



## IASB Update for AEA Superintendent Meetings, May 2020

### Celebrate Public School Staff—Show You Are #PublicSchoolStrong

Since 2007, IASB has led the charge in celebrating school board members each May. After 13 years focused on recognizing board members, we're flipping the script and also providing school boards with ways to thank educators, administrators and district staff for their herculean efforts. In the midst of a global crisis, Iowa public schools are continuing to teach, feed and meet the needs for K-12 students—93.7% of students enrolled in school statewide.

Our [Public School Proud toolkit](#) includes facts about public school staff, ideas to recognize and thank staff, social media graphics, and a special 'Thank You' from the IASB Board of Directors. Since May is still School Board Recognition Month, we are continuing our yearly tradition of personalizing certificates for districts to give to your board members. All board secretaries will be emailed the certificates before May board meetings.

For questions, contact Tammy Votava at [tvotava@ia-sb.org](mailto:tvotava@ia-sb.org).

### New Board Member Digital Workshop Coming Soon

We are offering a digital workshop developed for your new board members, packed full of the essential basics to help them thrive during their first year on the board. Please encourage your newly appointed board members to attend this workshop on June 23 at 6 p.m. This 90-minute interactive digital workshop will cover governance 101, an overview of select IASB sample policies, and meetings and transparency laws. Registration opens soon.

For questions, contact Emily Rhodes at [erhodes@ia-sb.org](mailto:erhodes@ia-sb.org).

### Equity Sessions Available for Purchase

The Policy Leadership and Legal Issues Conference sessions featured four equity topics: ELL and honoring diverse cultures, staff diversity, student poverty, and special education. The sessions are available for purchase for \$95 for full access to all four sessions. You'll also gain access to the wide variety of equity resources provided by presenters.

To purchase these sessions, contact Marte Brightman at [mbrightman@ia-sb.org](mailto:mbrightman@ia-sb.org).

### Check Out Our Tool of the Month—Tentative Settlement Agreements Report

As of April 30, **101** districts have reported their tentative settlement agreements. Average total salary and benefits package settlement is currently an average of **2.66%** increase over last year's costs. [This report](#) is updated weekly during the negotiation season. If you've finished negotiations and haven't yet submitted your tentative agreement, please consider doing so by

[completing this form](#).

For questions, contact Marte Brightman at [mbrightman@ia-sb.org](mailto:mbrightman@ia-sb.org).

## Call for Presentations Is Now Open—Submit Your Presentation Proposal for the IASB Annual Convention by May 28

We know these are uncertain times, but we hope the [Call for Presentations](#) for the [75th IASB Annual Convention](#) brings a smile to your face as you think back to all the innovation and positive outcomes achieved over the past year. We invite you to [submit a high-quality presentation proposal](#) that will help your fellow education leaders succeed. The deadline to submit presentation proposals is **Thursday, May 28!**

For questions, contact Lou Ann Gvist at [lgvist@ia-sb.org](mailto:lgvist@ia-sb.org).

## Review IASB's New COVID-19 Resources

To help you navigate the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, IASB has created and compiled useful resources all on one webpage. New additions include an updated sample board resolution on pandemic response and emergency suspension of policy and an updated school calendar template, following the governor's waiver of the school start date. View these resources, as well as available federal and state resources, on [our website](#).

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## Choose Your District's Priorities for the 2021 Legislative Session

IASB's annual [Call for Priorities](#) process provides boards an opportunity to review our legislative platform and choose IASB's priorities for the next legislative session. The information we gather helps guide our advocacy efforts and show legislators what is important to their local school districts. Visit the [Advocacy Center](#) for more information, including FAQs and to access the survey.

For questions, contact Michelle Johnson at [mjohnson@ia-sb.org](mailto:mjohnson@ia-sb.org).

## Fund Distribution of CARES Act for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund

The U.S. Department of Education released guidelines for the distribution of \$13.2 billion allotted to the Education Stabilization Fund through the CARES Act for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER). Local leaders are provided with flexibility to determine how to use the funds for immediate needs, such as tools and resources for distance education, ensuring student health and safety, and developing and implementing plans for the next school year. Read the [press release](#) for more information.