

# IASB Update for AEA Superintendent Meetings, March 2019

### **Check Out Tools to Review Proposed Budgets**

It is the board's job to review, approve and certify the budget proposal for districts prior to its submission on April 15. We've created tools to provide critical knowledge and questions board members may want to consider and discuss at the board table.

Budget tools include: <u>budget decision points</u>, <u>board involvement in certified budget development</u>, FY 2020 property tax levy impact calculator and presentation for <u>public hearing on certified budget</u>.

For questions, contact Shawn Snyder at <a href="mailto:ssnyder@ia-sb.org">ssnyder@ia-sb.org</a>.

## Advocate for Public Education—Support the Extension of SAVE

The SAVE (Secure an Advanced Vision for Education) extension bill (HF425) was approved by the House Ways & Means committee, making it eligible for debate in front of the full House. We expect the House to pass the extension. The Senate Ways & Means committee should take up SAVE after funnel week. Because the bill is in Ways & Means, it is not subject to the legislative funnel. We expect passage in the Senate as well. Governor Reynolds has indicated she is supportive of an extension.

Check out IASB's <u>SAVE Toolkit</u> for advocacy resources and contact your legislators to urge them to quickly pass the SAVE extension. Now is the time to extend SAVE!

For questions, contact Phil Jeneary at pieneary@ia-sb.org.

# Peruse the Newest *Policy Primer*

Subscribers to IASB's policy services received a policy update regarding the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), parent/family engagement and more.

If your district is not yet a subscriber to the *Policy Primer*, please contact Marte Brightman at <a href="mbrightman@ia-sb.org">mbrightman@ia-sb.org</a> to learn more about this <a href="mailto:valuable service">valuable service</a>.

## Try Our Tool of the Month—Board Presidents' Corner

We've developed a <u>comprehensive toolkit for board presidents</u>, full of resources to assist in the board president's important leadership role. Within the toolkit are tips, tools and techniques to help build strong governance teams and conduct efficient meetings while focusing on student learning.

For questions, contact Lou Ann Gvist at <a href="mailto:lgvist@ia-sb.org">lgvist@ia-sb.org</a>.

#### Attend IASB's 2019 PLLI Conference

Registration is now open for IASB's <u>2019 Policy Leadership & Legal Issues Conference</u>, happening on April 18! Aptly titled "Effective Board Governance Helps Every Student Succeed," the conference provides the opportunity to learn from key practitioners on Iowa's open meetings law, financial oversight and ESSA-related topics, allowing for peer discussions and exciting breakout sessions.

For questions, contact Marte Brightman at <a href="mailto:mbrightman@ia-sb.org">mbrightman@ia-sb.org</a>.

#### Review the Spring 2019 *On the Agenda* Board Calendar

A board calendar is a simple tool that governance teams can use as a starting place to ensure efficient, effective board meetings and strengthen the decision making of the board. The spring 2019 issue is available for download now.

If you have a suggested agenda item, please contact Tammy Votava at tvotava@ia-sb.org.

### Learn the Latest in IASB's February BoardConnect

February's issue of <u>BoardConnect</u> features an article about <u>Storm Lake embracing</u> <u>diversity</u> (and thriving!); an interview with IASB experts Harry Heiligenthal and Eric Howard on <u>superintendent search tips</u>; several new IASB resources and #BoardTips; another FAQ answered from an IASB staff expert; and more.

If you didn't receive the BoardConnect email, contact Tammy Votava at tvotava@ia-sb.org.

# **Upcoming Events**

March 14: Action Advocacy Webinar: First Funnel

March 19: Webinar: The Board's Role in Hiring

March 26: Webinar: Turn from a Parli No to a Parli Pro: Tips and Best Practices for Board Presidents

March 28: Action Advocacy Webinar: Second Funnel

**April 9:** Webinar: Hot Topics Conversation Part 2: Financial Oversight—The Board President's Role

**April 18:** Policy Leadership & Legal Issues Conference, The Meadows Events & Conference Center, Altoona

April 23-May 8: Safety Group Risk Management Workshops, four locations across the state

For a complete listing, visit <u>www.ia-sb.org/schoolboardu</u> or <u>www.ia-sb.org/digitalcampus</u> (for webinar schedule).