



A monthly update from SAI for distribution at AEA Superintendents' meetings via the SAI Rep. Council superintendent officer.

- **Link to critical Department of Education due dates** - Check this link any time for each month's important deadlines: <http://bit.ly/dedeaddlines>.
  - **Board member advocacy** - With school board elections completed, now is a good time to educate new board members regarding their role in advocating for students at the state level. Consider inviting local legislators to a board meeting, discuss educational issues with them, and advocate for your students and schools. Spend some time with board members to highlight the upcoming legislative session, issues to focus on and the need for them to be vocal advocates. There is an old saying about squeaky wheels... we need to be heard at the state level and we hear frequently from legislators that they hear regularly from superintendents, but rarely from school board members.
  - **Communication Matters for Leading Superintendents** - The National School Public Relations Association publishes a free monthly electronic newsletter that offers superintendents communication ideas and approaches that work to help you garner respect, gather support and gain approval for the great work your schools do. Sign up at [nspra.org/cmsignup](http://nspra.org/cmsignup).
  - **Executive Leaders** – Executive Leaders will meet Nov. 2-3 and Jan. 11-12, with a Thursday evening, Friday morning format. Meetings will be held at the FFA Enrichment Center on the DMACC Campus in Ankeny. The topic of personalized, innovative and transformational learning will guide the group's work in the fall. There will be roundtable discussions Thursday evening for the group to learn from and inform each other. Friday morning's session will focus primarily on home rule legislation and serve as a primer for the upcoming legislative session. Register - <http://bit.ly/SAIevents>
  - **District Meetings** – SAI Fall District Meetings will be held in October and November in nine locations throughout Iowa. Join your colleagues this fall to
    - receive information from SAI officers and staff;
    - provide feedback that will assist SAI in serving and representing you; and
    - network and learn.Sign up for the date and location that works for you at <http://bit.ly/SAIevents>
  - **October is ...**
    - National Bullying Prevention Month** - Visit [sai-iowa.org/bullying.cfm](http://sai-iowa.org/bullying.cfm) for resources.
    - Connected Educator Month** - Find more information at [connectededucators.org](http://connectededucators.org).
    - National Principals Month** - Ideas for Principals Month activities are available at [principalsmonth.org](http://principalsmonth.org).
  - **Professional Learning Opportunities** - register online and find more information at <http://bit.ly/SAIevents>
- October**
- 10 - Rethinking Teacher Evaluation: A Model to Support Teacher Growth
  - 19 - Fall Legal Lab
  - 25 - Grant Wood District Meeting
  - 26 - Great Prairie District Meeting
  - 26 - Northwest District Meeting
- November**
- 1 - Prairie Lakes District Meeting
  - 1 - Central Rivers District Meeting
  - 1 - Mississippi Bend District Meeting
  - 2-3 - Executive Leaders
  - 7 - Keystone District Meeting
  - 8 - Heartland District Meeting
  - 9 - Green Hills District Meeting
  - 14 - Effective Facilitation for Productive Professional Learning and Meetings