IASB Update for AEA Superintendent Meetings—November 2026

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Ensure Your District's Voice is Heard at IASB's Delegate Assembly & Annual Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2026

REGISTER DELEGATES TODAY! The **Delegate Assembly & Annual Meeting** is an important annual event where member delegates gather to hold the annual meeting, set and approve the legislative platform, and convene nominating caucuses for open IASB District Director seats. Read more about **Delegate Assembly**, and please take time to select one board member to serve as your delegate at your next meeting.

If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Rousseau at **srousseau@ia-sb.org**.

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5K for the Future—Donate to the IASB Foundation

Oct. 23 – Nov. 20, 2026

FUTURE LEADERS. 4 WEEKS. $5,000. The IASB Foundation has launched 5K for the Future, a campaign to raise $5,000 in four weeks between Oct. 23 to Nov. 20. These donations will go towards supporting scholarships and student teacher grants for Iowa students and future educators. Help us reach our goal and invest in Iowa's future leaders! Learn more and donate today!

For donation information, scholarship details, or partnership opportunities, email Heather Hulen or call (515) 247-7063.

Learn the Latest—IASB BoardCon General Session Keynote Speakers, Breakout Sessions, PreCon Workshops & More

Nov. 18–20, 2026

Join us at **BoardCon**—IASB's dynamic annual conference. Building on 81 years of excellence, BoardCon is ready to equip you for the future with inspiring speakers, in-depth workshops, and engaging breakouts.

SCHED LAUNCH

The IASB BoardCon 2026 online program has officially launched through SCHED. Browse the official event schedule, explore sessions and speakers, and even build your own itinerary. Get started today and see how SCHED can enhance your BoardCon experience.

OUTSTANDING GENERAL SESSION KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Thursday, Nov. 19, 2026

This year's keynote lineup is one you won't want to miss.

Author **John Hodge** will kick off BoardCon with a powerful message about resilience and the difference caring adults can make in the lives of students. Drawing from his book *You Can Get in the Way: How You Can Become a Roadblock to Risk Factors*, John shares real-world stories and practical insights that will leave you thinking differently about your role in supporting student success.

Over lunch, podcaster **Matt Lehrman** will challenge us to rethink disagreement. In a time when difficult conversations seem unavoidable, Matt offers a refreshing approach to building trust, strengthening relationships, and creating spaces where people can disagree without becoming divided.

Author **David Horsager** will close BoardCon with an engaging session on trust—one of the most important ingredients for effective leadership. Through stories, research, and practical strategies,

David will share how leaders can build trust, improve communication, and create stronger teams and communities.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

With dozens of breakout sessions to choose from, where do you even start? From new board members to board presidents, there is something for everyone! Check on SCHED to see a full selection of offerings and start building your itentirary!

INFORMATIVE PRECON WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2026

We have carefully crafted a lineup of **PreCon Workshops** that allow you to customize your day of learning. PreCon Workshops include:

- Strategic School Safety Leadership for Boards with Ken Trump
- School Finance 101, 102 & 103
- Basics for Board Secretaries
- Board Secretary Workshop
- Pressure Release—Communication Strategies for Boards & District Leaders
- Ready, Set, Govern! New Board Member Onboarding Workshop

Learn more and register.

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

Registration Open Now for the December ISFLC Conference

Wednesday, Dec. 16—Thursday, Dec. 17, 2026

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 December Conference on Dec. 16-17 is the first of two conferences offered in the winter as part of the Iowa Superintendents Finance and Leadership Consortium (ISFLC) program. Browse this year's track offerings and stay tuned for general session topics and speakers!

Unable to attend in December? Save the date for the February ISFLC Conference on Wednesday, Feb. 17—Thursday, Feb. 18, 2027. Online registration will open in December 2026! Both the December and February conferences will be held at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny.

Mark Your Calendar—Day on the Hill 2027 Scheduled for Monday, Jan. 25

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Iowa's Area Education Agencies (AEAs), Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB), and School Administrators of Iowa (SAI) invite you to the 2027 **Day on the Hill**! This advocacy event will begin at

the State Historical Building in the morning for an optional brief session on talking points and logistical information for advocating at the Capitol. Following the training, attendees will head to the Capitol to meet and network with legislators in the rotunda and to support the displays showing innovative programs and initiatives happening in Iowa public schools. **Note:** There are two pre-training sessions prior to Day on the Hill. Be sure to register so you're in-the-know before **Day on the Hill**!

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

Iowa's Everyday Heroes—A Storytelling Campaign for Districts

PUBLIC EDUCATION IS POWERED BY EVERYDAY HEROES. Iowa's Everyday Heroes is a statewide storytelling initiative designed to **help Iowa school districts celebrate the people who make their schools and communities stronger every day**. Participating is simple. Choose an Everyday Hero, share their story in whatever way works best for your district, and tag it with #IAEdHeroes. Together, we'll **build public appreciation for public education** by sharing authentic stories that highlight the people behind student success. **Click here** to check out our campaign page, where you can access ready-to-use resources that will help you showcase the extraordinary people who make Iowa's public schools and communities stronger.

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

Stop the Prop—A Statewide School Safety Campaign

A SIMPLE MESSAGE. BIG IMPACT. Join over 100 school districts by participating in IASB's **Stop the Prop,** a school safety awareness campaign to encourage one clear action**: Always keep school doors shut and secure**. The **Stop the Prop** campaign reinforces the importance of everyday actions that support secure school environments—without requiring major investments or changes to infrastructure. Interested in bringing Stop the Prop to your district? **Click here** to fill out the form and receive stickers and a toolkit.

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

Iowa Association of School Personnel Administrators (IASPA) Fall Workshop—Nov. 6

As a committee of the IASB, IASPA provides professional learning, networking and practical resources to strengthen effective human resources and personnel practices in Iowa public schools and area education agencies (AEAs). Save the date for the IASPA Fall Workshop on Nov. 6**. Learn more.**

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

Timely Tools & Resources

ACTION REQUIRED: UPDATE FISCAL MANAGEMENT POLICY AND REGULATION

Districts may already have fiscal management policy and associated regulation as part of their district policy manual. Due to recent legislative changes, these policies are now considered mandatory and must include additional specific language.

Important: Both the policy and regulation must be in place before your district can request MSA (modified supplemental amount) from the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) before December 1, 2026

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

IASB POLICY UPDATE VOL. 35 #1

IASB released its Fall Policy Update on Oct. 27, featuring important updates to mandatory policies related to fiscal management and religious expression, along with other changes affecting the student and educational program series.

The update also includes revised sample policy language addressing 8th-grade participation in high school and junior high interscholastic contests and competitions. The full Policy Update can be accessed through your online IASB Policy Reference Manual account.

Upcoming Events

2026

On Demand	Open Meetings & Public Records Training—AEA Learning Online
Nov. 18	Delegate Assembly & Annual Meeting
Nov. 18-20	IASB BoardCon 2026
Dec. 16	Pre-Session Webinar—What's Ahead for the Legislative Session (Preschool Focus)
Dec. 16-17	ISFLC December Conference

2027

Jan. 25	Day on the Hill with Iowa's AEAs, IASB & SAI
Feb. 17-18	ISFLC February Conference
June 8	Summit on Student Success

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