



IASB Update for AEA Superintendent Meetings March 2026

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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:

- **[Summit on Student Success](#)—June 9, 2026:** Join us at the fourth annual **[Summit on Student Success: Shared Vision, Strong Outcomes](#)** for a first-hand look at how a shared vision for student success at the board table can turn today’s board decisions into tomorrow’s improved student outcomes! Board teams from across the state will engage in case studies, decision making simulations, and peer discussion to explore how a clear vision and effective board governance drives student achievement. Come ready to connect, reflect, and leave inspired to align your board’s vision with outcomes that make a lasting impact for every student. **Registration opens March 25, 2026. [Learn more!](#)**
- **Guide to IASB Tools Webinar—Teacher Compensation & Benefits, Salary & Staffing Data—March 2026 (Date TBD) Via Zoom:** 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.

- **[School Safety Group Risk Management Workshop](#)—April 14, 2026: *REGISTRATION OPENS SOON!*** The Safety Group Insurance Program, an IASB® Affiliated Program, will present this free workshop on **Tuesday, April 14 at the FFA Enrichment Center at DMACC in Ankeny, IA.** This workshop features experts in the field who will cover timely and relevant risk management topics. Safety Group representatives will share their expertise, listen to member concerns, and answer your most pressing risk management questions. Presented by Jester Insurance Services, Inc. in collaboration with IASB® and EMC Insurance Companies, Safety Group members are invited to attend at no charge. [Learn more!](#)

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

ICYMI: Catch Up on Digital Offerings

Looking to circle back to the basics? It's never too late to revisit foundational tools and skills for effective governance. From open meetings and public records training requirements to onboarding training, IASB has you covered!

OPEN MEETINGS & PUBLIC RECORDS TRAINING

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. [Register now](#) for the online module via AEA Learning Online!

If you have questions, please contact Marte Brightman at mbrightman@ia-sb.org.

2026 READY, SET, GOVERN! WORKSHOP—RECORDING AVAILABLE

PURCHASE NOW! 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.

Annual Board Award Program

Your learning is the gift you give your students. Four months into the ABA year (Nov. 1–Oct. 31, annually) is a great time to look at where your board-superintendent team stands for your ABA credits, and to plan your learning opportunities. Find more information on the program and track individual and team progress [here](#) or reach out to us at BoardDev@ia-sb.org.

Report Your Tentative Agreements

As you complete teacher negotiations for the FY 2027 school year, please share this information with IASB and ISEA. The information compiled is developed into a summary report for districts to use during the negotiations season. Please download the [FY 2027 TA Reporting Form](#), to input your data and email the completed form to both [Marte Brightman](#) at IASB and [Jason Enke](#) at ISEA. Make sure to **follow the instructions included in the instructions tab** of the reporting form to ensure accurate reporting. Prompt reporting helps provide accurate data to districts still undergoing negotiations. [Learn more!](#)

If you have questions, please contact Marte Brightman at mbrightman@ia-sb.org.

ISJIT Board Vacancy—Apply Today!

The [Iowa School Joint Investment Trust \(ISJIT\)](#) is looking to appoint a superintendent to serve on the ISJIT Board of Trustees. Greg Ebeling, the current ISJIT superintendent trustee, will be retiring on June 30, 2026. **The term length is July 1, 2026–Sept. 2027.** Trustees attend quarterly meetings hosted in Des Moines in January, May, September, and November. ISJIT reimburses trustees for travel expenses.

Please reach out to D.T. Magee at dmagee@ia-sb.org for application information by **March 9**.

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

ADVOCACY IN ACTION

We have officially made it past the first funnel deadline, meaning only bills that passed through a committee in either chamber remain alive (not including 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, our weekly Under the Golden Dome video with IASB Lobbyist Emily Piper,

and the Advocacy Action of the Week. Plus, peruse our [2026 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.

FEBRUARY DATA DASHBOARD

IASB has many data tools that provide you, your board, and your district or AEA with specific data and the ability to compare with other districts or AEAs. View the [February 2026 Data Dashboard](#) for salary and staffing data, advocacy tools, and more.

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.

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

Upcoming Events

March 2026 (Date TBD): Guide to IASB Tools Webinar—Teacher Compensation & Benefits, Salary & Staffing Data

April 14, 2026: [School Safety Group Risk Management Workshop](#)

June 9, 2026: [Summit on Student Success](#)

Nov. 18–20, 2026: [IASB BoardCon 2026](#)

Jan. 25, 2027: [Day on the Hill with Iowa’s AEAs, IASB, & SAI](#)

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