



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 for each month's important deadlines: <http://bit.ly/dedeadlines>.
- **Dial up your contacts** - February and March are the months when the bulk of legislative action takes place. It's important that administrators stay engaged with the process, reach out to their representatives when needed, and attend the local forums that legislators host back in their districts so that education's voice is heard. Don't forget a visit to the Capitol as well, and bring along a board member and several community leaders/parents as well.
- **Unlocking Potential: How Political Skill Can Maximize Superintendent Effectiveness** - A recent AASA blog post focuses on how superintendents gain the power to be effective by:
 - Bargaining and building coalitions.
 - Developing and capitalizing on a professional reputation, based on having clear goals, being resilient and a trustworthy ally, and following through.
 - Always being aware of how particular actions affect their ability to bargain effectively in the future.Access the full report, complete with examples at <https://goo.gl/oNDgTC>.
- **Annual Conference dates** - Note these future SAI dates when planning your calendar: **2018** - Pre-Conference - Tues., Aug. 7; Conference - Wed., Aug. 8 & Thurs., Aug. 9. **2019** - Pre-Conference - Tues., July 30; Conference - Wed., July 31 & Thurs., Aug. 1.
- **National Conference on Education** - If you're attending AASA's National Conference, you're invited to the Iowa/Nebraska Reception, Friday, February 16 from 5-7 p.m. at City Tap Nashville, 204 3rd Avenue South. Spouses and guests are welcome. RSVP with the name(s) of who will attend to tharms@sai-iowa.org by Friday, February 9.
- **Administrator of the Year** - Nominate your colleagues for a 2019 Administrator of the Year award. Award categories are Arts Administrator, Assistant Elementary Principal, Assistant Secondary Principal, Central Office Administrator, Elementary Principal, Middle Level Principal, Secondary Principal and Superintendent. Criteria and a nomination form will be emailed to all SAI members in mid-February.
- **Celebrate the profession!** - This year, retirees, members observing 25/30/35/40 years in administration and 2018 SAI district Administrator of the Year nominees will be recognized at the SAI Spring District meetings. Individuals eligible to be recognized will be asked to sign up with the district meeting registration.
- **Professional learning opportunities** - register online and find more information at <http://bit.ly/SAIevents>
 - February**
 - 13 - School Law Conference
 - 27 - Building a Contagious Culture [Intentional Energetic Presence (IEP) Fundamentals]
 - March**
 - 21 - Prairie Lakes District Meeting