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Iowa School Board Members and Superintendents Recognized for Commitment to Professional Learning

Congratulations to the 2025-26 Annual Board Award Recipients

DES MOINES, Iowa – School board members and superintendents across Iowa are being recognized for their commitment to continuous learning and effective school leadership through the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) 2025-26 Annual Board Awards program.

This year's awards recognize 337 individual school board, area education agency (AEA) and community college board members, 45 board teams and 46 superintendents for investing in professional learning to strengthen their knowledge, skills and leadership.

"Strong school leadership requires a commitment to learning and growth," said IASB Board President Jesse Howard. "These award recipients recognize the importance of staying informed, building their leadership skills and working together to make thoughtful decisions that positively impact students and their communities."

Recognizing Individual Achievement

A total of 337 school board, AEA and community college board members earned Individual Achievement Awards by completing at least 15 hours of professional learning through IASB-led learning opportunities during the year. These opportunities help board members strengthen their understanding of effective governance and the responsibilities of serving their communities.

Celebrating Strong Board Teams

Forty-five (45) school board teams earned the Team Achievement Award. This recognition is presented to boards in which a majority of members have earned Individual Achievement Awards, demonstrating a shared commitment to professional growth and effective governance.

Twelve (12) Iowa school boards achieved an additional distinction this year: not only did they earn the Team Achievement Award, but every member of their board also earned an Individual Achievement Award. This accomplishment reflects a shared commitment to professional growth and a dedication to strengthening board leadership. The 12 districts are Ames, Cedar Rapids, Council Bluffs, Independence, Iowa Falls, Marion, New Hampton, Newton, North Polk, Solon, Waverly-Shell Rock and West Delaware.

Honoring Superintendent Leadership

Forty-six (46) superintendents earned the Award of Honor by completing at least 15 hours of professional learning in one year while serving a district where at least two board members also earned Individual Achievement Awards. The recognition highlights the importance of continued learning and collaboration between school boards and superintendents.

Together, these awards celebrate the dedication of Iowa's education leaders to strengthening their leadership and supporting positive outcomes for students.

A complete list of 2025-26 Annual Board Award recipients is available below.

About the Iowa Association of School Boards

The Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) is a membership organization dedicated to educating, supporting and inspiring public school boards to strengthen their leadership and advance public education. Through professional learning, advocacy, resources and connections, IASB helps school board members and education leaders make a positive difference for students and their communities. Learn more at ia-sb.org.

2025-26 Individual Achievement Award Recipients

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Jeni Fisher	Albia Community Schools
Cindy Cronin	Albia Community Schools
Jenni Beckwith	Albia Community Schools
Mary Bauercamper	Alburnett Community Schools
Tom Nugent	Algona Community Schools
Kelly Winfrey	Ames Community Schools
Sabrina Shields-Cook	Ames Community Schools
Aaron Rodriguez	Ames Community Schools
Allen Bierbaum	Ames Community Schools
Angie DeWaard	Ames Community Schools
Art Baumgartner	Ames Community Schools
Jennifer Tipton	Ames Community Schools
Brittney McCormick	Andrew Community Schools
Kaitlin Till	Andrew Community Schools
Kelsey Veach	Andrew Community Schools
Shelly Northway	Ankeny Community Schools
Stephanie Gott	Ankeny Community Schools
Jeff Schumacher	Ankeny Community Schools
Gini Jordan	Atlantic Community Schools
Chet Meneely	Atlantic Community Schools
Jean Saveraid	Ballard Community Schools
Amanda Philgreen	Ballard Community Schools
Ryan Meyer	Belmond-Klemme Community Schools
Jean Semsch	Bennett Community Schools
Theresa Thompson	Benton Community Schools
Patrick Meyer	Bondurant-Farrar Community Schools
Jill Padgett	Bondurant-Farrar Community Schools
Neil Nerem	Boone Community Schools
Pat Thieben	Boone Community Schools
Pam Nystrom	Boone Community Schools
Anika McVay	Burlington Community Schools
Amanda Prachar	Calamus-Wheatland Community Schools

