

IASB Update for AEA Superintendent Meetings, January 2018

Tools of the Month 1) IASB's [Teacher Compensation and Benefits Toolkit](#), formerly known as the Collective Bargaining Toolkit, has robust data comparability features and includes teacher salary and benefits data from 331 school districts. Questions? Contact Eric Howard: ehoward@ia-sb.org, (515) 247-7050. **2)** The [Supplemental State Aid Toolkit](#) contains SSA, New Money and State Categorical Supplement calculators, AEA comparison tools, and a tool that can help you determine the impact of SSA on new money for all districts. Questions? Contact Shawn Snyder: ssnyder@ia-sb.org, (515) 247-7054 or Patti Schroeder: pschroeder@ia-sb.org, (515) 247-7031.

IASB Collaborates with Parents for Great Iowa Schools—It's important that school board members and superintendents advocate on behalf of public education, but you can't do it alone. When communities, parents and grandparents get engaged and advocate, the voice of public education grows even stronger. We've invited members of Parents for Great Iowa Schools, a nonpartisan advocacy group, to join us at Day on the Hill on January 30. They will receive the same training as IASB members and head to the Capitol to lobby legislators. Don't miss this opportunity to learn with this impactful group and take-home tips on how to engage with in your community. Register at www.ia-sb.org/dayonthehill. Do you have parents who may benefit from this training? Invite them to come along too! Contact Phil Jeneary: pjeneary@ia-sb.org, (515) 247-7027 for more information.

Help us Continue the Momentum to Extend SAVE—Removing or extending the expiration date of the state penny sales tax for school infrastructure is a priority and we need your help. 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. Contact your legislators and ask them to stand up in support of this issue. Provide specific examples of why you need this funding source extended. Contact Phil Jeneary: pjeneary@ia-sb.org, (515) 247-7027 and share the details of your conversation.

IASB Resources for Whole Board Learning—January is the time for New Year's resolutions and goals for self-improvement. Your board can start the year off right by resolving to learn together. We can help with that resolution! IASB offers a variety of workshops aimed at building awareness of the board's role. These can bring your governance team together and on the path toward becoming a more productive board. Check out [popular topics on our website](#). Contact Emily Rhodes: erhodes@ia-sb.org, (515) 247-7046 for more information.

IASB Calendar of Events

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

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

February 8–End of Session: [Action Advocacy Webinar Series](#)

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

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

