



IASB Update for AEA Superintendent Meetings— April 2025

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Upcoming In-Person Opportunities

REGISTER NOW—SUMMIT ON STUDENT SUCCESS

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

KEYNOTE SPEAKER ANNOUNCEMENT! Belonging fuels student success—and as a school board member, your leadership plays a vital role in creating a culture where every student feels valued, supported, and connected. That’s why we’re thrilled to welcome **Stephen Sroka** as the keynote speaker for the [Summit on Student Success!](#)



Sroka brings a powerful, real-world perspective on how The Power of Many—school boards, educators, and communities working together—can transform schools and change lives. His message will challenge and inspire you to lead with Purpose, Passion, Pride, and Persistence.

Make plans to join us on **Wednesday, June 11**, where we'll examine the “**Power of Belonging**” and how it impacts student success while exploring how schools are building environments where students feel supported, connected, and truly at home. This exciting event will feature interactive sessions, time to talk with your board member peers, and exchange innovative strategies to remove barriers to learning and increase student achievement. [Register now!](#)

SAFETY GROUP RISK MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

SAFETY GROUP PROGRAM EXCLUSIVE! Risk management is important and, if done well, can help districts reduce their liability over the long term. Save the date for the Safety Group Risk Management Workshop on Wednesday, April 9 at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny with Jester Insurance, EMC and IASB. Participants (both local insurance agents and school leaders) will have the opportunity to learn more about managing risk through discussion of a variety of risk topics, such as board member liability, workers compensation and property liability and loss. [View the save the date flyer](#) for further details.

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

Advocacy Action Update & Property Tax Impact Tool

IASB sent an Advocacy Action email on April 2 regarding property tax reform. We have closely analyzed the proposed legislation and released our findings based on the current bill language. Please review that email for more details and stay tuned for further updates as discussions progress.

Additionally, we are providing an Excel tool to help you assess the potential impact on select property tax levies for your district. Most property tax levies with a statutory rate limit would be capped at a 2% annual revenue increase over the prior year. For school districts, the full value of new construction is excluded from this calculation. Click [here](#) to see how these provisions may affect your future revenues and levy rates.

If you have questions, please contact Mike Guanci at mguanci@ia-sb.org, Michelle Johnson at mjohnson@ia-sb.org, or Emily Piper at epiper@ia-sb.org.

School Board Recognition Month 2025

May is School Board Recognition Month in Iowa! Every year, IASB leads [School Board Recognition Month](#) to honor the volunteer board members who served on Iowa's 325 local school boards, nine area education agency boards and 15 community college boards. The 2025 theme is “**A Guiding Light for Student Success.**”



Personalized certificates and posters have been mailed to board secretaries. We encourage you to use our [toolkit resources](#), which include an [activities & tip sheet](#), [sample social](#)

[media content](#), a [school board member fact sheet](#), and more to recognize your board members throughout the month of May.

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

Upcoming Webinars

SPRING POLICY PRIMER WEBINAR

April 3, 2025

POLICY REFERENCE MANUAL SUBSCRIBER EXCLUSIVE! Stay up-to-date with the latest policy changes by attending IASB's complimentary [Spring Policy Primer webinar](#)! This session will cover the new Spring Policy Primer, helping school board members and administrators ensure their policies remain current, compliant, and effective.

On **April 3 at noon**, IASB experts will walk through key revisions and answer common questions about implementation. Whether you're new to policy work or a seasoned board member, this webinar will provide valuable insights to keep your district aligned with best practices and legal requirements.

[Register now!](#)

A SNEAK PEEK WITH STEPHEN SROKA—THE POWER OF MANY WEBINAR

April 16, 2025

COMPLIMENTARY WEBINAR! Join us on April 16 at noon for an [exclusive sneak peek of the Summit on Student Success](#)! IASB Convention & Events Director Emily Miller will sit down with keynote speaker Stephen Sroka for a dynamic conversation about the transformative power of belonging in schools.

As a school board member, your leadership plays a crucial role in fostering a culture where every student feels valued, supported, and connected. In this webinar, Sroka will share insights on how **The Power of Many**—school boards, educators, and communities working together—can create lasting change and improve student success.

This webinar is free for IASB members—don't miss this opportunity to be inspired and prepared for the [Summit on Student Success](#). [Register now!](#)

ISFLC Expands Partnership to Strengthen Leadership Development for Iowa Administrators

Exciting news for Iowa's school leaders! The Iowa Superintendents Finance & Leadership Consortium (ISFLC) is leveling up its leadership development program through a powerful new partnership. The School Administrators of Iowa (SAI) has officially joined forces with the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) and the University of Northern Iowa's Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL)—

creating a dynamic alliance that promises to transform professional development for Iowa's administrators. [Learn more](#).