Abby Miller	Carlisle Community Schools
Stacy McCaulley	Carroll Community Schools
Jill Johnston	Carroll Community Schools
Susie Hines	Cedar Falls Community Schools
Grace Rogers	Cedar Falls Community Schools
Lowell Stutzman	Cedar Falls Community Schools
Nate Gruber	Cedar Falls Community Schools
Kim Cross	Cedar Falls Community Schools
Cindy Garlock	Cedar Rapids Community Schools
Jennifer Neumann	Cedar Rapids Community Schools
Ashley Burns	Cedar Rapids Community Schools
Scott Drzycimski	Cedar Rapids Community Schools
David Tominsky	Cedar Rapids Community Schools
Kaitlin Byers	Cedar Rapids Community Schools
Laura Zimmerman	Cedar Rapids Community Schools
Alan Marshall	Center Point-Urbana Community Schools
Mark Tjaden	Center Point-Urbana Community Schools
Mike Moore	Centerville Community Schools
Josh Embretson	Central Community Schools
Abby Heitman	Central Community Schools
Amber Swartz	Central Decatur Community Schools
Roger Hill	Central DeWitt Community Schools
Michelle Martens	Central DeWitt Community Schools
Dan Smicker	Central DeWitt Community Schools
Jodi Prosise	Central DeWitt Community Schools
Jed Ganzer	Central DeWitt Community Schools
Jean Schilling	Central Springs Community Schools
Ben Johnston	Chariton Community Schools
Brad Lampe	Clarke Community Schools
Jon Sullivan	Clarke Community Schools
Robin Galvez	Clarke Community Schools
Rosaura Edith Flores	Clarke Community Schools
Abdouramane Bila	Clear Creek Amana Community Schools
Braden Smith	Clear Creek Amana Community Schools
Nick Pfeiffer	Clear Creek Amana Community Schools
Gabe Schaapveld	Clear Creek Amana Community Schools
Allison Momany	Clear Creek Amana Community Schools
Talitha Allen	Clear Lake Community Schools
Abby Bauman	Clear Lake Community Schools

Mike House	Clinton Community Schools
Caitlin Otto	Colfax-Mingo Community Schools
Patrick Utz	Colfax-Mingo Community Schools
Shannon Boehm	Colfax-Mingo Community Schools
Ashley Vanderschoor	Colfax-Mingo Community Schools
Randy Bauer	College Community Schools
John Fuller	Colo-NESCO Community Schools
Justin Walker	Colo-NESCO Community Schools
Trent Roberts	Corning Community Schools
Ryan Shuey	Corning Community Schools
Lauren Myers	Council Bluffs Community Schools
Tracy Ozzello	Council Bluffs Community Schools
David Coziahr	Council Bluffs Community Schools
Teresa Hardiman	Council Bluffs Community Schools
Jared Tripp	Council Bluffs Community Schools
Angela Griner	Council Bluffs Community Schools
Patrick Peters	Council Bluffs Community Schools
Karen Kline-Jerome	Davenport Community Schools
Linda Hayes	Davenport Community Schools
Bruce Potts	Davenport Community Schools
Kent Paustian	Davenport Community Schools
Lori Janke	Davenport Community Schools
Brett Barnhart	Davis County Community Schools
Doug Dixon	Davis County Community Schools
Joni Helton	Davis County Community Schools
Cindy Goodner	Decorah Community Schools
Ryan Howell	Des Moines Independent School District
Anna Campos	Des Moines Independent School District
Skylar Mayberry-Mayes	Des Moines Independent School District
Sara Hopkins	Des Moines Independent School District
Jess Tiemeyer	Earlham Community Schools
Erin Christensen	Earlham Community Schools
Charlie Lenze	Earlham Community Schools
Gregory Opseth	Earlham Community Schools
Tonishia Dockstader	East Buchanan Community Schools
Joseph Kilburg	Easton Valley Community Schools
Susan Schaefer	English Valleys Community Schools
Katie Taukei	English Valleys Community Schools
Marie Nelson	Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton Community Schools

