

## **Media Advisory**

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## **DIGITAL INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES**

### *School Board Members Available to Speak on Flexibility in School Start Date*

**WHAT:** It is critical that school districts provide strengthened instructional opportunities to get students up-to-speed when they return in the fall. The one-time waiver of the traditional school start date of August 23 adds flexibility for districts to adapt to local needs as they develop school calendars and plan for the upcoming school year.

**WHO:** Three school board members are available to speak with media regarding this much-needed flexibility and share why allowing schools to begin earlier than August 23 is so important for students, teachers and families.

- Liz Brennan, Board Member, West Des Moines and President-elect, IASB Board
- Ron Fadness, Board Member, Decorah Schools
- Perla Alarcon-Flory, Board Member, Sioux City Schools

**WHEN:** Please contact Tammy Votava at [tvotava@ia-sb.org](mailto:tvotava@ia-sb.org) for interview opportunities with Liz Brennan, Perla Alarcon-Flory or Ron Fadness. Digital interviews will be set up as schedules allow.

**LEARN MORE:** Listen to a [podcast from May 15](#) to hear additional insights as these three school board members discuss the school start date waiver.

*IASB is a nonprofit organization representing Iowa's 327 public school districts, nine area education agencies and 15 community colleges.*