



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** - <http://bit.ly/dedeadlines>
- **Advocacy is a grassroots effort** - Storytelling can be key when speaking with legislators about educational issues. Just like in your schools, it's always about relationships. Try to relate to their world view in your messaging. There's an old saying, "No one ever marched on Washington because of a pie chart." Tell a story about students, about teachers, etc. and don't forget to ask how you can help them!
- **Education data** - As members of Congress return home victorious from passing a spending bill, AASA is looking for data to use for advocacy on a range of topics. They assembled a quick survey to feed their advocacy efforts. The topics are teacher/educator shortages, school safety and discipline, and school infrastructure. It's 13 questions and should take five minutes to complete. AASA's voices on Capitol Hill are made stronger when there's data from you to back them up. Take the survey at <https://survey.k12insight.com/r/lhUxy8> before Friday, April 6.
- **Principal Coaching with the Administrator Support Program 1.0 and 2.0** - Principals are encouraged to take their leadership to the next level with a comprehensive, year-long professional development program. The 1.0 version will focus on building the capacity to develop and facilitate distributed leadership in their school that aligns to the values and TLC purpose within the district. Principals who previously participated in the Administrator Support Program and are looking to continue to grow their leadership may sign up for the newly added 2.0 program. Both options feature 1:1 principal coaching and three half-day workshops with their leadership team. Principals in 1.0 will also attend a June 26-27 Summer Institute. A complete program description is available at <https://goo.gl/KZqX2y>. The program is sponsored by the DE, AEAs and SAI.
- **Member recognition** - 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 online district meeting registration, <http://bit.ly/SAIevents>.
- **Administrator of the Year nominations** - Take a moment to nominate a deserving individual for a 2019 Administrator of the Year award by May 11. 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 were emailed Feb. 15 to all SAI members.
- **New Administrator Institutes in July** - If you have hired or will be hiring principals/assistant principals who are new to the position, we encourage their attendance at SAI's New Administrator Institutes. These institutes provide new administrators the opportunity not only for learning focused on getting a solid start but also for developing their professional network. All events are held at the SAI office in Clive. New elementary principals will meet July 24, new middle level and secondary principals July 26, and new assistant/associate principals and deans July 30. An Institute will also be offered July 17 for superintendents who will be serving for the first time in this role as well as for those who are new to the state.
- **Mentors for New Administrators** - Watch your mail for the SAI Mentoring and Induction program agreement form that will be sent to all districts later this spring. If you plan to use SAI's program for your new administrators, return the appropriate forms as soon as they're received so that the matching process can begin as early as possible.
- **Position Changes** - The SAI office tracks administrator hiring throughout the state. If your district has hired someone new, please notify Debbie Wrenn, dwrenn@sai-iowa.org.

- **Professional learning opportunities** - register online and find more information at <http://bit.ly/SAIevents>

April

- 4 - Heartland District Meeting
- 10 - Spring Legal Lab
- 12 - Grant Wood District Meeting
- 18 - Finance 101 for Principals
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- 25 - Great Prairie District Meeting
- 25 - Green Hills District Meeting

May

- 2 - Central Rivers District Meeting