



# IASB Update for AEA Superintendent Meetings— May 2025

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## IASB BoardCon (Formerly Annual Convention & Trade Show)

November 19–21, 2025

### CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

**SHARE YOUR BOARD'S EXPERTISE!** BoardCon is set for **November 19–21, 2025**, and we're looking for [outstanding presentation proposals](#)! This three-day event features high-quality breakout sessions covering timely, relevant topics—an incredible opportunity for your board to share insights with peers statewide!

On Thursday, November 20, we have **30+ session slots available**—one of them could be yours! If you or your board have a success story, promising practice, or innovative idea to share, [submit a proposal](#) by **Monday, June 2**:

1. Identify a compelling topic or experience to benefit board leaders.
2. Encourage your board to [review](#) the criteria to craft a strong proposal.
3. **Explore** session formats (panel, traditional, deep-dive discussion, etc.)

4. Remind your board to [submit their proposal](#) by the June 2 deadline.

## CALL FOR STUDENT TALENT

**SHOWCASE YOUR DISTRICT'S TALENTED STUDENTS!** We're searching for a high-energy student group (PK–12 or community college) to kick off BoardCon on November 20 in front of 1,000+ education leaders! The selected group will perform the National Anthem plus three to four additional songs on the main stage. Encourage the performing arts teachers and coaches in your district to apply—**submit by June 20** for consideration! [Review the details and apply.](#)

If you have questions, please contact Emily Miller at [emiller@ia-sb.org](mailto:emiller@ia-sb.org).

## Report Your Tentative Agreements

As of April 30, **71 districts** have reported their FY 2026 tentative agreements for an average **total package of 3.81%**.

Please remember that as you complete teacher negotiations for the FY 2026 school year, share this information with IASB and ISEA. The information compiled is developed into a summary report for districts to use during the negotiation season. Please download the form, input your data, and email the completed form to both [Marte Brightman](#) at IASB and [Jason Enke](#) at ISEA. Prompt reporting helps provide accurate data to districts still undergoing negotiations. [Learn more.](#)

If you have question, please contact Marte Brightman at [mbrightman@ia-sb.org](mailto:mbrightman@ia-sb.org).

## Summit on Student Success

**Wednesday, June 11, 2025**

**REGISTER NOW!** 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.

Please share our invitation with your board teams to join IASB at the [Summit on Student Success](#) on Wednesday, June 11, where we'll examine the "Power of Belonging" and the board's role in building environments where students feel supported, connected, and at home. This exciting event will feature interactive sessions, an inspiring keynote from Stephen Sroka, and time for board members to connect and exchange innovative strategies to remove barriers to learning and increase student achievement!

If you have questions, please contact Emily Miller at [emiller@ia-sb.org](mailto:emiller@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 serve 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 May.

If you have questions, please contact Jen Woodley at [jwoodley@ia-sb.org](mailto:jwoodley@ia-sb.org).

## 2025 School Board Elections—Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Resources

The school elections are held in conjunction with the general election on November 4. The Secretary of State's Office (SOS) has updated the [candidate guide](#) to assist candidates and the public in meeting the requirements of Iowa's election laws. Additionally, IASB develops a toolkit each election cycle that can help interested citizens understand school boards in Iowa and their role, qualifications, and steps to become a school board candidate, rewards of school board service, and more. Expect these resources on our [website](#) mid-June! Board secretaries will receive a packet with important candidate information to hand out in the district office.

If you have questions, please contact Jen Woodley at [jwoodley@ia-sb.org](mailto:jwoodley@ia-sb.org).

## Understanding AEA & Special Education Funding Webinar

**Wednesday, June 4**

**FREE FOR IASB MEMBERS!** Join IASB Executive Director D.T. Magee in conversation with Heartland AEA Chief Administrator Cindy Yelick as they break down how Area Education Agencies (AEAs) are funded. This session will focus on how special education is funded at both the state and federal levels. This webinar is perfect for school board members and education leaders who want to gain a clearer understanding of the educational landscape as we advocate for these essential services. [Register now!](#)

## Timely Tools & Resources

### ADVOCACY IN ACTION & 2025 BILL SUMMARIES

The final day of session is scheduled for May 2; however, it seems unlikely that legislators will meet this deadline. As we inch closer to the finish line, peruse our [2025 bill summaries](#) and the [Advocacy in Action page](#) for timely updates on which bills are continuing to move through the process.

The governor has **30 days** to sign or veto bills following the end of session. Keep an eye out for our final legislative summary to see which bills have officially become law.

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

## PROPERTY TAX MODELING

The chairs of the House and Senate Ways and Means Committees unveiled a revised version of their proposed changes to the property tax bill ([SSB 1227/HSB 328](#)). While the new bills made some changes, one thing is a constant between versions 1.0 and 2.0—limits on the ability to levy taxes for the management fund. [Read a full bill summary as well as advocacy on this proposal.](#)

Check out the tools below for IASB's analysis of the impact of these proposals:

- [FY 2026–27 Property Tax Levy Cost Calculator](#)
- [Estimated Property Tax Law Changes for Select Non-General Fund Levies](#)
- [Management Fund Modeling Tool](#)

For guidance on how to best utilize the [Management Fund Modeling Tool](#), check out this short [video tutorial](#) with IASB Associate Executive Director of Government Relations & School Finance Mike Guanci.

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

## FINANCIAL FOCUS FILE UPDATES

All files on [IASB's Financial Focus Data Tool webpage](#) have been updated with the latest data to help analyze and understand your district's financial health while seeing how you compare to other districts across the state.

If you have questions, please contact Mike Guanci at [mguanci@ia-sb.org](mailto:mguanci@ia-sb.org).

## Upcoming Events

**June 4:** [Understanding AEA & Special Education Funding Webinar](#)

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

**Nov. 19–21:** [IASB BoardCon](#)

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