



# IASB Update for AEA Superintendent Meetings April 2023

## Timely Tools & Resources

### CELEBRATE YOUR BOARD WITH OUR SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH TOOLKIT

**NOW AVAILABLE.** 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 327 local school boards, nine area education agency boards and 15 community college boards. The 2023 theme is **"Developing Iowa's Future Together."**

Personalized certificates and posters have been mailed to board secretaries (**note:** due to a mix-up with the printer, some districts received the wrong certificates—new certificates will be mailed out to affected districts), and we encourage you to use our [toolkit resources](#) to recognize your board members throughout the month of May.



If you have questions, please contact Tammy Votava at [tvotava@ia-sb.org](mailto:tvotava@ia-sb.org).

### KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR UPCOMING SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION MATERIALS

**COMING SOON.** Each election cycle, IASB develops a toolkit to help citizens interested board service understand school boards in Iowa and their role, qualifications and steps to become a school board candidate, rewards of school board service and more. Included in the toolkit are a sample PSA, press release, newspaper ads, poster, social media graphics, FAQ document and more.

Watch for additional information and useful election resources over the next couple of months in IASB's weekly e-newsletter, [Board Briefs](#).

If you have questions, please contact Tammy Votava at [tvotava@ia-sb.org](mailto:tvotava@ia-sb.org).

### LEARN THE LATEST LEGISLATIVE UPDATES THROUGH OUR ADVOCACY IN ACTION WEBPAGE

**UPDATED THROUGHOUT SESSION.** IASB's [Advocacy in Action webpage](#) is your home for all things related to the Iowa Legislature and advocacy. We have an update from our lobbyist at the Capitol each week, summaries of important bills, as well as steps for you to get involved.

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

## Register Now for the Safety Group Risk Management Workshop

**SAFETY GROUP SUBSCRIBER EXCLUSIVE.** The [Safety Group Insurance Program](#), an IASB Affiliated Program, will present a [free workshop](#) on Monday, April 10 at the FFA Enrichment Center at DMACC in Ankeny, IA. The workshop features experts in the field who will cover timely and relevant risk management topics. The Safety Group program is committed to addressing ongoing risk management and loss control needs of its member public school districts, area education agencies and community colleges.

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

If you have questions, please contact Tiffany Rudd at [trudd@ia-sb.org](mailto:trudd@ia-sb.org).

## Encourage Your Board to Attend IASB's First-Ever Summit on Student Success

**REGISTER NOW.** Student success is at the forefront for every board member in Iowa. A commonly recurring reason for board service, mentioned by many individuals, is that it's all about the students. Students are the reason nearly 1,900 volunteers serve on local school boards.

It's a well-known fact that school boards can, and do, influence higher student achievement levels. But how? We are pleased to announce our all-new spring event, the [IASB Summit on Student Success](#). Over the two days, you will hear from prominent speakers well-known in the education field on overcoming the achievement gap and innovative learning environments; participate in engaging sessions that take concept or theory into application; and go in-depth on specific topics in 2.5 hour interactive workshops.

When you leave, you will understand how exceptional governance, with a focus on student learning, makes a difference for student success. Visit [IASB's website](#) to learn more.

If you have questions, please contact Tiffany Rudd at [trudd@ia-sb.org](mailto:trudd@ia-sb.org).



## Register for a Free Webinar with Sonn Sam & Big Picture Learning

**FREE FOR IASB MEMBERS.** When students engage in meaningful work that is aligned with their passions, while developing critical thinking skills, it's called deeper learning. How does a board encourage and support deeper learning for all students, every day? It starts at the board table with you. Join IASB and Sonn Sam, with Big Picture Learning, on Monday, May 15 at noon to discuss what classroom experiences should be like for students today and why. You will leave inspired to dream big and with conversation starters to have with your whole team, as well as possible approaches your district may take to rethink teaching and learning. [Register now.](#)

If you have questions, please contact Tiffany Rudd at [truidd@ia-sb.org](mailto:truidd@ia-sb.org).

### Upcoming Events

**April 10:** [Safety Group Risk Management Workshop](#)

**April 27–28:** [Summit on Student Success](#)

**May:** [School Board Recognition Month](#)

**May 15:** [A Board's Eye View: A Culture of Innovation Starts with You \(Webinar\)](#)

For a complete listing, visit [www.ia-sb.org/learninghub](http://www.ia-sb.org/learninghub).