annual Meeting](#) is an important annual event where member delegates gather to hold the annual meeting, set and approve the legislative platform, and convene nominating caucuses for open IASB District Director seats. Read more about [Delegate Assembly](#), and please take time to select one board member to serve as your delegate at your next meeting.

If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Rousseau at srousseau@ia-sb.org.

Mark Your Calendar—Day on the Hill 2027 Scheduled for Monday, Jan. 25

Monday, Jan. 25, 2027

Iowa's Area Education Agencies (AEAs), Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB), and School Administrators of Iowa (SAI) invite you to the 2027 [Day on the Hill](#)! This advocacy event will begin at the State Historical Building in the morning for an optional brief session on talking points and logistical information for advocating at the Capitol. Following the training, attendees will head to the Capitol to meet and network with legislators in the rotunda and to support the displays showing innovative programs and initiatives happening in Iowa public schools. **Note:** There are two pre-training sessions prior to Day on the Hill. Be sure to register so you're in-the-know before [Day on the Hill](#)!

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

Iowa's Everyday Heroes—A Storytelling Campaign for Districts

PUBLIC EDUCATION IS POWERED BY EVERYDAY HEROES. Iowa's Everyday Heroes is a statewide storytelling initiative designed to **help Iowa school districts celebrate the people who make their schools and communities stronger every day**. Participating is simple. Choose an Everyday Hero, share their story in whatever way works best for your district, and tag it with #IAEdHeroes. Together, we'll **build public appreciation for public education** by sharing authentic stories that highlight the people behind student success. [Click here](#) to check out our campaign page,

where you can access ready-to-use resources that will help you showcase the extraordinary people who make Iowa's public schools and communities stronger.

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

Stop the Prop—A Statewide School Safety Campaign

A SIMPLE MESSAGE. BIG IMPACT. Join over 100 school districts by participating in IASB's [Stop the Prop](#), a school safety awareness campaign to encourage one clear action: **Always keep school doors shut and secure.** The [Stop the Prop](#) campaign reinforces the importance of everyday actions that support secure school environments—without requiring major investments or changes to infrastructure. Interested in bringing Stop the Prop to your district? [Click here](#) to fill out the form and receive stickers and a toolkit.

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

Iowa Association of School Personnel Administrators (IASPA) Fall Workshop—Nov. 6

As a committee of the IASB, [IASPA](#) provides professional learning, networking and practical resources to strengthen effective human resources and personnel practices in Iowa public schools and area education agencies (AEAs). Save the date for the IASPA Fall Workshop on Nov. 6. [Learn more.](#)

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

Timely Tools & Resources

SUMMER 2026 DATA DASHBOARD AVAILABLE NOW!

IASB offers various data tools that provide you, your board, and your district with specific data and the ability to compare your district's data with that of other districts.

The Department of Management recently released its FY 2027 Aid and Levy Budget file. Using this information, IASB has updated tools that allow comparisons of budget data, including property tax rates, income surtax rates, and other funding amounts for each school district. Peruse the [Summer 2026 Data Dashboard](#) where you can find all the updated tools and resources in one convenient place.

If you have questions, please contact Mike Guanci at mguanci@ia-sb.org.

Upcoming Events

2026

On Demand	Open Meetings & Public Records Training—AEA Learning Online
Sept. 2	Iowa's Everyday Heroes—A Storytelling Campaign for Districts
Sept. 16	ISFLC New Superintendents
Sept. 30	Lead, Govern, Communicate: School Safety Essentials for School Boards
Oct. TBA	40 By 40 Special Education Federal Advocacy Campaign
Nov. 18	Delegate Assembly & Annual Meeting
Nov. 18-20	IASB BoardCon 2026
Dec. 16	Pre-Session Webinar—What's Ahead for the Legislative Session (Preschool Focus)
Dec. 16-17	ISFLC December Conference

2027

Jan. 25	Day on the Hill with Iowa's AEAs, IASB & SAI
Feb. 17-18	ISFLC February Conference
June 8	Summit on Student Success