

**Link to critical Department of Education due dates** - Check this link for each month's important deadlines: [bit.ly/dedeadlines](http://bit.ly/dedeadlines).

**Schedule school visits** - With school underway, it's a good time to reach out to legislative candidates in your district to advocate on behalf of public schools. Invite them into your buildings, point out the wonderful things happening, and ask them their position on school funding, SAVE and overall support for public education. Don't forget to let them know what you could do for students if you receive increased resources!

**Public's Attitude Toward Public Schools** - PDK International released its 50th annual poll August 27. Read what Americans want schools to focus on, how they feel about school security, vouchers, perception of school quality and more: [pdkpoll.org](http://pdkpoll.org).

**Executive Leaders** – Dates for the 2018-19 Executive Leaders events have been set. The group will meet Oct. 25-26 and Jan. 17-18, continuing the Thursday evening, Friday morning format. Meetings will be held at the FFA Enrichment Center on the DMACC Campus in Ankeny. An invitation to participate will be emailed soon to all superintendents.

**Fall District Meetings** – SAI district officers and staff are in the midst of planning the upcoming district meetings. Email invitations will be sent to all SAI members notifying you of meeting details, which will include a professional learning opportunity with a licensure renewal credit option. Once confirmed, they will also be listed at [sai-iowa.org/events.cfm](http://sai-iowa.org/events.cfm).

**Executive Committee and Representative Council** - SAI's governing boards will kick off the 2018-19 year September 12 at the SAI office. The association's Annual Meeting will also be held at this time.

**Mentors for New Administrators** - Mentor/mentee role-alike meetings will be held beginning this month. If you have an individual to enroll in the program, please do so immediately. If your district plans to use the SAI Mentoring and Induction Program for 2018-19 to meet the requirements of § chapter 284A.5, let us know right away as well. Required forms are available online at [sai-iowa.org/mentoring-and-induction.cfm](http://sai-iowa.org/mentoring-and-induction.cfm). Contact SAI at 515-267-1115 with questions.

**Professional Learning Opportunities** - register online and find more information at [sai-iowa.org/events.cfm](http://sai-iowa.org/events.cfm)

## September

- 18 - Statewide Mentoring Meeting for Superintendents
- 19 - Northwest District Meeting
- 20 - Statewide Mentoring Meeting for Assistant and Associate Principals and Deans
- 25 - Statewide Mentoring Meeting for Middle Level and Secondary Principals
- 26 - Grant Wood District Meeting
- 27 - Statewide Mentoring Meeting for Elementary Principals

## October

- 3 - Central Rivers District Meeting
- 9 - Fall Legal Lab
- 10 - Prairie Lakes District Meeting
- 18 - Effective Facilitation for Productive Professional Learning and Meetings
- 23 - Keystone District Meeting
- 24 - Great Prairie District Meeting
- 25 - Reaching and Teaching Students in Poverty: Strategies for Erasing the Opportunity Gap
- 25 & 26 - Executive Leaders