



IASB Update for AEA Superintendent Meetings— February 2025

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New Board President Webinar—Conducting Meaningful Superintendent Evaluation

Feb. 25 at Noon & Feb. 26 at 6 p.m.

TWO NEW OPPORTUNITIES! The yearly evaluation of the superintendent is required by law, and yet often board teams find it difficult and challenging to do so. Join us for this interactive dialogue where together, we'll help demystify the process and unpack specific actions and review helpful resources to help turn your superintendent evaluation process from a painful to a productive one. [Learn more](#)

Note: This free webinar is offered twice, for member convenience—the content covered in the webinar on Feb. 25 will be repeated in the Feb. 26 webinar. While this webinar is designed specifically for newly elected board presidents, anyone is welcome to participate. [Register now!](#)

If you have questions, please contact Lou Gvist at lgvist@ia-sb.org.

Upcoming In-Person Opportunities

ENRICH & EXPAND YOUR SUPERINTENDENCY SKILLS THROUGH INVALUABLE ISFLC EVENTS

Feb. 18–19, 2025

REGISTER TODAY! ISFLC conferences are excellent opportunities for new or aspiring superintendents and school business officials to expand their knowledge base and skills. The [ISFLC February Conference](#) on Feb. 18–19, 2025 is the second of two conferences offered in the winter as

part of the [Iowa Superintendents Finance and Leadership Consortium \(ISFLC\) program](#). Visit [IASB's website](#) to browse the exciting tracks offered this February and stay tuned for General Session details. [Register now!](#)

Still on the fence? Hear from Iowa leaders why ISFLC conferences provide an excellent opportunity to build relationships, share ideas and gain new fiscal management and leadership skills in these [ISFLC Conference Testimonials](#).

For more information regarding ISFLC or UNI Graduate Credit, email Amanda Schmidt at amanda.schmidt@uni.edu. For all other ISFLC-related questions, please contact Emily Miller at emiller@ia-sb.org.

FRONTLINE ANALYTICS CERTIFIED BUDGET WORKSHOPS

IASB, in collaboration with Affiliated Program [Frontline Analytics](#), is once again offering these free in-person and digital [Certified Budget Workshops](#) for IASB members actively subscribed to Frontline Analytics. Using forecasting tools, attendees will leave the workshop with a completed FY 2026 certified budget, including the aid and levy worksheets as well as all supporting documents. Find a date and time that works for you:

In-Person Workshops:

- **Thursday, Feb. 6 at 9 a.m.**—IASB Office, 6000 Grand Ave., Ste. A, Des Moines, IA 50312
- **Thursday, Feb. 6 at 1 p.m.**—IASB Office, 6000 Grand Ave., Ste. A, Des Moines, IA 50312
- **Thursday, Feb. 13 at 10 a.m.**—College Community Schools, Cedar Rapids

Digital Workshops:

- **Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 9 a.m.**—Via Zoom
- **Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 1 p.m.**—Via Zoom

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

SUMMIT ON STUDENT SUCCESS

June 11, 2025

SAVE THE DATE! It's all about the students! Student success is at the forefront for every board member in Iowa, and our students are the reason 1,845 volunteers serve on their local school boards.

Join us for IASB's 3rd Annual [Summit on Student Success](#)! This year's theme, The Power of Belonging, focuses on the vital role of creating a supportive and connected school environment.

School board members play a vital role in creating a sense of belonging that makes every student feel valued, engaged, and connected—key factors in improving attendance and overall success. Since

attendance is the first step toward student achievement, fostering these connections is more important than ever. This June, we'll examine how belonging impacts student success and explore how schools are building environments where students feel supported, connected, and truly at home.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn how we can work together to make a positive impact! Registration opens **March 19, 2025**. [Learn more](#) and stay tuned for further details.

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

Timely Tools and Resources

BOARDCAST SEASON 5, EPISODE 1: CAPITOL CHATS—2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION PREVIEW

NEW PODCAST EPISODE! In this episode of BoardCast, IASB's Advocacy and Digital Media Specialist Taylor McGill chats with IASB Government Relations Director Michelle Johnson and IASB Lobbyist Emily Piper about what we can expect from the upcoming 2025 legislative session in Iowa. [Listen now](#) and bookmark our [Advocacy in Action page](#) for timely legislative updates.

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

GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL AID FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 2026

On Tuesday, Jan. 14, Governor Kim Reynolds delivered the Condition of the State Address before a joint session of the Iowa General Assembly. She reviewed her administration's policy priorities for the upcoming legislative session, including her recommendations for School Aid Funding for FY 2026. Read the Jan. 17 [Data Boost](#) to learn more about these recommendations, SSA percent of growth rate estimates and more.

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

OCTOBER 2024 CERTIFIED ENROLLMENT AND RESIDENT EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT (ESA) ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

The Iowa Department of Education released the certified enrollment counts from this past October, including the initial resident educational savings accounts (ESA) enrollment counts. Read the Jan. 24 [Data Boost](#) to learn more about enrollment trends and changes across the state.

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

IN-DEPTH ADVOCACY WEBINAR RECORDINGS

NOW AVAILABLE! Ahead of Day on the Hill 2025, IASB offered two pre-event In-Depth Advocacy Webinars on Jan. 16 and Jan. 21 designed to keep you in-the-know ahead of the big event.

Check out the [In-Depth Advocacy Webinar: Condition of the State recording](#) with advocacy experts from Iowa's AEA's, IASB and SAI for a recap of the governor's annual Condition of the State

address. This webinar provides a preview of what's the come this session, including new education issues on the horizon and issues that might reappear. Watch the full [recording](#) and view the [presentation PDF](#).

Also available is the [In-Depth Advocacy Webinar: State of the Budget recording](#) which includes a brief rundown of the state of the budget and school finance funding issues with IASB Associate Executive Director of Government Relations & School Finance Mike Guanci. In this webinar, Mike hits on the biggest things you need to know about Iowa's economy and state revenues; the governor's budget recommendations; and what to keep an eye on beyond school aid funding. Watch the [recording](#) and view the [presentation PDF](#).

If you have questions regarding the Condition of the State, please contact Michelle Johnson at mjohnson@ia-sb.org. For questions regarding the State of the Budget, please contact Mike Guanci at mguanci@ia-sb.org.

SCHOOL SAFETY TOOLKIT

We believe that every student deserves to learn, and every staff member deserves to work, in a safe and secure environment. For resources on all facets of school safety, including physical safety measures in and around schools, violence prevention programs, addressing student behavior and more, check out [IASB's School Safety Toolkit](#). The toolkit is now equipped with new links and resources relating to student mental health. [Learn more](#).

If you have questions, please contact D.T. Magee at dmagee@ia-sb.org.

Upcoming Events

February 6, 11–12: [Frontline Analytics Certified Budget Workshops](#)

February 18–19: [February ISFLC Conference](#)

February 25 & 26: [New Board President Webinar—Conducting Meaningful Superintendent Evaluation](#)

March 21–23: [COSSBA Annual Conference](#)

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

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