Troy Thompson	Forest City Community Schools
Emily Dencklau	Fort Dodge Community Schools
Diane Pratt	Fort Dodge Community Schools
Rachella Dravis	Fort Madison Community Schools
Kelly Nelton	Fort Madison Community Schools
Chad Savage	Fort Madison Community Schools
Heather Huebner	Fort Madison Community Schools
Mio Santiago	Fort Madison Community Schools
Dan Goll	Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Community Schools
Jay Larkin	Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Community Schools
Kim Upmeyer	Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Community Schools
Laura Schleusner	Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Community Schools
Katie Schleusner	Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Community Schools
Richard Keith	Gladbrook-Reinbeck Community Schools
Jennifer Wrage	Gladbrook-Reinbeck Community Schools
Adam Bentley	Gladbrook-Reinbeck Community Schools
Kellie Stewart	Glenwood Community Schools
Steve Jacobs	Glenwood Community Schools
Paul Seeling	Glenwood Community Schools
Megan Holz	Greene County Community Schools
Timothy Riphagen	Greene County Community Schools
Chris Starrett	Grinnell-Newburg Community Schools
Chris Grundler	Grinnell-Newburg Community Schools
Tuesday Leseberg	Hamburg Community Schools
Al Hazelton	Harlan Community Schools
Becky Stoltz	Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn Community Schools
Elizabeth Brennan	Heartland AEA
Mary Poulter	Heartland AEA
Tiara Mays-Sims	Heartland AEA
Dan Ruth	Highland Community Schools
Cody Thompson	Highland Community Schools
Nate Robinson	Highland Community Schools
Karen Fink	Highland Community Schools
Emily Lane	Humboldt Community Schools
Kim Hansen	Independence Community Schools
Charlie McCardle	Independence Community Schools
Erika Schmitt	Independence Community Schools
Jeremy Adams	Independence Community Schools
Jake Bass	Independence Community Schools

Bradi Darrah	Indianola Community Schools
Sue Wilson	Indianola Community Schools
Eric Christensen	Indianola Community Schools
Jeanette Campbell	Indianola Community Schools
Nathan Gibson	Interstate 35 Community Schools
Jim Green	Iowa Association of School Boards
Ruthina Malone	Iowa City Community Schools
Jennifer Horn-Frasier	Iowa City Community Schools
Molly Abraham	Iowa City Community Schools
Kaitlyn Hoversten	Iowa Falls Community Schools
Joel Weeks	Iowa Falls Community Schools
Ryan Robison	Iowa Falls Community Schools
Dawn Parker	Iowa Falls Community Schools
Chris Stauffer	Iowa Falls Community Schools
Jennifer Chamberland	Johnston Community Schools
Justin Smith	Johnston Community Schools
Soneeta Mangra-Dutcher	Johnston Community Schools
Jason Arnold	Johnston Community Schools
Lya Williams	Johnston Community Schools
Rexford Davidson	Johnston Community Schools
Kari Osheim	Lake Mills Community Schools
Dennis Reinke	Lawton-Bronson Community Schools
Chad White	Lawton-Bronson Community Schools
Bryan Mesz	Lawton-Bronson Community Schools
Lorraine DeJong	Le Mars Community Schools
Jill Feuerhelm	Le Mars Community Schools
Makenzie Lang	Le Mars Community Schools
Zach Davis	Le Mars Community Schools
Zach Lancaster	Le Mars Community Schools
Brittania Morey	Linn-Mar Community Schools
Justin Foss	Linn-Mar Community Schools
Laura Thomas	Linn-Mar Community Schools
Katie Lowe Lancaster	Linn-Mar Community Schools
Barry Buchholz	Linn-Mar Community Schools
Midhat Mansoor	Linn-Mar Community Schools
Evan Langston	Linn-Mar Community Schools
Julie Witte	Logan-Magnolia Community Schools
Leslie Vicary	Logan-Magnolia Community Schools
Matt McCleary	Louisa-Muscatine Community Schools

Dale Wimmer	Maple Valley-Anthon Oto Community Schools
Laurie Streck	Maple Valley-Anthon Oto Community Schools
Jana Hamann	Maple Valley-Anthon Oto Community Schools
Robert Paulsen	Maple Valley-Anthon Oto Community Schools
Kacee Nohr	Maquoketa Community Schools
Shari Funck	Marion Independent School District
Angelica Vannatta	Marion Independent School District
Bryan Fentress	Marion Independent School District
Jon Fitch	Marion Independent School District
Carl Lantermans	Marion Independent School District
Denise Allison	Marion Independent School District
Michelle Henry	Marion Independent School District
Sean Heitmann	Marshalltown Community Schools
Eric Goslinga	Marshalltown Community Schools
Elizabeth Wise	Marshalltown Community Schools
Leah Stanley	Marshalltown Community Schools
Zachary Wahl	Marshalltown Community Schools
Sara Faltys	Marshalltown Community Schools
Katherine Koehler	Mason City Community Schools
John Witte	Mediapolis Community Schools
Barb Phillips	Mediapolis Community Schools
Marti Post	MFL MarMac Community Schools
Stacie Cronkleton	Midland Community Schools
Jake Snider	Mid-Prairie Community Schools
Kirah Johnson	Mid-Prairie Community Schools
Tiffany Muszynski	Moulton-Udell Community Schools
Angela Blint	Mt Pleasant Community Schools
Aaron Williamson	Mt Pleasant Community Schools
Dennis Schuur	Muscatine Community Schools
John Dabeet	Muscatine Community Schools
Kim Schneider	Muscatine Community Schools
Lindsey Phillips	Muscatine Community Schools
Karen Cooney	Muscatine Community Schools
Kerry Dalbey	Muscatine Community Schools
Nathaniel Schwickerath	New Hampton Community Schools
Jay Matthews	New Hampton Community Schools
Kayla Smith	New Hampton Community Schools
Adam Schwickerath	New Hampton Community Schools
Ryan Shawver	New Hampton Community Schools

