

IASB Update for AEA Superintendent Meetings, December 2017

Tool of the Month—The [IASB Grassroots Advocacy Network](#) acts as a direct link to legislators and can strengthen your advocacy efforts. The 2018 legislative session is less than two months away—now is the time to contact your legislators and share your district’s priorities. You can use the Grassroots Advocacy Network to learn about your elected officials and how to contact them, participate in campaigns on important education issues, record key political relationships, and track interactions and discussions you’ve had with legislators. [Learn how to join and tips on navigating the grassroots network](#). Questions? Contact Phil Jeneary: pjeneary@ia-sb.org, (515) 247-7027.

2018 Legislative Priorities—More than 200 delegates from IASB member school districts, AEAs and community colleges gathered Nov. 15 to set the 2018 IASB Legislative Platform. The voting delegates affirmed six priorities: Preservation of the statewide penny, continued progress in rigorous content standards and benchmarks, changes to school funding policy to ensure equity, setting supplemental state aid rates in a timely and adequate way, increased statewide access to and funding for mental health services, and supporting predictable and timely state funding to serve students receiving special education services. IASB is offering a new [Action Advocacy Webinar Series](#) beginning Dec. 12 and continuing until the end of session and [Day on the Hill](#) Jan. 30 to support boards in moving these priorities through the legislature.

Extending the State Penny—your help needed: Delegates reaffirmed the importance of removing or extending the expiration date when they set legislative priorities. Since the 2017 session adjourned, IASB has been actively engaged to build support for the extension. These efforts are working—the door is open to make this a policy priority of the House and Senate in 2018. We need your help—call, email or personally visit with your legislators prior to **December 13** and ask them to stand up in support of this issue during caucus discussions. Provide specific examples of why you need this funding source extended. The IASB advocacy team can help. Contact Phil Jeneary: pjeneary@ia-sb.org, (515) 247-7027 and report the details of your conversation.

Winter On the Agenda Board Calendar—A board calendar is a simple tool that governance teams can use as a starting place to ensure efficient, effective board meetings and strengthen the decision making of the board. [The winter issue is available to download now](#). Expect a new issue of *On the Agenda* in March with topics for the spring. If you have a suggested agenda item, please contact Tammy Votava: tvotava@ia-sb.org, (515) 247-7040.

Upcoming IASB Learning Opportunities

December 12: [Superintendent Evaluation: Challenges and Steps to Make It Ongoing and Meaningful \(Webinar\)](#)

December 12: [Making Your Voice Heard: Action Advocacy Webinar Series](#)

December 13–14: [Iowa School Finance & Leadership Consortium \(ISFLC\)](#)

January 30: [Day on the Hill](#)

February 6–February 26: [Certified Budget Workshops](#)

February 21–22: [Iowa School Finance & Leadership Consortium \(ISFLC\)](#)

For a complete listing, visit www.ia-sb.org/schoolboardu.

