



IASB Update for AEA Superintendent Meetings March 2021

Register Yourself & Your Board Team for Excellent Learning Opportunities

Each spring, IASB develops a day-long Policy Leadership & Legal Issues Conference packed full of the latest information board leaders need to know to effectively lead. Rather than a day-long conference, we're offering [four 90-minute workshops](#) at one group rate (\$135), no matter how many members of your board-superintendent team attend. Each workshop focuses on a different timely topic and includes ample time for discussion and interaction with your peers. Conveniently scheduled in the evening to fit busy schedules, they will run from 6–7:30 p.m. and **recordings will be provided to registrants afterward.**

During the next workshop on March 11, [Civil Discourse: Shaping a Shared Future](#), IASB staff will share tips on civility between board members during discussions on controversial issues, and how to navigate increasingly apprehensive concerns from the public during COVID-19. Plus, we'll explore how civil discourse impacts your advocacy with legislators. Find out topics and dates for the rest of the workshops and [register for these workshops](#) today.

For questions, contact Marte Brightman at mbrightman@ia-sb.org.

Check Out the Tool of the Month—Superintendent Evaluation Toolkit

The process of superintendent evaluation does not have to be problematic. The law dictates the necessity of boards evaluating superintendents; it does not dictate that it need be a grueling experience for all involved. To make the process as painless as possible, IASB has designed a toolkit full of resources to help board/superintendent teams use the components of the law to simplify and clarify superintendent evaluation. The [Superintendent Evaluation Toolkit](#) includes helpful tips, a video series on 7 Actions for Effective Superintendent Evaluation, discussion guides, two convenient podcasts and more!

For questions, contact Emily Rhodes at erhodes@ia-sb.org.

Encourage Your Board to Promptly Submit Tentative Agreement Forms

ATTENTION, SUPERINTENDENTS! As soon as your district finishes negotiations with your teachers for the FY 2022 school year, please encourage them to download the form found on [this webpage](#), input all data, save and then email to [Marte Brightman](#) and [Jon Studer](#) at ISEA. Prompt reporting of tentative agreements helps districts who are still negotiating. The information reported on these forms is compiled into a summary report of all districts and has proven to be a vital piece of information during the negotiations process. IASB updates [this information](#) weekly during the negotiations season.

For questions, contact Eric Howard at ehoward@ia-sb.org.

Whip Your Budget into Shape with Robust Finance Tools

It is the board's job to review, approve and certify the budget proposal for districts prior to its submission on April 15. We've created tools to provide critical knowledge and questions board members may want to consider and discuss at the board table. Budget tools include: [budget decision points](#), [board involvement in certified budget development](#), [FY 2022 property tax levy impact calculator](#) and [presentation for public hearing on certified budget](#). For access to these tools and more, visit the [Budget Planning & Monitoring webpage](#).

SCHOOL FINANCE MADE SIMPLE! Explore IASB's Supplemental State Aid (SSA)/New Money Calculator tool in a [short how-to video](#) with school finance guru (and IASB Associate Executive Director of Government Relations & School Finance) Shawn Snyder. To download the tool, visit IASB's [Supplemental State Aid Toolkit webpage](#).

For questions, contact Shawn Snyder at ssnyder@ia-sb.org.

Stay Tuned for School Board Recognition Month Resources—Available in April!

SAVE THE DATE! Each May, IASB sponsors School Board Recognition Month in Iowa, to honor the volunteer board members who serve on Iowa's 327 local school boards, nine area education agency boards and 15 community college boards. Look for information in our April AEA Report on how to join IASB in celebrating our school boards!

For questions, contact Tammy Votava at tvotava@ia-sb.org.

Review the Spring 2021 *On the Agenda* Board Calendar

A board calendar is a simple tool that governance teams can use as a starting place to ensure efficient, effective board meetings and strengthen the decision making of the board. The spring 2021 issue is [available for download now](#).

If you have questions, please contact Tammy Votava at tvotava@ia-sb.org.

School Leaders—Save the Date for a Free Webinar!

Join IASB on June 9 (from 6–7 p.m.) or 11 (noon–1 p.m.) for a webinar titled **Change is Coming—What You Need to Know About New Iowa Standards for School Leaders**. This complimentary webinar is designed to help you get familiar with the new Iowa Standards for School Leaders and consider how they will impact superintendent goal setting and evaluation. Content will be the same between both sessions, so choose the one that best fits your schedule! Registration opens in early April—look for more information in our upcoming April AEA Report or on the [Learning Hub webpage](#)!

If you have questions, please contact Emily Rhodes at erhodes@ia-sb.org.

Upcoming Events

March 11, April 1 & 29: [The Leadership Digital Workshop Series: Policy, Governance & Legal Issues](#)

April 8–10: [NSBA 2021 Online Experience](#)

June 8–10: [NSBA Advocacy Institute](#)

June 9 & 11: Webinar: Change is Coming—What You Need to Know About New Iowa Standards for School Leaders

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