Hilary Foster	Newton Community Schools
Raymond Whipple	Newton Community Schools
Donna Cook	Newton Community Schools
Josh Cantu	Newton Community Schools
Kristina Meyer	Newton Community Schools
Robyn Friedman	Newton Community Schools
Travis Padget	Newton Community Schools
Kristen Jensen	Nodaway Valley Community Schools
Molly Herrick	Nodaway Valley Community Schools
Richard Klosterman	North Fayette Valley Community Schools
Matthew Aicher	North Polk Community Schools
Keith Bormann	North Polk Community Schools
Kyle Campbell	North Polk Community Schools
Ashley Delaney	North Polk Community Schools
Holly Hunter	North Polk Community Schools
Frank Wood	North Scott Community Schools
Morgan Dunn	North Scott Community Schools
Carrie Keppy	North Scott Community Schools
Stephanie Konradi	OABCIG Community Schools
Sheri Penney	Osage Community Schools
Laura Klaes	Osage Community Schools
Tyler Wilson	Oskaloosa Community Schools
Joan Corbin	Pella Community Schools
Linda Andorf	Perry Community Schools
Max Christensen	Perry Community Schools
Adrienne Wheeler	Pleasant Valley Community Schools
Jesse Mason	Pleasantville Community Schools
Sara Boysen	Pocahontas Area Community Schools
Tony Halligan	Pocahontas Area Community Schools
Sherre Johnson	Pocahontas Area Community Schools
Deena Hudson	Pocahontas Area Community Schools
Jeff Kerns	Pocahontas Area Community Schools
Tosha Whipple	Roland-Story Community Schools
Ashlee Mullenbach	Roland-Story Community Schools
Callie Hillman	Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock Community Schools
Gary Christensen	Saydel Community Schools
Tyler Youngers	Sheldon Community Schools
Thomas Taylor	Sibley-Ocheyedan Community Schools
Arthur Eddy	Sibley-Ocheyedan Community Schools

Jerod Work	Sioux Center Community Schools
Yeabsira Doornink	Sioux Center Community Schools
Scott Varilek	Sioux Center Community Schools
Tim Gesink	Sioux Center Community Schools
Cyndi Hanson	Sioux City Community Schools
Dan Coons	Solon Community Schools
Cassie Rochholz	Solon Community Schools
Timothy Brown	Solon Community Schools
Adam Haluska	Solon Community Schools
Megan Laing	Solon Community Schools
Sue McCauley	South O'Brien Community Schools
Rick Hopper	South Tama County Community Schools
Brigid Ernst	Southeast Polk Community Schools
Chad Crabb	Southeast Polk Community Schools
Brett Handy	Southeast Polk Community Schools
Grant Gillon	Southeast Polk Community Schools
Lori Slings	Southeast Polk Community Schools
Jesse Howard	Southeastern Community College
Greta Gruys	Spirit Lake Community Schools
Kate O'Brien-May	Springville Community Schools
Patrick Hoyt	Springville Community Schools
Ashlyn Laabs	Sumner-Fredericksburg Community Schools
Keith Christensen	Treynor Community Schools
Jolene Steinlage	Turkey Valley Community Schools
Donald Manderfield	Turkey Valley Community Schools
Jon Davis	United Community Schools
Kathy Toms	United Community Schools
Hannah Horton	Urbandale Community Schools
Rachel Kent	Urbandale Community Schools
Margaret Young	Urbandale Community Schools
Rodrigo Santizo	Urbandale Community Schools
Leland Shipley	Villisca Community Schools
Le Cox	Vinton-Shellsburg Community Schools
Jennifer Birker	Vinton-Shellsburg Community Schools
Jake Fish	Vinton-Shellsburg Community Schools
Rachel Wayson	Vinton-Shellsburg Community Schools
Jenna Meeker	Wapello Community Schools
Krystal Madlock	Waterloo Community Schools
Jonathan Cox	Waterloo Community Schools

