



IASB District Director Statement of Candidacy

Candidates for the position of District Director of the Iowa Association of School Boards should possess, at a minimum, the following qualifications:

- Demonstrated leadership and involvement on a local board of education.
- Demonstrated participation in IASB activities.
- Strong supporter of public education in Iowa.

Please supply information requested in all categories and return to:

Stephanie Rousseau, Executive Assistant, Iowa Association of School Boards, 6000 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50312-1417 or by email at srousseau@ia-sb.org.

-- Must be in IASB office no later than Wednesday, October 28, 2026 --

-- Submissions not to exceed 3 pages --

Type your answers in the blue boxes. Each cell will expand as needed to accommodate longer responses.

Name:	<u>Jodi Thomas</u>
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Occupation:	<u>State of Iowa - HHS</u>
School Board(s):	<u>Cherokee</u>
Years Service as Board Member:	<u>7</u>
Present Term of Office Expires:	<u>November 2027</u>

School Board Activities (Local Level):
Board vice president for 1 year, president for 6, volunteer in school, substitute teacher, volunteer coach.
School Board Activities (State Level, including IASB Activities):
Active involvement at state Capitol and spoke on dozens of subcommittees impacting education, IASB D1 LRC since 2025, Day on the Hill, Summit for Student Success, workshops, delegate for delegate's assembly x3
School Board Activities (National Level):
Connected with other board presidents and legislators in Iowa and several other states
Special Interests, Activities and Recognition:
Community volunteer, youth sport coach, substitute teacher

Other Comments Including Personal Qualifications for IASB Leadership:
I love education, I have several degrees and understand the importance of a positive education for lifelong success and a love of learning. Iowa public school system set the foundation for my love of learning. I ran for board when my twin boys were 1 month old and had 4 under 4. I'm Mother of 4 children with twins in 1st grade, and daughters in 3rd grade and 5th grade. I want to do anything I can to make sure my kids, their friends and all other students for generations to come have quality, safe educational experience and opportunities in Iowa. I am not afraid to speak up on controversial or uncomfortable subjects.
Please comment on your willingness and availability to serve as IASB AEA Director:
Not as AEA but for district 1: I've been fairly involved with IASB despite having young children and a long commute. I am willing and available to serve the remainder the term and look forward to the opportunity to continue to learn and grow.
Please explain your philosophy of what you believe the role of IASB should be to assist Iowa school boards and strengthen public education:
To provide the tools for local boards to make the best decisions they can for their district, while representing public education best interests for legislative policies. Half of the states budget goes to education, advocacy and support is so important. Policies, tools, support and advocacy. IASB recognizes the DMPS and Cherokee are different and they are able to provide tools and support for both and the 300+ other districts in Iowa.