

Critical Department of Education due dates - Check this link for each month's important deadlines: bit.ly/dedeaddlines.

Executive Leaders convene - More than one third of Iowa's superintendents met October 25 and 26 in Ankeny to participate in SAI Executive Leaders group. Programming included an update from DE Director Wise, table conversations focusing on challenging superintendent-board relationships, a legislative update, actions that can be taken to address the teacher shortage and advice from veteran superintendents to new superintendents. Registration for the Jan. 17-18 Executive Leaders meeting is available at bit.ly/SAIevents.

Beyond "the vote" - Once the election is in the rearview mirror, the legislative session is just two months away. Reach out to your local legislators to educate and inform them about education issues. The SAI platform/priorities will be finalized in November and distributed for your use and reference. Please don't hesitate to contact SAI for support in lobbying legislators both prior to and during the 2019 session. It's also a good time to begin planning a visit or visits to the Capitol during the session. Bring along parents, board members and community leaders to strengthen efforts and remind legislators of the commitment and importance Iowans place on public schools!

Come see us at the IASB Convention - If you're at the IASB event Nov. 14 and 15, stop by to visit with SAI staffers in booth 227. Be sure to enter our drawing and pick up the resources we'll have on hand.

New Superintendents' Breakfast - IASB and SAI are co-sponsoring a breakfast for new superintendents and their board presidents at 7 a.m. Nov. 15 in Room 401 during the IASB convention. We look forward to checking in with first-year district leaders at this event!

Evaluator Approval offered in Ankeny this June - Human Capital Systems to Support 21st Century Learning will be held June 10 & 11 as now, more than ever, the world demands more of our students. A student's educational journey must not only provide for the acquisition of rigorous academic content, it must also be more intentional about fostering critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creativity and other 21st century skills.

Fostering these critical outcomes in students demands significantly different competencies from our educators. Defining, growing and valuing those new competencies has profound implications for each district's evaluation system and all components of the human capital management system. During these two days, facilitators Tony Bagshaw and Mike Nicholson of Battelle for Kids will help us explore the current landscape, potential competencies and how they might be evaluated, and how local educational leaders can align their human capital management systems to ensure these skills for each learner.

This course also includes an online learning module that requires 3-5 hours to complete.

Participants will earn 1 licensure renewal credit that includes Evaluator Approval certification.

Future SAI Annual Conference dates - Lock in July 30-Aug. 1, 2019, and Aug. 4-6, 2020, on your calendars.

Professional Learning Opportunities - register online and find more information at bit.ly/SAIevents

November

- 1 - Mississippi Bend District Meeting
- 6 - Fall Legal Lab (repeat session)
- 7 - SAI Heartland District Meeting
- 12 - Becoming a Threat to Educational Inequity: An Intersectional, Transformative Approach
- 29 - Green Hills District Meeting

December

- 6 - Building a Contagious Culture