



IASB Update for AEA Superintendent Meetings

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What's Coming Up for You and Your Boards?

Register now or save the date for the following conferences, workshops, and webinars:

- **ISFLC February Conference**—**Feb. 18–19, 2026: REGISTER ONLINE BY FEB. 16!** The ISFLC February Conference is the second of two conferences offered in the winter as part of the ISFLC program. Both of these conferences are developed for current and aspiring superintendents, as well as school business officials. All session tracks are led by Iowa experts with skills and expertise in identified criteria areas. [Learn more and register today.](#)
- **Open Meetings & Public Records Training**—**Available Online & In-Person:** Iowa law requires all newly elected or appointed school board, AEA, and community college board members to complete training on open meetings and public records. IASB offers a simple 90-minute session that is IPIB-approved, designed specifically for Iowa board members, and includes a certificate of completion. [Learn more and register now.](#)
- **Summit on Student Success**—**June 9, 2026:** Join us at the 4th Annual Summit on Student Success: **Shared Vision, Strong Outcomes** for a first-hand look at how to turn today's board policies into tomorrow's improved learning results. Board teams from across the state will engage in case studies, student learning simulations, and interactive group discussions

designed to strengthen effective governance and drive real progress in student achievement. **Registration opens March 25, 2026.** [Learn more!](#)

- **Frontline Analytics Certified Budget Workshops—Multiple Dates & Locations:** IASB, in collaboration with Affiliated Program Frontline Education, is once again offering these free workshops for IASB members. 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. See the available dates and locations below. [Register now!](#)
 - **Thursday, Feb. 5, 2026—9 a.m. & 1 p.m.**
Iowa Association of School Boards, Des Moines
 - **Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026—10 a.m.**
College Community, Cedar Rapids

Tailored Learning for Your District: Explore IASB Custom Workshops

IASB's [custom, facilitated workshops](#) meet your board-superintendent team exactly where you are. We excel at tailoring professional development your governance team needs to strengthen collaboration and drive district success. Consultation is free. Contact any of IASB's Board Development Directors directly or email the team at BoardDev@ia-sb.org.

New Board Members? Catch Up with the Ready, Set, Govern! Webinar

The 2026 [Ready, Set, Govern! Workshop](#) is now available as a recording. Take advantage of this convenient way for new board members or your entire board to align along foundational principles that strengthen decision-making and build public trust. **The recording is available to purchase for \$65.** Details and link are available [here](#).

If you have questions, please contact the IASB Board Development Team at BoardDev@ia-sb.org.

That's a Wrap! Day on the Hill 2026 with Iowa's AEAs, IASB, & SAI

Huge thank you to everyone who attended and presented at this year's joint [Day on the Hill](#) with Iowa's AEAs, IASB, and SAI! Together, we're making a difference for Iowa public schools and the students across the state. Browse photos from the event [here](#) and save the date for Day on the Hill 2027 on **Jan. 25, 2027**.

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

Stop the Prop: A Simple Message, Big Impact

JOIN IASB'S STOP THE PROP CAMPAIGN! Keeping our schools safe doesn't always require complicated solutions—sometimes it starts with a simple habit. [Stop the Prop](#) is a statewide school

safety awareness campaign developed by the Iowa Association of School Boards that drives home one critical message: **Always keep school doors shut and secure.** The fact is, open or propped exterior doors can compromise the safety of students, staff, and visitors. This campaign reinforces the importance of everyday actions that support secure school environments—without requiring major investments or changes to infrastructure. [**Sign up today**](#) and see which districts across Iowa have already taken action to keep students safe by adopting Stop The Prop [**here!**](#)

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

Timely Tools & Resources

SAVE REVENUE LOSS TOOL

NEW TOOL! Governor Reynolds has released her property tax proposal. The bill is a fairly comprehensive change to the system and includes provisions related to school districts, most notably the amount of SAVE dollars that will be diverted to property tax relief through the Property Tax Equity and Relief Fund (PTER). Her proposal intends to increase the amount of SAVE revenue going to PTER to 30% by 2030. For comparison, 7% of SAVE revenue currently goes into PTER. To see the impact of this proposed legislation on your district, use our new [**SAVE Revenue Loss Tool**](#).

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

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION SEASON—IASB RESOURCES ARE HERE TO HELP!

Please remind your boards about the valuable resources IASB offers as you plan your evaluation timelines together. Our comprehensive tools include evaluation frameworks, sample instruments, timelines, and guidance. Click [here](#) for more information.

SEASON 6, EPISODE 1: 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION PREVIEW

NEW BOARDCAST EPISODE! In this episode, IASB Advocacy & Digital Media Specialist Taylor McGill sits down with IASB Government Relations Director Michelle Johnson, IASB Lobbyist Emily Piper, and IASB Associate Executive Director, Government Relations & School Finance Mike Guanci for a deep dive into what you can expect this session, key education issues to be on the lookout for, as well as IASB advocacy tools and tips you can use to best advocate for Iowa public schools in the new year. [Listen now](#) and visit IASB's [Advocacy in Action webpage](#) for timely updates throughout the legislative session.

SEASON 6, EPISODE 2: SCHOOL SAFETY IN IOWA—PRIORITYZING MENTAL HEALTH AS A SAFETY STRATGY

NEW EPISODE! This BoardCast episode highlights mental health as a key driver of school safety with a focus on prevention and long-term wellness. Stacey Warren from **Heartland AEA** shares how Iowa

districts are integrating mental health supports into their safety strategies and what effective programs look like in practice.

The conversation outlines the governance role of school boards, including policy, staffing, and resource considerations, while offering guidance for boards beginning to prioritize mental health. The episode also addresses common challenges and emphasizes the importance of community and parent engagement in supporting student well-being. [Listen now!](#)

Upcoming Events

[Feb. 5 & 12: Frontline Analytics Certified Budget Workshops](#)

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

[June 9: Summit on Student Success](#)

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