Advocacy Resources

ADVOCACY IN ACTION & 2025 BILL SUMMARIES

The second funnel deadline is just around the corner on **April 4**. As a reminder, to survive the second funnel, a bill must pass through one chamber and a committee in the opposite chamber. Please note that this deadline will not impact Appropriations or Ways & Means bills.

Make sure you're in-the-know on all Capitol happenings and bookmark our [Advocacy in Action](#) page where you'll find bills on the move, a brief summary of the new property tax bill, our weekly *Under the Golden Dome* video with IASB Lobbyist Emily Piper, and our Advocacy Action of the Week.

In addition, peruse our [2025 Bill Summaries](#) to keep track of which bills died, survived, or are on their way to the governor's desk.

If you have questions, please contact Michelle Johnson at mjohnson@ia-sb.org.

BOARDCAST SEASON 5, EPISODE 2: CAPITOL CHATS—2025 FIRST FUNNEL RECAP

Join IASB's Advocacy & Digital Media Specialist Taylor McGill alongside IASB Government Relations Director Michelle Johnson and IASB Lobbyist Emily Piper as they discuss the first funnel deadline of the 2025 legislative session. [Listen now!](#)

If you have trouble accessing, please contact Yve Sojka at ysojka@ia-sb.org.

Timely Tools and Resources

PERUSE THE MOST RECENT *POLICY PRIMER*

NOW AVAILABLE! Big changes have impacted education law since the beginning of 2025. This spring *Policy Primer* is intended to provide timely policy updates to districts in a variety of areas.

Federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of Education, have issued updated guidance and interpretations on a variety of topics, including gender identity and diversity, equity, and inclusion. This area of the law is fluid and changing. Districts should work with their legal counsel and review any customized policy, or handbook changes the district may have adopted on these topics. Statewide, Iowa's legislature has passed and will likely pass legislation relevant to topics including gender identity and the use of personal electronics in schools.

If you are interested in subscribing to IASB's online policy subscription service, visit the [Policy Reference Manual webpage](#) for further details.

If you have questions, please contact Siobhan Schneider at sschneider@ia-sb.org.

GUIDE TO IASB TOOLS WEBINAR—TEACHER COMPENSATION & BENEFITS, SALARY & STAFFING DATA RECORDING

Did you know that IASB provides a comprehensive toolkit to help members identify areas of concern, and balance the need to recruit and retain quality educators, all while remaining efficient and cost-effective? Join IASB staff as they walk you through the [Teacher Compensation & Benefits Toolkit](#), as well as available [salary and staffing data](#) in this webinar recording from March 4, 2025.

[Watch now!](#)

If you have questions, please contact Anna Harmon at aharmon@ia-sb.org.

MARCH REC SUMMARY

The [Revenue Estimating Conference \(REC\)](#) determines revenue estimates under *Iowa Code* Section 8.22A and is responsible for evaluating the fiscal and policy impacts of program budget proposals and making this information available to decision-makers. The March REC meeting was held on March 13, 2025. [Read the full summary](#) for the FY 2025–26 estimates and what to expect moving forward.

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

SIMBLI Q4 PROMOTION

Take advantage of 3 Months Free on new Simbli modules or upgrades through **June 30, 2025!** Improve board meetings, planning, and governance with Simbli's trusted solutions.

[Learn more and act fast!](#)

If you have questions, please contact Simbli at sales@eboardsolutions.com or (770) 822-3626.

80th IASB Annual Convention

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Now is your chance to make your mark on the [80th IASB Annual Convention](#). Share your knowledge and experience with attendees by presenting an education session. The deadline to submit your proposal is **June 2, 2025**. Check out the [presentation criteria](#) and [submit your proposal today!](#)

CALL FOR STUDENT TALENT

Does your district have some talented performers? What better place to showcase that talent than the Opening General Session at the [80th IASB Annual Convention](#)! IASB is seeking a group to perform the National Anthem and 3–4 additional songs for school leaders across the state. The deadline for application is **June 20, 2025**. [Learn more](#) and [submit today](#).

Exciting News! The **IASB Annual Convention & Trade Show** is now **IASB BoardCon**—a fresh, modern name with the same great networking, education, and insights. Get ready for an even more dynamic event. See you at **IASB BoardCon** this November!

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

Upcoming Events

April 3: [Spring Policy Primer Webinar](#)

April 9: [Safety Group Risk Management Workshop](#)

April 16: [A Sneak Peek with Stephen Sroka—The Power of Many Webinar](#)

June 11: [Summit on Student Success](#)

Nov. 19–21: [80th IASB Annual Convention & Trade Show](#)

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