



News Release

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A Guiding Light for Student Success

Des Moines, Iowa – The Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) invites communities to celebrate and thank their local school board members during **School Board Recognition Month, May 1–31, 2025**. This year's theme, **A Guiding Light for Student Success**, honors the unwavering dedication of school board members who illuminate the path to learning and opportunity for every Iowa student.



“School board members serve as beacons of leadership, ensuring their districts stay on course toward student success,” said IASB Board President Jesse Howard. “Their work—overseeing budgets, developing policies, and fostering a strong educational culture—creates a brighter future for our students. I encourage all Iowans to take a moment this May to thank their local board members for their service.”

More than **2,000 Iowa board members** (1,845 K-12, 79 AEA, and 124 community college board members) volunteer their time each month to guide their districts. While they receive no compensation, their reward comes from seeing Iowa students thrive.

PK-12 school board members oversee **\$7.08 billion** in general fund dollars statewide for Iowa public schools, supporting **483,699 students**. AEA board members manage **\$433.9 million** to provide special education, media, and educational services to schools across the state.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Iowa's more than 2,000 school board members for their steadfast leadership and service. Throughout School Board Recognition Month and every day, we honor their commitment to shaping strong public schools and brighter futures for all Iowa students. Join us in recognizing these dedicated leaders for being **a guiding light for student success**.