Astor Williams	Waterloo Community Schools
Stacie Mills	Waterloo Community Schools
Armel Traore dit Nignan	Waukee Community Schools
Becky Lachenmaier	Waukee Community Schools
Kate Boonstra	Waukee Community Schools
Jaime Secory	Waukee Community Schools
Charlene Wyatt-Sauer	Waverly-Shell Rock Community Schools
Dennis Epley	Waverly-Shell Rock Community Schools
Jordan Shanks	Waverly-Shell Rock Community Schools
Eric Eckerman	Waverly-Shell Rock Community Schools
Shawn Ellerbroek	Waverly-Shell Rock Community Schools
Amanda Hancock	West Burlington Independent Schools
Luke Imsland	West Delaware Co Community Schools
Jon Worden	West Delaware Co Community Schools
Steven Buesing	West Delaware Co Community Schools
Carl Johnson	West Delaware Co Community Schools
Marcia Glanz	West Delaware Co Community Schools
Elizabeth Larson	West Des Moines Community Schools
Anadelia Morgan	West Des Moines Community Schools
Danny Komarek II	West Monona Community Schools
Jessica Pape	Western Dubuque Community Schools
Kari Krogman	Western Dubuque Community Schools
Chad Ostwinkle	Western Dubuque Community Schools
Todd Greder	Westwood Community Schools
Grant Klopfenstein	Winfield-Mt. Union Community Schools
Aaron Cummings	Winfield-Mt. Union Community Schools
Robert Quinn	Winfield-Mt. Union Community Schools
Jason Remick	Winfield-Mt. Union Community Schools
Jeremy Frease	Winterset Community Schools
Gina Robinson	Winterset Community Schools
Jared McDonald	Winterset Community Schools
Amy Jurrens	Northwest AEA

2025-26 Award of Honor Recipients

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Casey Berlau	Carroll Community Schools
Tawana Lannin	Cedar Rapids Community Schools
Tesha Moser-Zimmerman	Center Point-Urbana Community Schools
Micah Gearhart	Central Community Schools
Aaron Davidson	Clear Creek Amana Community Schools
Tim Salmon	Colfax-Mingo Community Schools
Chace Ramey	Council Bluffs Community Schools
TJ Schneckloth	Davenport Community Schools
Megan Christiansen	Davis County Community Schools
Steven Kaster	Earlham Community Schools
Mike Wolter	Fort Madison Community Schools
Caleb Bonjour	Gladbrook-Reinbeck Community Schools
Nicole Kooiker	Glenwood Community Schools
Ken Kasper	Grinnell-Newburg Community Schools
Spencer Lueders	Highland Community Schools
Cynthia Phillips	Independence Community Schools
Tara Paul	Indianola Community Schools
Amy Kortemeyer	Iowa City Community Schools
Tony Neumann	Iowa Falls Community Schools
Nikki Roorda	Johnston Community Schools
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Joseph Stutting	North Scott Community Schools
Robert Boley	Pocahontas Area Community Schools
Josh Johnson	Roland-Story Community Schools
Stan De Zeeuw	Sibley-Ocheyedan Community Schools
Gary McEldowney	Sioux Center Community Schools
Davis Eidahl	Solon Community Schools
Tony Aylsworth	Southeast Polk Community Schools
Erik Smith	Turkey Valley Community Schools
David Hill	Waverly-Shell Rock Community Schools
Jen Vance	West Delaware Co Community Schools
Dan Butler	Western Dubuque Community Schools
Karinda Wahls	Winfield-Mt. Union Community Schools
Justin Gross	Winterset Community Schools

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North Polk Community Schools *
Pocahontas Area Community Schools
Sibley-Ocheyedan Community Schools
Sioux Center Community Schools

Solon Community Schools *
Southeast Polk Community Schools
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Vinton-Shellsburg Community Schools
Waterloo Community Schools
Waukee Community Schools
Waverly-Shell Rock Community Schools *
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